

Without liberty law loses its nature and its name, and becomes oppression. Without law, liberty also loses its nature and its name, and becomes licentiousness. History illustrates and proves beyond a doubt these facts. Hence the necessity of study and accurate knowledge in dealing with the problems of government. In fact, a knowledge of jurisprudence and political science should, especially among a free people enjoying manhood franchise, be disseminated universally, that each voter may pass judgment upon the claims of rival political parties and vote intelligently. Judging from the conduct of many legal controversies as well as some elections held during recent years, the fact is overlooked that the supreme or sovereign power of this country resides in its citizens at large, and that they always retain the right of abolishing, altering or amending their laws and charters at whatever time and in whatever manner they shall deem it expedient. Less than one hundred years ago our grandfathers esteemed it a privilege to exercise the franchise, and did not consider it a hardship to ride on horseback fifty or one hundred miles through the woods to vote. They were men of public spirit and did not shirk their civil duties. They resented any encroachments upon their liberties with the musket and the sword. They were men of honor and men of iron. They were not nursed in the lap of ease and selfish indifference like many of their unworthy descendants.

Until the South African War, few Canadians thought of the obligations of military service, but fortunately during that campaign the gallantry and heroism of our troops sent a thrill of joy through every Canadian heart, and the word "Canada" echoed around the world. Since the Battle of Paardeburg there has been a new elasticity and strength in the stride of Canadian men. On the morning of the 27th of February, 1900, the people of this country awakened, conscious of national dignity and power. Since that hour we have felt that steps were being taken to establish a measure of self-respect and to put our country into a better condition of defense. There is a long distance yet to travel before we can say to the mother country and to the world that we are prepared to stand alone and are able to protect our homes on land and our ships on the seas; but the time is not far distant when we shall take our share of the obligations imposed by our geographical position and by our place in the sisterhood of nations forming the corner stones of a vast and beneficent empire. But military service is essentially a means of education and is needed to develop a strong race of men, capable of grappling with the forces of nature, the problems of government, of agriculture, industry and commerce that must be

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