

man and child in it. If he will not do this, he will be bought and sold; bought with lying flattery, or worse, with appeals to social envy and malignity, then sold behind his back for what he will fetch in place and pelf. The men who try to keep him apart from the rest of the community, and pretend to lead him for special objects of his own, if they are not wire-pullers of the common kind, are vote-jobbers: they get the working-man's vote into their pockets, and then they run over to a Minister and ask him how much he will give them for it. Their vaunted independence is a way of keeping up their price. Let the working-man bid them go and, like himself, ply honest trades. If he wants leaders on any special occasion, let him at least take those whose objects are above suspicion. After what he has seen, his credulity is astonishing. Independence of party is excellent; and the artisan may become a power of inestimable value in our politics if he will steadfastly support those statesmen, and those only, who, without regard to U. E. fancies, or any other fancies, do to the best of their ability what will secure to labour its fair reward, and bring wealth, happiness and the virtue which goes along with them into his home and those of the Canadian people. His freedom from the fetters of tradition and convention is likely also to make him a specially fearless champion of that liberty of discussion which we are glad to see our new contemporary, the *Commonwealth*, make a vital article of its creed. But a class which severs its interest from that of the community at large is an amputated limb; and if the amputation is bad for the body for the limb it is much worse. Independent candidatures, though they may be forlorn hopes, we shall hail with pleasure, but we trust they will be independent of class and special interests as well as of party.

—Bennett has paid the penalty of a life of low dissipation. His homicidal and suicidal reveries, committed to writing in the maddest form and carried about on his person, are conclu-