

THE FUTURE OF CANADA

CANADIANISM AND IMPERIALISM.

(An address delivered by John Boyd before the Montreal Reform Club on Saturday, May 4th, 1918.)

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN : —

It is hardly necessary for me to say how deeply I appreciate, not only the high honor, but the very great privilege of being enabled to be here to-day to address such a gathering. The honor is all the higher, the privilege is all the greater because I realize that I am addressing a gathering of those, who are all interested in the triumph of Canadianism and Liberalism in this country.

It is especially gratifying to see so many ladies honoring us with their presence. Women are at last, we are proud to know, coming into their own and rightly so, for they have earned their title to recognition by a self-sacrifice, a devotion, a disinterestedness and a nobility that are beyond any words of praise that I could offer.

You, Gentlemen, belong to an organization which bears a great and a glorious name. It is a name coeval with time itself, for from the very dawn of recorded history there have been abuses in the world but never has there been a period when there have not been found *reformers*, to oppose and to combat those abuses. From that far distant day when the Patriarch Abraham went down from Urr of the Chaldees into the land of Judea and became the founder of that great nation from which was to flow the mighty tide of our spiritual, intellectual and esthetic life, down to our own stirring and momentous times, what, indeed, has the whole course of history been but a struggle between Progress and Reaction, between