

the full stature of a nation within this community of British nations that Canada has grown in the years that have intervened since Confederation. Her place to-day is a nation among the nations of the world; her relations political, commercial, industrial, are no longer merely national, they are not even, mainly inter-imperial, they have become international in the largest meaning of the word.

Did <sup>Ontario's</sup> ~~time~~ permit, it would be interesting at this place and at this time to sketch the growth, not of the British Empire, nor of ~~the~~ Dominion, but of <sup>just</sup> a single province; in particular, our own province of Ontario, for in many things, as we were told <sup>on</sup> high authority of our country the other day, it has been a pioneer. I venture to say many of us would be not only amazed <sup>actually</sup> but startled at its growth. Just imagine being reminded that as recently as 1792, what is now Ontario was a part of what was then the province of Quebec; that the year following witnessed within its borders <sup>the</sup> ~~its~~ first Parliament at Newark, the passing of an act for the building of roads, <sup>and an act</sup> ~~and~~ for the abolition of slavery, ~~and~~ the appearance of the first newspaper. Then, that after less than half a century on its own, the province became again with Quebec a part of United Canada, and that from 1840

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