

THE CANADIAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION.

The Problems.

The political and social issues which face Canadians have greatly multiplied in number and complexity in recent years. Many questions which were once dismissed as academic, of direct interest only to older and less fortunate lands, have become practical and insistent.

The far-reaching revolution in political structure and economic relationships which is going on before our eyes in the United Kingdom, the wave of constructive reform which has followed the wave of muck-raking criticism in the United States, have inevitably had their influence upon our thinking. But it is the changes in our own situation which have most stirred attention. Growth has brought growing pains. In a decade we have had a generation's normal industrial change. The flood of immigration pours in, quickening industrial and speculative activity, creating in city and camp and prairie conditions which are taxing Canadianizing agencies to the utmost. Emigration to the south, migration from east to west, the steady drift from country to city, keep our political and industrial life in constant flux. The growing city and the losing countryside alike present urgent problems. We are groping to find the most efficient form of municipal government, and the best ways in which to use this machinery to secure an adequate and far-planned basis for the physical expansion, the industrial activity and the