THE SYNDICATE!

WHAT IS IT?

"A Story for Young Canadians" By Daluaine.

The idea of writing this little sketch was suggested to the writer by hearing in course of ordinary conversation, even by those who might have been supposed to know better, the oft-repeated question, "What is this Syndicate ? and what does it all mean?"

I am not writing this for the enlightened inhabitants of the Capital of this Dominion, who know everything connected with the Government or politics, or who think they do so, which amounts to the same thing; neither am I writing for those whose means enable them, and who have leisure to read and understand the very lengthy and elaborate speeches of our wise legislators; elaborate certainly, some of them, so far as figures are concerned, —and for the generality of people not versed in such things, very difficult to follow up or understand; I am addressing myself to the young and rising generation, who may be, and I hope are, patriotic enough to take an interest in all that concerns the welfare, progress and future development of this beautiful country, destined at no distant future, if her sons and daughters are only true to themselves, to become one of the brightest and fairest kingdoms of the earth.

The building up of a nation does not depend on the legislators thereof. These gentlemen make our laws, and according to their ideas of good or evil, try to keep us in the "straight path;" but the building up of a nation is the work of every man and woman; no one is so small, no occupation so humble, but may assist in this great work; and I think if Canadians would only begin to study this a little more and be less partizan in their politics, incalculable good to our common country would come of it. In making this little diversion, by way of introduction, I do so that