

IS THIS TRUE?



It is charged, first, that Canadians are loyal to everything and everyone except Canadians! That they are loyal to England. That they are loyal to the British Empire. That they are loyal to their respective towns, counties, provinces, and even to Canada as a whole; but that, as between Canadian and Canadian, there is often a lack of loyalty. It is said that Canadians often seem to lack confidence in the handiwork of Canadians; that they want to see the seal of foreign approval on goods before they approve for themselves. That they admire what comes from outside Canada more easily than that which is originated by fellow Canadians inside Canada. Is this true? One often hears these charges made.

Let us examine the literature of the Country for instance. Do Canadians support Canadian periodicals and literature the way they should or are they absorbing foreign ideas from foreign periodicals? The records show that foreign publications come into Canada by the millions each month. They must be read or else they would not be brought in. Canadians must ask for them or there would not be a market for them.

It is very seldom these foreign publications have anything in them about Canada. In them one reads of the exploits of foreign-born people and naturally the coming generation will be brought up to believe that Canadians are behind the times and that all the things worth while are done by people outside Canada. Is this the opinion you want future generations to have of our Country? Or does the reader keep in touch with Canadian affairs and know what is being done in Canada as well as he does in foreign lands? It is well to keep in touch with affairs both at home and abroad and undoubtedly foreign publications help to give us a broader outlook and knowledge of the world but we should know first about our own country and our own people. This knowledge can best be gained by reading Canadian literature.

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