

procuity Treaty would, from the national standpoint, be as much an act of wisdom as was the adoption of treaties in the past that have added to our own country more than half its present area."

And here is the aspiration for trade domination over Canada and Britain expressed typically in one of the most respected papers of the Republic, the "Minneapolis Journal."

"The path of reciprocity leads to practical, if not political union with Canada. The other path leads to a closer relation between Canada and Great Britain. It means the carrying out of a dream of British Imperial Federation, bound together no less by trade than by sentiment, with Canada taking the place of the United States as chief purveyor of food products and manufactured articles to Great Britain.

KEEP DISTINCT INDIVIDUALITY.

"To-day England is our best customer, and Canada is our third best customer. But our foreign trade wanes, and that of Canada grows. If we push Canada into England's arms, the trade arrangements between the two will tend more and more to shut us out.

"How long will our trade with these two customers last if reciprocity fails? Our Canadian trade must fail off, as the East and West channels of her commerce are scoured by use. And Canada will more and more supply English needs in our stead."

They must increase, we must decrease. That is the direction of their ambition. I know the United States, whose people have no warmer admirer than I. In the blemishes of their Government they have no keener sympathizer. Their way is not our way—it is neither Canadian nor British. We are neither of the United States, nor exactly of Britain. We have a distinct individuality which we believe is better than either. We are free from the woes that spring from the United States sowing its wild oats. We are not encumbered by those handicaps which the long centuries have placed upon the land of our nativity.

CAESAR IS OURSELVES.

We have complete command of ourselves. Uniquely we possess the Old Land as well as the New. Its traditions, its story, its achievements in widely-sundered parts of the world—these things are ours richly to enjoy without the faintest sense of alienation. According to the speed of history, the last decade has produced an amazing readjustment in the inter-imperial influences which, more than the mere mechanics of Parliaments, Conferences and Courts, are re-creating the Empire in which we were born and of which we are a motive part. We are fast coming into the front rank of the inter-dependent States. I can conceive of no calling more noble, more full of the dignity of the fruitful years than this calling to create a new nation while we help to re-fashion a venerable and glorious Empire.

Once the thrilling appeal was to Caesar. The appeal is to Caesar now. And Caesar is ourselves.

ARTHUR HAWKES.