

It will be obvious to those who are sufficiently interested to read the following pages, that it is not the mission of this volume to submit cut and dried remedies for the various ills and handicaps, social, political, and economic, under which Canada labours. Many of them are common to all countries. My object is rather to bring some of our problems to the attention of thinking people, to contribute in a mild measure to intelligent discussion and to spur into action those whose responsibility it is to solve them. But, above everything, it is my earnest ambition to rouse Canadian men and women from their present apathetic attitude in regard to the politics and administration of the country and to kindle an intelligent interest in the great questions of the day. The field is so broad, however, that many patriotic intellects must lend their efforts towards exploring it and bringing useful suggestions to the surface.

I love this Canada of ours—this clean, strenuous, blessed, young country, seemingly so enormously distant from the slimy, unwholesome social mess of Europe. But one cannot shut one's eyes to the evidences of unrest apparent even here. It is the main purpose of this book to contribute, to a modest extent, towards the awakening of Canada to a sense of her responsibilities and opportunities. We must look past errors bravely in the face and energetically turn our attention to setting the house in order. Herein will lie Canada's salvation and her ability to fulfil her God-given destiny of becoming the haven of refuge for oppressed people, and for those