

course. In the Sargasso Sea which it makes are the wreckage of expedients and schemes which have come to naught, and, among that wreckage, constitutions propounded before their time.

The course of that current can so far be traced that one can be sure that the vision of the seer has fallen short of the achievement reached; that the freedom Canada enjoys satisfies the once dissatisfied lover of independence; that the ties to the Metropolis, once apparently so frayed that a trifle might snap them, have strengthened to a bond not only between Mother Country and Colony but between all parts of the Empire with a common ideal of liberty and justice. The generation which has passed from the stage to the seats of the spectator, made the crucial shaping of the Canada for which the young are fighting. When the conflict has passed into victory, but while the glow of its heroisms and its sacrifices lift up the heart and illumine the mind, we believe there will be shaped a system which, with no sacrifice of local liberty or of imperial unity, shall make more complete the realization of those ideals now being defended.