

The third alternative may be characterized as a policy of voluntary co-operation. It is to be noted that an alliance for defence, which the Groups have rarely considered, would differ from this in being voluntary only in its inception. It would operate automatically when the necessity for action arose.

In short, The Round Table movement aims to awaken a spirit of thoughtful consideration and candid, clear and persistent thinking on matters which every British citizen should have deeply at heart. It is the deliberate opinion of the Canadian Council of The Round Table movement that the question of the relation of the different Overseas Dominions to the Empire as a whole is rapidly becoming an exceedingly practical question, and that Canada will be obliged to express her opinion with respect to this matter within a very short time after the conclusion of the war.

For this reason the Council earnestly hopes that Round Table Groups may be formed in all parts of the Dominion, in order that public sentiment may become intelligent and Canadians be prepared, whenever the time for action comes, to take their full part in adapting the organization of the Empire to the tasks with which it will then be confronted.