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the nation. The illiterate voter who does not know what he is voting for, or why, is the greatest danger to free institutions.

It is the duty of every citizen who has thus formed an intelligent opinion on political matters to do one's part in creating and sustaining a sound public opinion. This one can do by feeling and showing an interest in politics in the best sense of the word: this is not a selfish scramble for office, but the discussion and settlement of great public questions according to reason and right, through persons of ability and character. Especially in the case of reform movements in political life is it the duty of each individual to stand up for what one honestly believes to be right, and to express himself openly and freely in favour of the specific measures which would save the country from harm. The history of all reforms proves how important is the duty resting upon the private citizen to use one's right of free speech.

No one who has the right to vote has a moral right to refrain from voting whenever it is possible for one. The plainest part of one's political duty, bound up with one's very right, is to exercise the voting power. One is not doing one's duty to one's country when one stays away from the polls on election day, whatever the real cause may be - indifference, contempt, or absorption in business or pleasure. The one method that avails in Canada for procuring just laws and honest officials is to vote for capable and worthy persons. Under this method each

vote counts, and each voter should see that one's vote is cast. One is not responsible when the opposite party succeeds in electing a bad man or in carrying out a wrong measure, if he has voted against them: the responsibility rests upon the other party. but one is responsible to the extent of one's vote, and to vote intelligently, but to vote with a single eye to the public good, with a certain party or against it, according to one's own reason and conscience.

Few persons are qualified by their abilities or character to serve the country in high political positions. The representative offices should not be sought by the private citizens; but when one's fellow-citizens call upon one to represent them in the town or city government, in the Provincial Legislature, or in the Dominion Parliament, their summons should be heeded, unless there are strong reasons to the contrary. The talents and the worth of all its citizens are properly subject to the call of the community and should be esteemed by every one as the most honourable of all services.

In time of peace, then, the patriot thinks upon these political duties - one's obligations to inform oneself, to spread right views, to vote, and to hold office at the will of the people.

Nicholas Paine Gilman

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We have had another successful Milford Fair and that was only possible because of the wonderful julp that I had - the many people who worked quietly behind the scenes and those who helped on the Saturday made it all come together. I Wish to thank all of you and I feel priveleged to have worked with you all to bring it off

Rita Laramy

A true dairy Queen enters to the acclaim of her loyal subjects.

