

should not Canada play it in to the music of a grand imperial overture?

Canadian patriotism has several aspects.

There is first and foremost the love of our own country, of our birth-place, *Canadian* patriotism in the narrower sense of the word; then there is love of the country from which we came, *British* patriotism; and lastly there is a still undefined, dimly perceptible emotion of sympathy with the aspirations and welfare of all sections of the British Empire, *Imperial* patriotism. A still larger political unit is possible. If the two greatest branches of the English family should ever re-unite, we should have to raise our minds to the height of a patriotism which would be co-extensive with Anglo-Saxondom itself. I believe such expectations are idle dreams. History can not be rolled back. The American Union may ramify, it will never be regrafted on the parent stem. But even if such reunion be impossible, a good and cordial understanding between the two peoples is not. The American people are in the essentials English still, for a nation is rooted in its past and one or two generations add little to the accumulated stock. That the Americans are so unwilling to recognize the claim of kinship is a thing which we Canadians can not understand. Their ancestors were Englishmen when Bacon wrote and Lord Howard fought. The Americans share in the glory of the defeat of the Armada just as truly as we do. Deprive them of Shakespeare, the Englishman, their countryman as well as ours, and they would be born into a depleted intellectual inheritance. The