

TO THE *WITNESS* OF MONTREAL

SOME twelve years ago, when I was beginning to take a close and continuous interest in Canadian politics, I inquired of a journalist who is now the doyen of the Press Gallery at Ottawa, what was the daily newspaper from which I could best obtain Canadian news and Canadian political and social opinion. His answer was the *Montreal Witness*. Since then the *Witness* has never failed to come to hand in my daily mail-bag. My friend of the Press Gallery was not then, and never has been, connected with the *Witness*. I am personally unknown either to the editor of the *Witness* or to a single member of its staff in Montreal; and without even asking permission, I am dedicating this history of Protection in Canada to the *Witness* as a tribute of my admiration of its long and consistent maintenance of the best traditions of English journalism; of my admiration of the fight it has so long and pluckily waged for good municipal government and civil ideals in the city of Montreal, against forces, political, financial, and social, that have seemed at times to have overwhelmed its contemporaries in