

influence, would reach a just reward. It is, of course, out of place for this Society to take part in politics, but one might perhaps express the wish that all its members should, as far as they are able, lend their influence to the cause of civil service reform, to the end that our national undertakings may be carried on with greater efficiency, and the principles so admirably expressed by Earl Grey may find their counterpart in Canada, as well as in other portions of the Empire.

*Intensive Cultivation*—Egypt represents one extreme of intensity, having a population of over 1,000 per square mile and making use of every available square foot of ground. In this country we represent the other extreme in our wastefulness of the land. By a little care and knowledge it is possible for us to get much more out of our land than we do, and the beginning which has been made in irrigation in Alberta, where the rainfall is deficient, is a step in the right direction. Such a country properly irrigated will produce not only greater crops than a country at the mercy of the weather, but will produce them more reliably and with less risk of loss.