

そして、それがすべてのカナダ人にとって誇りに
しうる「カナダ的なるもの」となるとき、この国
の未来が開けるのであろう。「カナダの実験」は、

こうして今まさにその剣が峰にさしかかっている
のである。

Reconsideration of the 'State' : Canadian Experience—— (5)

ABSTRACT

This is the fifth (and last) chapter of a series of articles dealing with Canada and Quebec under the title of "Reconsideration of the 'State' : An Experiment of Canada." The first chapter, titled "Nation, State, and Federalism" appeared in this journal in 1994 (Vol. 71 : 103-114). It was followed by the second chapter, "The Anglo and the French Canadians : the Birth of the Canadian State" (Vol. 73 : 87-95), the third chapter, "Quebec Nationalism and Separatist Movements" (Vol. 74 : 151-167), and the fourth chapter, "Bilingualism, Multiculturalism, and Further Pluralism : Ideal and Reality" (Vol. 75 : 151-162).

The main purpose of this series is not only to depict the historical development of the Canadian State, which has been ever-increasingly multinational in character, but also to trace its efforts to accommodate ethnic and cultural differences of peoples coming from every corner of the world and to establish a nation-state. In other words, this series aims at reconsidering the nature and function of modern nation-states.

This final chapter is to clarify the nature of the Canadian State on the basis of the above analysis and discussions. After having introduced a tentative scheme for comparing modern nation-states, the following six points are discussed ; 1) multinational society and multiculturalism, 2) the Quebec problem, 3) regionalism, 4) the first people, 5) immigrants, refugees, and citizens, and 6) federalism.

Concluding remarks include, among other things, the evident fact that Canada is never free from the sufferings caused by the various centrifugal forces in its national integration, but that it has been ceaselessly trying to resolve the problems, not by violent means, but by democratic dialogues among the groups concerned. Given many tragic and bloody instances in ethnic disputes all over the world today, the "Canadian Experiment" is to be highly appreciated.

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