

We do not see it as a merely academic consulting body.

We have in Canada an industrial disputes act which does not enforce a settlement upon the contending parties. It brings the parties together, it hears them, it reports upon facts, public opinion is enlightened and the force of that public opinion imposes a fair solution.

The League functions before the whole world. Its tribunal is the universal conscience which sits in judgment.

It may not always be obeyed but gradually it will impose itself as the world will realise that it is its sole salvation.

Canada never intended to go further.

Taking for granted that the League would be universal as the world would follow the lead of the United States and that with that overpowering force for peace, war could not arise. Canada could not expect to be left alone on the North American Continent to furnish troops for the maintenance of peace in Europe, Africa and Asia while its great neighbour folded its arms and by its inaction allowed all unhealthy ambitions to develop.

When it realized that such was the situation, it protested against Article X, et cetera, et cetera.