

repeat that I am not finding fault; every nation as every individual has the right to choose its own company, and Canada stands on her own feet and can if need be stand alone. I am seeking the reason underlying what on its face is a reflection on my country.

None of the suggested reasons is the true one. I am wholly convinced that the true reason is the belief, conscious or subconscious, that Canada is an outlying dependency of a European power bound to vote and act as she is directed³ and not an absolutely free agent—in a word that Canada is a Colony of England. That this is the true reason will become apparent if you but think how she would be received by all the people of the United States were she to sever all association with Britain and raise a new flag. Is there an American who would not welcome her to the society of Nations? Americans are not to be blamed for not appreciating the status of Canada for there are many Canadians who do not understand the change in her position, and indeed there are many who deprecate it.

To understand Canada, her origin must ever be kept in mind. I will speak only of Ontario, Upper Canada, but my statements may be applied, *mutatis mutandis*, to the Maritime Provinces, and the Western Provinces are in great

(3) It will perhaps be news to many, but it is none the less true that Australia defeated one of the most ardently pressed claims of Japan, i. e., a recognition of racial equality. This Japan urged almost as strongly as her possession of Shantung, perhaps more so. Britain assented to the claim—Japan was her Ally. America did not stand out, but Australia would not have it and the other Dominions stood with her. Hughes, the Australian representative, told Lloyd George in plain terms, "If you consent to Japanese equality, I leave the conference and the other Dominions will follow me," and Lloyd George, on April 11, allowed Japan to be defeated. It is said that Baron Makino, "in delicate, carefully chosen English sentences, told the conference of Paris that it had outraged the honor of Japan. The speech was one of the shortest and most memorable of the great congress. It made a profound impression." But that made no difference; Australia and her sisters had spoken and England was helpless.

We have had our troubles with Japanese in Western Canada, which we settle in our own way against the strong wishes of the statesmen in London. If the matter comes up again, as it seems inevitable that it must within a year, Canada will have her own voice, and it is inevitable that she will on this question stand with Australia and against England.

I know my people, and I believe I know the American people as well as anyone not an American can know them, and I say with the utmost premeditation and deliberation that in most cases Canada is much more likely to vote with the United States than with England. We are a sister nation, not a subordinate.