

attack we can only make him feel as an out-cast in his own land, and disrupt, divide and distress our common country. One comes out of the presence of such vociferous and aggressive Americanism as was witnessed at Chicago, and turns with something like despair to the petty bickerings and village squabbings of Canadian politics. Surely we can find higher aims and larger issues for our people. We are at last on the highway to nationhood. There was hope that racial and religious quarrels had been put behind us for ever. But again the sky is overcast, and many of our journals and politicians are seeking local popularity and party success through the mischievous and dangerous incitement of racial passions. We have had three years of peace, and these have been the most fruitful and the most splendid years of all our history. They who would disturb this happy condition and revive the miserable feuds and paltry quarrels of darker days take a great responsibility, and must answer for it to the Canadian people. If we keep our feet in the true paths of progress we shall in ten years have ten or twelve millions of people in this country ; we shall have a numerous commercial and industrial population in Ontario and Quebec ; we shall have great mining communities in the east, in