

than the results of even the past thirty years, during which Canadians have been laying broad and deep the foundations of their present system of government. We have reason to believe that the material success of this confederation will be fully equalled by the intellectual efforts of a people who have sprung from nations whose not least enduring fame is the fact that they have given to the world of letters so many famous names that represent the best literary genius of the English and French races. All the evidence now goes to prove that the French language will continue into an indefinite future to be the language of a large and influential section of the population of Canada, and that it must consequently exercise a decided influence on the culture and intellect of the Dominion. It is within the last four decades that the best intellectual work, both in literature and statesmanship, has been produced in French and English Canada; and the signs of activity in the same direction do not lessen with the expansion of the Dominion, but give promise of a rich fruition in the magnificent future which is in store for this rising nation of the North.