

amazing increase in the area and population of the city, but the evidence on all sides of solid prosperity and substantial growth, we may venture to picture the Toronto of the coming time as a place of phenomenal importance and wielding great influence over the destinies of the Dominion. Much in this respect will of course depend on the character of its public men, the repute and public spirit of its citizens, and the manner in which its affairs are administered. Patriotism requires that a man shall work for his country and fellowmen as he works for himself. Self-seeking and the building up of the individual at the expense of every other interest has been too often the rule, and civic life has thus been deprived of its animating principle, and the public weal has been left to shift for itself. Cities, like nations, it should be remembered, are living and growing or atrophied and dying organisms; and the individual citizen has a proportionate interest in the life and prosperity, and a corresponding responsibility for the retrogression or decay, of the city in which he makes his habitation and finds his daily bread.

But the features of the city's progress should not be material alone. Toronto in increasing measure should become a great and active centre for the intellectual interests of the country. Time, wealth and leisure, we know, are necessary conditions of this development, but they are conditions which, to the few at least, the coming years must bring. When fortune favours the citizen by the possession of them, let him see to it that he makes the fullest and worthiest use of them!