

isolated unit with other great commercial countries, unassisted by a concerted imperial policy to be put on their hands, no criticism whatever has been made as to her right to act as she has acted, no echo of Lord Ripon's strong protest has been heard from any quarter or any party; on the contrary, Mr. Balfour in the House of Commons was understood to say that His Majesty's Government were well advised in the changed conditions, to recognize the legitimacy of the Canadian claim, and cordially expressed pleasure at the growth of the Dominion to the stature of a nationality.

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**IMPERIALISTS**

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One would think that nobody could object to a request for definition and precision. Coming from an imperialist, it will probably escape criticism. When I pleaded for the proper use of words, I was told that my insistence on certain nomenclature is in itself imperialist. (United Empire, August, 1911, p. 573).

Mr. Chipman proceeds to point to the necessity for clear understanding of the subject, and in doing so makes use of an argument which in slightly different form may be read in Kingdom Paper No. 1. (pp. 19-20).

"Certain it is that there is now for our choosing an imperial policy, the noblest we might conceive, with opportunities such as have never had, to realize the conception. Certain too, it is that we in Canada need some definite status, to put an end to these doubts of our national integrity that must make every true Canadian blush for shame."

Mr. Chipman sees that our present unbalanced relations with the United Kingdom are a source of danger. I have made the same point upon several occasions from a war point of view.

Mr. Chipman's idea seems to be that the relation of the United Kingdom and Canada is that of nations that have entered into a war alliance, namely that each is under obligation to assist the other in case of war. That may possibly be a very good arrangement to enter into, but it has not been made; and quite possibly neither the United Kingdom nor Canada would agree to it.

"Why then not deal with them" (common interests) "in our ordinary relations, in a manner by a single representative body responsible to a united electorate?"

I quote this, not to answer it (The Imperial Federation (Defence) Committee, in our ordinary relations, in a manner by a single representative body responsible to a united electorate?)

"Perhaps the most striking feature of the British Empire is the fact that it does not exist. It is as true for us as it is for them. It is a century ago that this Empire has hitherto existed in imagination only. It has hitherto been, not an empire but the project of an empire."

"Sir Wilfrid Laurier proclaimed this when he declared, quite logically, that unless we were consulted in the policies that governed Empire, it remained with us to say whether and whether if at all, we should take our part in the consequences. He went considerably farther and changed indeed the whole basis of his logic, when he announced his wish that the Dominions should not be consulted, because they would thereby commit themselves to liability for the consequences. Mr. Fisher of Australia is reported to have been not less frank in stating (Review of Reviews, July 22, 1911) that we are not an empire, but a very loose association of independent nations, willing to remain in fraternal co-operative union, but only on condition that we may at any time, or for any cause, terminate the connection, untrammelled by any laws, treaties or constitutions. While he has repudiated the report, the fact that it could be published is in itself ominous."

"To some, this state of affairs is a matter of congratulation, to others of regret; to none can it be a matter of indifference, for, whichever party be the winner, things cannot stay as they are. The facts are changing as we look at them, and these are the days that inevitably determine whether a British Empire will ever be written in history, or whether it will be written in history as nothing but an abandoned hope."

India and scores of other places are under constant reminder of the fact. The writer did not mean to assert otherwise. He meant to say that the words "British Empire" are used "loosely" when they are intended to include Canada and other places which have ceased to be governed by the Colonial Office. That is perfectly true. But so long as we continue to imagine that Canada is really a part of the British Empire, and condescend to be a not a sufficient excuse. If we wish to speak of "The whole aggregate of territory, the inhabitants of which, under various forms of government, are united to the British Crown as the supreme head" let us use the proper term, The King's Dominion, or (if we wish to be a little solemn) The Dominion of the King. And let us not use the words "British Empire" to the aggregate of territory which they properly describe, namely, the United Kingdom and the places governed by the United Kingdom. Canada is part of the King's Dominion, not a part of the British Empire. India and the Crown Colonies are. Why not use terms accurately?

Lord Grey recently told us that he had "rejoiced" over the explanation of the material developments of Canada, and over her emergence from the status of a daughter to that of a sister nation in the empire (Ante, p. 115).

Let us keep the idea of that emergence clearly in our minds. In perfect accord with it, the writer in the Encyclopaedia Britannica says that "it is understood that the principal sections of the empire enjoy equal rights under the Crown and that none is subordinate to the other"—a sentence which would be improved by the omission of the loosely used word "empire," and the substitution of the more accurate phrase, the king's dominions.

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