

more. I cannot believe, indeed I will not believe, that the Senate will consent to the ratification of this treaty.

But the fact that a treaty which would deprive the House of Representatives of its constitutional right to regulate the revenues of the government, revolutionize our revenue system, and compel us to depend chiefly on direct taxation, as this one would, could be concocted in England and matured with such cunning amplitude of detail as this has been, and be presented to our government as an expression of the wishes of the Canadian people, and the further fact that her Britannic Majesty's ministers plenipotentiary could use the columns of many of our papers, and employ such agencies as are described in the letter I have read, to influence the opinions of Senators and members of Congress, and that our own people should be permitted to know little or nothing of these movements until on the eve of adjournment the treaty was submitted to the Senate, illustrates a possibility of danger against which the people should demand a constitutional safeguard. The next amendment to the Constitution should, in my judgment, be one limiting the treaty-making power, and guarding against Executive encroachment upon the constitutional right of the Representatives of the people to regulate the revenues of the country.