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## Speaking of What We Are—Not

LEGAL subscriber whom we sincerely respect wrote us last week to say that we should stop publishing what he calls pin-prick criticisms of the Ottawa Government or he will be obliged to consider quitting the Canadian Courier. He refers specifically to a recent "correspondence" from London, in which the writer gave expression to several very different sets of ideas about the Empire and Canada, including a few criticisms of some of our Ministers in London. The article was intended to give both sides of an argument. It concluded nothing, proved nothing; merely stated impressions. We suspect that the writer of it may have a lurking tendency to lean towards one kind of British Empire as opposed to the kind favoured by our subscriber. But he did not say so. And if he did, it would be no serious criticism of the present Government. Opinions on Empire differ, even in an Ottawa Cabinet -when you get Ministers off by themselves, just talking about Canada outside of parties.

However, our critic says we are showing Grit tendencies. That is a sore touch. To call a non-partisan national weekly a Grit publication is a use of the You're Another method of argument not worthy of a noble soul joined to a legal intellect. Just for a change, we wish somebody would call us a Methodist magazine or a Mugwump. Why do folks nowadays argue so much about politics, anyway? Our forefathers thumped the table over religion. Their forbears again in the Dark Ages carried on controversies about what would happen if an irresistible force were to meet an immovable object. We much prefer the last mentioned. If somebody will only call us an irresistible force we shall be glad to consider him an immovable object.

But a Grit publication—no, we beg to be excused. We are not consistently elever enough.

HERE is a cheery letter that shows how the Man from Windermere made an impression on an Englishman who has been long enough in Canada to know that Chisholm is able to hit a nail on the head.

Strathroy, Ont., April 30th. 1917.

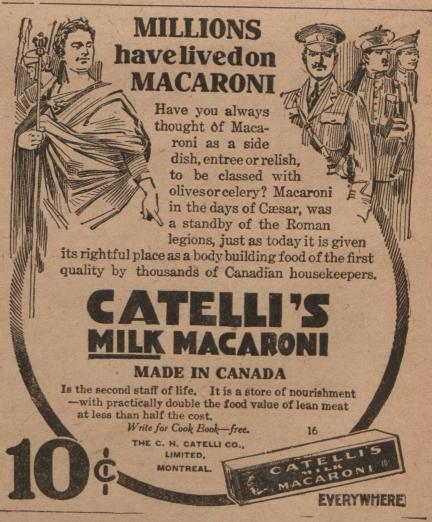
Courier Press, Ltd.:

Gentlemen,—I am a reader of your valuable paper, the "Canadian Courier," and was intensely interested as an Englishman by birth, but a Canadian of four years' duration, to read that splendid article, "The Unlike and the Like," by A. M. Chisholm, in last Saturday's, April 28th, publication. It is the best and truest article I have yet read dealing with the Englishman in Canada, and I only wish that every man and woman from the Old Land could read it.

I shall pass this article on to others of my fellows that it may be the means of setting right many wrong notions that Englishmen have in Canada.

We admit it all. Populating Canada, whether from the inside out or the outside in, is a big problem which will continue to be a live topic when a good many of us are dead people. Now that Chisholm has set the ball rolling, we may have a number of very illuminating articles on the question. Meanwhile we shall shortly publish one from Saskatchewan on a subject that has a good deal to do with Immigration. The writer of it has been probing around in that great nursery of new opinions that has Regina for a capital and has come to some very useful conclusions.





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