



FREDERICK T. HAMILTON—TORONTO "GLOBE" CORRESPONDENT WITH FIRST CANADIAN CONTINGENT IN SOUTH AFRICA.

is the great national vice of Canada and the cultivation of a good healthy national conceit one of the highest duties of patriotism.

If in this little sketch I speak only of the correspondents of the *Toronto Globe*, it is not out of any desire to underrate the work of others, but because I want to speak only of that with which I am thoroughly familiar. Mr. Ewan is one of the best known of Toronto journalists, known through his series of letters describing the educational system of Quebec, through another series on the working of prohibitory laws in the western states, and, best of all, through his work in Cuba and South Africa. All this, as well as his writing in the editorial columns of the *Globe*, is characterized by clearness, good sense, a

fine appreciation of humour, and freedom from the mannerisms and oddities and other strainings after effect which deface so much of our modern literature. The word "transparent" in its tone and literal sense describes his style. It is a medium through which the meaning shines so clearly that you do not always think of the meaning rather than of the words. Personally, I know of no better description of him than was conveyed by a member of the staff who said he wished Ewan was back because he was "such a comfort." He has a host of friends who draw largely upon his stores of confidence, cheerfulness and wholesome mirth. He is such a lover of literature, so eager and omnivorous a reader, that he might be called a book-worm if he were not so thorough a man of the world.

Mr. Hamilton is a graduate and a gold medalist of Queen's University, an institution that produces good men out of all proportion to its size. Judging from those I have met, there is something very inspiring in the air of Queen's. Mr. Hamilton holds a commission as lieutenant in the militia, and I should think is likely to go much higher, for he is a most assiduous and enthusiastic student of military affairs. In fact, all his work shows "an infinite capacity for taking pains." His work in South Africa is well known and his "scoop" after Paardeberg was the talk of the country for many a day. All who met him in South Africa speak of him most highly as a comrade, plucky, cheerful and unselfish. We of the *Globe* staff are rather proud of our South African team, but nothing has been said here that is better than they deserve.

*John Lewis.*