

Don't you think that fair progress has been made, and I am keeping up the good work. Whenever I see the Red Ensign flying, I write to the owner, if I know him, about it. I spoke to Bob Gill the other day, and he immediately ordered a Union Jack which from this time forth will fly from the Bank of Commerce. You make a great mistake if you suppose that the thinking people of Canada want any different flag from the Union Jack. It is merely that they do not understand anything about flags, and do as they have been told. I do not see why Lord Ampthill's ignorance should be made the reason for robbing us of our birth-right.(1)

In another letter on the subject, to Mr. G. B. Van Blaricon, of the Busy Man's Magazine, Toronto, Mr. Pope, on May 15, 1909, concluded his outline of the history and proper usage with this paragraph:

I have never been able to understand why any British subject should desire to fly any flag other than that which symbolizes British sovereignty, British power, British civilization, and British freedom all round the globe, any more than I can enter into the feelings of the man who clamours for what he calls a "Canadian National Anthem", and is ready to accept the feeblest ditty as such, when he has already a National Anthem which, together with the Union Jack, symbolizes a glory and a greatness he ought to be proud to share." (2)

In 1911 Pope had a confirmation of his view, from the highest authority, an adviser to the King's Private Secretary.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies, Rt. Hon. Lewis Harcourt, wrote on April 12 to the Governor General, Earl Grey:

I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency a copy of a letter received by the King's Private Secretary from . . . respecting the National Flag to be flown in Canada. I shall be glad if Your Excellency will cause the writer to be informed that the Union Jack is the National Flag of Canada as of all other parts of His Majesty's Dominions.(3)

(1) Pope Papers. S.O. Vol.94. file 371.

(2) Pope Papers. S.O. Vol.94, file 388, 1909.

(3) Pope Papers, S.O. Vol.96.
Castell Hopkins. The Canadian Annual Review. 1911.