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## NORTHERN LIGHTS

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L. A. Taschereau is the last surviving aristocrat in the government of Canada. He was born to the purple. For two centuries the Taschereau family have been in Canada, and during all those years they have been giving administrative heads to Canadian cities, statesmen to its public life, eminent jurists to its bench, distinguished Cardinals to the Church. In English speaking Canada aristocratic birth, culture and scholarship would probably be a handicap in politics. But not so in Quebec. The habitant is, at heart, a Monarchist. He loves a great figure. He reveres a great mind. He is by nature and training and instinct a hero-worshipper, loving pomp and circumstance and ritual, whether in religion or government or politics. It is the Gallic temperament. It was a secret that Laurier knew, and Chapleau, and Honore Mercier. It is a secret well-known to the Church.

With L. A. Taschereau, inheriting the governing tradition, politics is not a game. With him it is a duty, a task to be performed by trained minds with patriotism and devotion; and he has none of that cynical attitude so common in public men which discourages high-minded youth from the great adventure of politics. On the contrary he calls on the flower of Quebec's young manhood to give themselves to the State. His own sons he is training for politics, and he deprecates the fact that there is not wider preparation for the science of government. He would have a political elite.

An aristocratic democrat, knowing and loving the masses of his people Taschereau is no slave to the fetish of democracy. He is, more than any other government leader in Canada, a director and dictator of policy. Members of a legislature may be necessary, and ministers sometimes essential; but the central and controlling authority of government in Quebec remains in his hands.

He sets an example of devotion to the public. Taschereau is not of the statesmen who devise policies at the dining table and administer them from the links. He has his recreations; occasionally plays billiards and sometimes catches fish; but his office knows him five nights a week. It is one of his beliefs that modern man wears himself out more rapidly by social exactions than by toil.

An idealist, Taschereau has a large strain of the practical running through his idealism. If he cherishes the past, and would have his people remember it,

he is also a believer in progress. So, always more a friend of the ancient steeples of Quebec than of the turreted palaces of St. James Street, he has yet carried on the constructive, modern policies of his predecessor, modern Gouin had a Scotch heart and brain and a Gallic head. To him, Quebec's needs were good roads, power development, factories, employment, development, rich farms. Taschereau believes in the same things, but would not have them submerge what was heroic in the past. And so while he builds more roads he also builds more schools, and while he sees to water power development he also nourishes intellectual growth. The arts and sciences, as well as industry, come under his care.

Labelled a Liberal, and believing in the doctrines of historic and constitutional Liberalism, Taschereau is a realist in politics. He is of the school of statesmen—all too rare—who take their opinions from their facts rather than their facts from their opinions. He is impatient of mere theory when it conflicts with reality. He is the antithesis of the mere doctrinaire.

A French Canadian of French Canadians, Taschereau is an uncompromising upholder of British connection. "The French Canadian," he says, "dreads annexation because he knows that French Louisiana lost all he wants to retain when it fell into the American melting pot. He fears independence knowing that the helping hand of England would if severance came, no longer protect his laws, and some other things he dearly loves."

It is Taschereau's great ambition, too, to associate Roman Catholics and Protestants in bonds of goodwill. He has been ever generous to the Protestant schools of his province; he changed the charter of the City of Quebec to permit of the Protestants electing an alderman at large; and some of his own closest personal friends are outside his own faith. Yet although by no means an ultramontane, and alert where ecclesiastical pretensions seem to encroach upon the jurisdiction of the state, he is himself a devout Roman Catholic, profoundly attached to his Church.

Quebec may some day forego its allegiance to Liberalism. Whatever it does, it will find it difficult to secure a Premier more able, more honest or more representative of the history, the traditions, the soul and the temperament of the highest and best in its history.

## OUR VICTORIA LETTER

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open their beautiful gardens at *Benvenuto*.

On May 5, to Captain A. de M. and Mrs. Mellin, of Woodlawn Crescent, a daughter. This is one of those events, small in themselves, which cause widespread rejoicing. Captain and Mrs. Mellin are among the most popular members of the younger married set; and this is their first baby. Mrs. Mellin was Barbara (Bobbie) Maclure, daughter of Mr. Sam Maclure, architect and Mrs. Maclure, who as president of the Ladies Musical Club for several years and a most talented pianist and musical

lecturer, is widely known on the Pacific Coast. Mrs. Mellin was the heroine of the terrible wreck of the *S.S. Leinster*. Her husband, badly wounded had been discharged from the Army and they were returning from Ireland where he had been convalescing, when their boat was torpedoed. Among the five hundred passengers, fifty were saved. Mrs. Mellin, who was a wonderfully strong swimmer, was able to keep afloat by holding to a raft, and to help her husband until a man-of-war came to the rescue, although her collar bone was broken and she was badly buffeted and bruised.