

HAS LIFTED US OUT OF THE "COLONIAL" ATTITUDE OF MIND more or less satisfied to be an adjunct to the British Isles. They have stimulated us to think for ourselves, to assert our rights as a free people, to believe that all the wisdom and virtue of the world was not centred in a United Kingdom in the northern seas. They have done their part and an important part in establishing the conviction that all international relations need not be handled exclusively by mysteriously wiser heads than can be found in this country, or that the officers and soldiers picked up from London and Edinburgh are necessarily superior to those that may come from Montreal or Vancouver. They haven't been responsible for all this, but *they have been a leaven, a wholesome leaven, throughout our strenuous history.* They may be classed as conservatives and reactionaries, if you will, in some things, but *they have shown themselves as progressives in many ways in political ideals.* Despite what may be said and thought to the contrary in Ontario and other provinces of the Dominion, they have been fair and considerate on the whole in their attitude towards the English-speaking minority in Quebec, where their power to act otherwise is unquestioned. There is friction there, of course, from time to time, just as there is friction in municipal and provincial appointments and rights in provinces where the question of race does not enter. These things are inevitable where free men have the right to express and contend for their views. *It is a thousand pities that newspapers and public men should persist in ignoring these things and should continue to sweepingly condemn a race for faults*