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our borders. And no one has a deeper conviction than I have of the unity of the Dominion, or is more proud of the way in which its Provinces have been welded together and our true national life developed during the last ten or fifteen years.

But, our country presents physical conditions which give opportunity for many things which may in time cause disaster. Our population is spread over a vast extent of country, with many and varying local interests. The peoples coming to us from other countries bring their differences to increase the difficulties arising from the local distribution of our population.

Happy, therefore, as we are to-day, it is part of our duty to protect ourselves against the beginnings of evil, lest there come to us in the future those things which have proved so disastrous to other and older countries. These things are not so far from us. The world is too small for us to keep Canada as a Utopian preserve. Fast steamers bring books and news; slow steamers bring immigrants with ideas more penetrating, more subversive than the written word. The immigrants continue to pour in, and fortunate are we when they go far and become owners of land, because ownership always gives a steady sense of responsibility. But, in the United States, a heavy precipitate of this immigration settles in the great seaboard cities, and there you have bits of Europe gathered together, with their old ideas fermenting and causing problems which we too may well have to deal with. How then are we to prevent a repetition of these troubles of the Old World, so as to avoid any similar difficulties within our own country?

How are these evils to be averted? Something may be done by legislation and public enactment; but the real destiny of a people is not shaped in its parliaments. There are 'laws of virtuous education, bonds and ligaments of the Commonwealth, the pillars and the sustainers of every written statute.

At least Two great virtues must precede legislation. As a people, we must realize that we must exercise a wide spirit of toleration throughout the length and breadth of the Dominion. Not particularly a religious toleration, but a toleration which