

## WHAT OF CANADA?

The short lived Rebellion brought matters to a head; Britain saw that the native rights of Canadians were not accorded them under the existing system and united the two Canadas into one under an Act which contemplated government by those responsible to the representatives of the people duly elected to Parliament.

Many Americans find great difficulty in understanding our form of Government. That is largely due to the fact that when the young Republic began its life as a nation, it cut the painter, it broke away from the old traditions and framed a new Constitution. It must needs be that the Constitution should be in writing; the many conflicting theories were threshed out and the finished result exhibited in a document such as the World had never seen and the English speaking world had scarcely contemplated. The Constitution of the United States is the very Ark of the Covenant for the American people; and it means what it says. The rest of the English speaking world have not made a radical and violent change. Retaining the old manners and the old forms, the whole spirit of its government has undergone a continuous course of evolution.

The King has the titles and outward show of a Henry VIII, the Army is his and the Navy; he appoints Ministers of the Crown and Judges, Ambassadors and Envoys; he is King by the Grace of God and the British world are his subjects. So in appearance. But in fact he is King by grace of an Act of Parliament, he cannot appoint a drummer boy or a midshipman, the Ministers of the Crown are chosen for him, he never saw and does not know one out of ten of the Judges, Ambassadors and Envoys appointed in his name.

The British Constitution is an elaborate system of camouflage like to nothing else under the canopy of Heaven, past or present. And if you find anything clearly expressed in that Constitution, you may be pretty certain that it is not so.

One and only one bit of camouflage the American Constitution displays.

In theory, the citizens of each State after taking a survey of the citizens of their State select a number whom they consider best fitted to select a President. The electors so chosen from the various States form the Electoral College. These choice and chosen citizens take a survey of the millions of Americans eligible for the Presidency and choose him whom they believe best suited for the office. So the theory—everyone knows that the fact is far otherwise. No one cares and very few know anything about the capacity or honesty of the Electors; and no one doubts who is to be