

We now see clearly the difference between Chamberlain Imperialism and Canadian Imperialism. Canada has successfully opposed all attacks upon her powers of self-government. Imperial Federation in the lump has been given up. The instalment plan has been rejected. No statesman and no organization now suggests Commercial Union; or an Imperial Council with "persuasive authority"; or an Imperial Court of Appeal; or subscriptions to the British Navy (even the Navy League, and the Admiralty have abandoned that idea); or ready contingents for over-sea service under all conditions.

Canada has resisted all attempts at political incorporation, and when I say "Canada" I do not mean merely the present Government of Canada. They indeed have, by necessity, been our representatives; but that they represented us fairly, is well attested by the fact that no word of complaint or criticism of their actions has been offered by the political party opposed to them.

Last July, Sir Wilfrid Laurier returned from the recent Colonial Conference. Since then Mr. Borden has delivered a most interesting series of addresses throughout the Dominion. He has attacked Sir Wilfrid upon every point, except his conduct at the Colonial Conference. Mr. Borden has never given us the slightest reason to suspect that he is less of a Canadian than the very best of us. (a).

Gentlemen, I have finished, and my last word must be that if, in some proximate or some far off day, the future of Canada shall be as I have indicated: nationhood; self-control; equality with the United Kingdom, instead of subordination and subserviency to the Colonial office; the Kingdom of Canada, instead of one of many "Dominions beyond the Seas"; imperial co-operation in all matters of mutual advantage; co-operation in war under agreed conditions; co-operation in trade; co-operation in communications, by cable, by post, by speediest methods of travel; the increase and advancement by these means, of imperial sympathy, and friendship, and brotherhood: if this be our future, then I say that we shall yet reach the goal aimed at by Sir John A. Macdonald forty years ago; we shall yet be

"a great British Monarchy, in connection with the British Empire, and under the British King; recognizing the Sovereign of Great Britain as its sole and only head."

Gentlemen, that is, I think, a future of which we need neither be afraid nor ashamed.

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(a) Since the delivery of the above address Parliament has met and the debate upon the Speech from the Throne has taken place. In none of the speeches was there a word of criticism of Sir Wilfrid's conduct at the Conference.