

rest of the nations will be but pawns in the game. No longer can a small nation exist independently, except by favor of the high powers or as buffers. The strongest arguments against Canadian independence is that under the new order of things complete autonomy would be impossible for long. Canadian independence is a chimera because in the waging of the larger forces the United States would be found to enforce the Monroe Doctrine, in self-defense, and Canada isolated, as Mexico or Peru or the Argentine would have to submit to the conditions which that doctrine imposes, or fight. Talk of treaties of peace and arbitration, but there is no logic so stern as self-interest, and when that looms up the claims of the brotherhood of man and the demands of honorable pact are swept aside as easily as a feather.

"War is like a fight between two men, it is more often the ignition caused by the clash of two hot tempers, not pre-meditated. Fisticuffs and duels between sensible beings are becoming rarer, and war may be said to be following the same course, but when in the last twelve years we have had three great epoch-making wars, besides the usual number of smaller ones, is it safe to assume that we have reached the millenium of peace, more especially as with our great navies, standing armies and munitions of war, there is always the temptation of trying conclusions?"

So, I say, in attempting to decide the future of Canada, we must consider the combinations of the great controlling forces and study world politics, because these take no account of what is being concocted in the parish council of Quebec, the Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario, the Grain Growers' Association of the Middle West, or the Fruit Growers' meeting of British Columbia. We must decide what is to be our place in the political landscape of the globe; whether a factor in the affairs of big nations or a pawn in their game."

In conclusion, it may be held that this postscript is a deviation from the spirit of a narrative intended to be historical and not disputatious, but the political events of the months