

As her first act of duty, let her arise and whip the rascals from east to west who in the name of her youth dare to plunder her people's resources. Let there go down with the same stroke the villain and his sponsor, as well as the blatant accuser who condemns only because he cannot perform what he ostentatiously reviles. They are all of the same ilk, and all equally reprobate.

Purged of their impious insincerity, to the Councils of the Nation will go men who now cannot face their contaminating corruption. They will bring with them the spirit of the people; and purity will prevail.

The position and outlook then will become delightfully clear, as if a mist that destroyed the perspective and obscured the nearest object had suddenly passed away.

*The true march of the Nation—her transition from mere vastness to greatness—will then have begun.*

Men will unfold the coils of selfishness; their hoarded capital will be unloaded into the coffers of national and industrial enterprises; their foreign securities will be exchanged for those of their own country; and great public and private undertakings will be carried through with Canadian wealth instead of passing, as they do now, into the hands of foreign capitalists who gather in their millions at the expense of the Canadian people.

And then for her National Life. It also must be great and noble, and willing

to assume the obligations that greatness entails.

The treaty-making power is the summit of Nationhood, and there is no higher or worthier National Ambition. "Treaties" is the name diplomacy has invented for contracts between Sovereign Nations; but just as the contracts of individuals require the sanction of the Law, so Treaties necessitate the sanction of a Naval Power; and until Canada possesses this Power, either by constructing a Navy of her own or imperializes Great Britain's Naval Forces, by contributing to their maintenance, the correlative power of making Treaties would not only be dangerous but an empty bauble, and quite as grotesque as Burke's famous "Preambulary Tax".

The way to Treaty Rights is not now obscured, but in reaching them we must take care that impetuosity does not land us in a whirlwind.

That Canada will attain her ideal greatness we have no manner of doubt. Nay, we are fervent believers that with the grafter and peculator eradicated, with the sense of personal participation in her future infused into every citizen, with selfishness dethroned and patriotism sitting in her rightful seat, with Truth and Honor the arbiters of her destiny, *Canada will not only become great among the Nations but be the central point—the centripetal and centrifugal force—of the British Empire itself.*

We can say no more: We can wish her no greater glory.

