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MANIFESTO OF THE CANADIAN REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE.

[The following Manifesto of
The Canadian Republican Com-
mittee of Toronto, is significant,
especially on the eve of a gener-
al election, in that it shows a
decided awakening of a certain
section of the people in the
direction of National Indepen-
dence. "The heather is on fire"
and who can tell what events
are in store.

We agree with its masterly
arraignment of the present ex-
isting order of things; but do
not think that the Republicans
of Canada are in a position,
either in numbers or influence
to remedy the evils spoken of,
at least for the present. It can
do no harm, however, to promul-
gate their opinions, and let those
who can prove to the contrary
refute them if they can. Edu-
cation and constitutional agita-
tion must be the levers by which
Canadians must win for their
beloved country her rightful
place among the nations of the
earth.—EDITOR.

FELLOW-CITIZENS—

The time has at length arrived that we
are compelled to consider, and consider
seriously, the position of our country.

We are to-day governed, not in the
interests of ourselves the people of Can-
ada, but in the interests of and by an
oligarchy composed of corrupt and needy
politicians and placehunters in Canada,

and usurers and bondholders in England
We are, as you know only too well, eaten
up by taxes, the great part of which go
to maintain and strengthen the position
of these parasites. It is estimated that
every year Canada has to send out of the
country to England not less than about
thirty millions of dollars to pay the inter-
est on government loans, mortgages,
bonds, debentures, &c. This money
comes out of the earnings of a hard-
working and industrious people. We are
in slavery to these politicians and usurers
This is due to the fact that we do not
govern ourselves, although we are invited
at certain intervals of time to come to-
gether to elect men to represent us in a
parliament at Ottawa and in our provin-
cial legislatures. We are governed in
virtue of a constitution made and passed
for us by and in the English parliament.
It is not in our power to change this, no
matter how much it may oppress us, with-
out the consent of this English parlia-
ment. We are therefore in political
vassalage to England.

Further. An attempt is about being
made to draw Canada into a so called Im-
perial Federation, one of the first con-
ditions of which will be that she will be
called on to contribute towards the mil-
itary and naval armaments of England.
This means additional taxation; besides
which it follows that we may also be cal-
led upon to furnish contingents of sailors
and soldiers to fight in England's quarrels
with other nations with whom it is our
interest to be at peace; for the true in-
terest of Canada is friendship and com-
merce with the rest of the world.

FELLOW CITIZENS! THIS MUST BE STOPPED
AND STOPPED NOW!

England has by means of titles, decora-
tions, and in other ways bought over
and corrupted numbers of our political
men, members of the judicature, and
many others to serve her purposes.
These men are England's servants in
Canada, and not the servants of the
people of Canada. It is to these men
that we owe it that we are oppressed
with debt and taxation, and that hun-
dreds of thousands of our people have to
expatriate themselves in order to find a
living denied them or rendered impossible
on their own soil. These corrupt men,
these miserable politicians have betrayed
us; they have sold us to England; and
they look to England for their reward.
It is time that we freed ourselves, and
declared that henceforth Canada and
should no longer remain vassals to an
alien government. The monarchical
form of government has no place on
American soil. It is only as a free and
independent Republic that Canadian
enjoy her political freedom, and deliver
herself from her present condition of
vassalage and subjection.

Let then all true Canadians who love
their country join hands to overthrow
the corrupt oligarchy that has betrayed
it and them, and change our government
from a degrading colonial dependency
to a free prosperous and independent
Canadian Republic.

THE CANADIAN REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE.

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