

makes no such limitation, and seems to suggest that other Judges have erred because they did not adopt the alleged basic principle as above laid down.

Politicians are accustomed to talk of "self-governing" colonies or dominions. But although the United Kingdom may properly be said to be in the strictest sense "self-governing," yet none of the outlying Dominions of the Crown can be truly said to be autonomous or self-governing except in a restricted sense. They have doubtless a very large measure of self-government, but there are some powers of government which none of them possess. None of them can of itself declare war, or make peace. None of them has a right to send ambassadors to a foreign State, nor make treaties with foreign States. This does not, of course, mean that the outlying parts of the Empire are in any inferior position to the rest of the Empire. It does mean, however, that there are some powers and incidents of government which are reserved for the central authority, which is also the centre of unity.

Canadians may perhaps be inclined to forget that the Imperial Parliament is in fact an Imperial institution, and is the Parliament not only of the British Isles, but of the Empire, and as such is our Parliament, notwithstanding the fact that, as at present constituted, we have no right to send representatives to it. There are many classes of people in the British Isles to this day, however, who stand in a similar position, *e.g.*, all women and persons under age, and nevertheless it is their Parliament, as it is also ours. It is the Imperial Parliament which gave us our political constitution and it is to that Parliament we have to look for any amendment to our constitution that may be found to be needed.

We confess we have no sympathy with those who call themselves "Nationalists," but whose aims and objects are essentially not national, but provincial; and who seem to have no proper conception of the really national idea. The Nation and the only Nation of which British people everywhere are members is the British Empire. Canadians are not merely Canadian citizens, or subjects of Canada, they are British subjects everywhere throughout the wide domain of the Empire, but some of them sadly fail to realize what that means, or the duty and obligation it involves.