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Editorial.

Easter. Easter has a deep significance for us both in a material and spiritual sense. It is the harbinger of spring, that delightful season which witnesses the annual reawakening of nature. It heralds the return of our feathered songsters, whose carols we miss so much during the chill blasts of winter. It gives us a foretaste of the beautiful balmy summer weather when, "Heaven tries earth if it be in tune, and over it softly her warm ear lays." In a spiritual way it means much more. Commemorating as it does the Resurrection, the very cornerstone upon which our Faith rests, it symbolizes a perpetual rejuvenation, an eternal hope. Our lives may have been clouded with sorrow and suffering, but we can still look with renewed hope to the future. Our footsteps may have

wandered far from the right path, but we can still return with confidence in His mercy, and rejoice in the Easter greeting, "He has risen! He has risen indeed!"

New Liberal Leaders Since our last issue of "Red & White," the newly appointed leader of the liberal party Hon. W. L. McKenzie King, accompanied by his lieutenant, Mr. Ernest Lapointe, visited our Province. These two energetic men, with successful public careers behind them, will, we feel sure, wield a great influence in the future administration of this country. Their speeches delivered at Charlottetown indicate that they possess, besides vigor and eloquence, wonderful mental ability.

Hon. W. L. McKenzie King is the grandson of William Lyon McKenzie, the founder of Liberalism in Canada. His studies, his talents, his wide experiences, fit him for the role of a statesman. Graduating in political science, from Toronto University at the early age of twenty one, he became a member of the editorial staff of "The Globe," Toronto. In 1896 he obtained a fellowship in political economy in the University of Chicago, where he took the degree of Master of Arts. In 1900 he won a scholarship at Harvard and from that University received, as a post-graduate student, the degree of Doctor of Philosophy for special study of labor questions. Shortly after this, he undertook for the Laurier Government investigations of industrial conditions in Canada, and as a result he was taken into Sir Wilfrid's Cabinet. He organized and administered with marked ability and splendid success the Department of Labor. On the defeat of the Laurier Administration, he was sent by the Rockefeller Foundation to investigate industrial

conditions all over the world. His book "Industry and Humanity," published a few years later, is practically a result of his researches and knowledge acquired during this period of his life.

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