

paraphernalia of war and the interlude of a century of Peace, it marks the adjustment of differences in international affairs.

It cannot be too often repeated that in that little agreement following the conclusion of the war - the Rush-Bagot agreement of 1818, whereby the naval force to be maintained by each Government on the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence was limited to four vessels of 100 tons burden, and armed with not more than one 18 pound cannon each, was found, to use the words of Dr. Eliot of Harvard, "a means of escape from competitive arming" - "competitive arming", which above all else is the self-imposed scourge under which the peoples of Europe, and to some degree the peoples of the world, labour to-day.

In the affairs of nations, as in the lives of men, one example, one achievement in the realm of the actual, is worth a multitude of hopes and prophecies respecting the possible and the ideal, and it is the supreme distinction of this continent that despite all else there may be <sup>of</sup> unfulfilled hope and aspiration, this one thing is an accomplished fact, the joint heritage of the American and British peoples on this continent of North America. An unprotected international frontier of 4,000 miles and a century of peace! -- no monument human ingenuity could devise or the skill of man erect can equal this spectacle of which Time and Space are the silent witnesses, and which is the most eloquent expression yet found of the genius of the peoples whose prudence, whose forbearance and whose