

moment. Conservatives are anxious to be thought liberal, and the Liberals we find marking out for themselves an even more conservative policy than their opponents have adopted. In the face of this, how often do our editors on both sides of politics—especially as each election season comes around—seem to vie with each other which shall pour out the more unmerited abuse on parties and individuals who hardly differ from them in political opinion, and take the most narrow-minded view of every scheme which their opponents have developed. This course is unworthy of the present days of enlightenment and wide spread education, and is inconsistent with the desire which should everywhere inspire the press—of elevating the moral tone of the people, and inciting them to high and noble resolves in regard to the future of the Dominion.

And now when these old party lines in our legislatures are practically swept away, when those who are at present in power have come into office on the watchword of political purity, which all should have, and when so many parts of the country need much the infusion of more life and energy into them, is there not strong ground for a new political creed in which all parties could safely forget their differences, and whose great principles would be unity of the confederation, a higher moral status for society, and the cultivation of a sense of nationality among the people that would incite in them noble aspirations regarding the intellectual and material future of the Dominion. I confess to having a strong sympathy with many of the principles of that proposed new party organization, destined yet to be of influence in our midst, which is being now fostered in western Ontario. The ideas developed thus far are perhaps crude, and some of them will need emendation, but, they indicate generally the opinion of a large class of the more thoughtful among the rising generation in the Dominion, and if the inspiring motives in adopting these ideas are love to Canada and a desire for Canadian progress, it is not because we love the old land the less, but because with increasing intelligence and enlarging sympathies, we love the new the better.