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Editor's Talk

A PROMINENT barrister in Saint John, New Brunswick, writes us a crushing letter in which he says: "I understood when I subscribed to the paper that I was subscribing to an independent paper, not to a Liberal Organ." Isn't that a rebuke worth reproducing? Just think of the laughter which will come from the Privy Council Room at Ottawa, when Sir Wilfrid Laurier gets this issue and reads this paragraph! Perhaps Lord Grey will be forced to cancel his subscription also, when he gets the opinion of our learned friend from the Cityby-the-Bay-of-Fundy.

SPEAKING more seriously, we would point out that we support every government in Canada whether Liberal or Conservative. It could not be otherwise. Carping criticism would not look well in a national weekly. We must commend what is best in all constituted authority, and encourage reform and progress wherever it is possible to do so. We must discuss public affairs, not politics. A journal which aims to be read by every foreigner who is interested in Canadian affairs and also by the leaders of public opinion throughout the Empire, could not possibly discuss party rivalries nor the shortcomings of any government. Besides, we prefer to be constructive rather than destructive. Helping to build up Canada is a more important duty than helping to defeat one politician by electing another.

OUR plans for the Christmas number of the Canadian Courier are nearly completed. It will be the largest and most expensive issue we have ever sent forth. It will also, we hope, be the best. It will not be accompanied by lithograph supplements, but will have all its value tucked into its well-illustrated pages. The four-colour cover is from a design by Miss Estelle Kerr, who is undoubtedly the best woman designer in Canada.



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