

**Dangerous
Alike to Empire
and Colonies.**

Monarchy. But that Great Britain, the great trading nation of the world, could restrict its commerce and shipping by tariff obstructions, make still harder the hard lot of its toiling millions by taxing the very food they eat, and impose Imperial Federation on the colonies, with its heavy military burdens and the loss of important powers of self-government, without gravely imperiling the British Empire, I am quite unable to believe. Indeed, it is my firm conviction that such retrograde and revolutionary changes, if ever adopted, would speedily reproduce the national troubles and calamities which marked the early days of George III. and Lord North, and the loss of the American colonies in the eighteenth century be repeated before the twentieth closes.

A few words in regard to Imperialism and I have done. We are all Imperialists in Canada. so far as loyalty to Britain and British connection are concerned. But I feel safe in saying that not one Canadian in ten is of the jingo class of Imperialists, who seem to regard this great Dominion—comprising one-half of the entire North American continent—as a mere outlying “dependency” of the Empire, which ought to be made a mammoth emporium for British manufactures, and a recruiting ground for its army and navy.

He is the truer Imperialist and truer Canadian, who, whilst proud to continue to march side by side with Great Britain in national progress and prosperity, would never consent to subvert our independent Canadian Government, and instead of a peaceful, prosperous North American power, as our natural destiny seems to be, would make this great Dominion as directly connected with the politics, the military armaments, the heavy taxation and the wars and bloodshed of the Old World, as if no three thousand miles of ocean rolled between us.

