

as a crown to their careers. It is so because they recognize the large field open to municipal activity.

My advice then is to value highly your municipal office, and regard it from the point of view of an opportunity to serve, and of making as many human beings as possible happy.

The sixth thing I want to say is: **Do not let this union die.** It will always be needed. Even were it to fall to pieces temporarily, it would have to be recreated, because the needs for which it has existed will continue. Appoint a small special committee to consider its future. Find an energetic and zealous secretary, knowing Canada well and if possible speaking French. Let him study the methods devised out of our experiences of the past twenty years, and improve on them if he can.

Form some good financial plan which may afford a permanent and adequate support to the institution, which it has lacked in the past. Bring the permanent officials into our councils. Make the Union thus a permanency in place of an interesting makeshift. It will then have a more regular place and a still more powerful influence.

My last word is an appeal to you to **preserve the spirit in which the union was established.** If it should fall down to self-seeking for salaries and positions, it will go to pieces, and rightly so. But if its single and persistent aim be to advance the ideal of a happy and free people, it will have a field as large as the Empire, a message as profound as life, and results as far reaching as time itself.

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