

toes trodden upon, by any pleading for a higher political morality than they are willing to abide by as servants of the State. On the eve of an election or during a parliamentary or municipal wrestle for ascendancy, such men still put themselves in evidence, as caring not a straw for decency of debate, civic good-will, and the public interest; and it is just possible that such may be prepared to laugh to scorn any proposal to stereotype a "Creed of Patriotism", even if it be written on their own hearts by the instincts of heredity. Canada at present is daring to stand by the patriotism that makes for national integration against irrelevant odds; and the lesson is not likely to be lost on its rising generation. Therefore no harm can come to any God-fearing Canadian citizen from having placed before him or her Mr. Hamilton's suggestion, as a means of quickening the intelligence of that rising generation, to take the matter of their individual patriotism under their own cultivation, with the aid of their teachers at home and in the school-room. If any professional politician of the lower grade should happen to turn his wrath or ridicule on the promoters of a Canadian patriotism founded on an unassailable morality, the influence of our churches is not likely to turn its back upon the proposal, simply because it has been inaugurated under the title Mr. Hamilton has given it, no doubt from lack of any other title as germane as it is to the branch of ethics it deals with. Indeed, were those of our clergymen, who are always seriously anxious to deal with the concrete in their pulpit ministrations, to re-formulate or recommend such a "Creed" as Mr. Hamilton's in the hearing of the parents and those having the superintendence of our Sunday-schools and Day-schools, a movement might eventually be inaugurated that would not be lost in its effects upon the "Rising Generation of Canadians" on their way towards a fuller citizenship, wherein the moral might finally be matured as a stable condition in our Canadianism, as it shares directly or indirectly in State affairs.