

late government and diverted their energies will, it is to be feared, so embarrass the present government, that to maintain a majority in parliament will exhaust all their powers, while the ship of state will drift, or float down the stream at hap-hazard. Fighting to hold the seals of office, the present government may, ere long, be forced into a position quite as untenable as that lately evacuated by the former government. (The reader may judge to what extent the prophecy has already been fulfilled.)

"In view of all these facts, it can be no cause of wonder that a new—a Canadian party, should arise distinct from any now in existence. Canadian associations have for some years existed in different parts of the country; but their object has been historical, literary, or perhaps, to counteract the untoward influences of other national societies upon the young men. At all events, they have not been political. The exigencies of the present hour seem to warrant the creation of a Canadian political party.* It is believed that the principles of this party will meet with a response, when fairly enunciated and understood, throughout the Dominion. What do the people of British Columbia, on the one hand, and those of Prince Edward Island, on the other, care about Gritism or the old Tory party of Ontario? Why should Dominion politics be built up on the narrow basis of Ontario partyism? The Canadian party appeal to all, irrespective of province, of creed, of nationality. The utterance of the party is, 'Sink personal animosities; bury past differences of merely provincial interest; forget nationality, if from abroad; listen not to

* The writer is now convinced that a Canadian political party is an impossibility. No doubt, however, whichever party be in power will hereafter give more prominence to the views originated and urged by the Canadian Association during its brief existence.