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think this is always true. Still, only for this reason and others can you account for the mob-rule so largely prevailing in that great country which the great and good Mr. Lincoln foresaw and deplored, and against which he raised his honest voice.

If Americans ask you why Canadians do not desire to join the United States politically, tell them that there are many reasons. This is one: Where justice enforces her lawful claim against the lawless and the criminal, the life and liberty of her honest citizens are safer and of far more value.

Talk of "the highest form of liberty," forsooth, of which the proud American boasts! There can be no real liberty where men walk in fear. "Fear hath torment." Fear is therefore tyrannical. No man can walk the streets of Chicago or Seattle with any valuables in his pockets without walking in fear, even in broad daylight. It is said, and I believe it, and I have spent many weeks in both these cities, and know something therefore of what is going on, that the police are "*cheek by jowl!*" with the thieves, who share with them their plunder.

If these lines should ever fall under the eyes of any American, I want him to know that they are not written by an enemy, but by a friend, who admires much in the greatest republic the world has ever seen, but whose enforcement of law is not only discreditable, but very dangerous. Liberty, which is always supposed to embrace protection to one's life, property and lawful pursuits, is of a very