

prepared by people without the slightest knowledge of the subject of which they are dealing, aside from the actual flying and that under war conditions when the rights of non-flyers and even states remained in abeyance. The whole subject of air traffic from a commercial standpoint is so utterly unknown, that for anyone to sit down and attempt to draw a treaty for the civilized world is a manifest absurdity, and to attempt without consultation to include a country like Canada where if commercial air traffic is a success it will be of vastly more importance than it is likely to be in any of the countries who are assuming to settle the matter, is a blunder that would generally be called a crime. The only excuse that I have yet heard for the haste is that a factory in Great Britain is very anxious to start work making airships.

From my standpoint, the worst thing about these various matters is the inequality and injustice; anything might be acceptable which has hitherto been untried, an International League of Nations, Labour Convention or even Air Convention, but no convention in my estimation can prove satisfactory if based on inequality between members. I recognize as a matter of course the expediency of the larger and more important nations of the world having a permanent voice, in accordance with their importance, in the management of such affairs for the purpose of ensuring stability, but beyond that I can see no reason for a difference and when it comes to the point of saying that Japs and Italians shall have permanent representation; Portugal, Cuba, Uruguay or Liberia shall have the right to have their representatives elected; even the new States which will be recognized by the Peace Treaty and for the assistance of which the British Dominions have suffered and will for generations suffer, will have the right to have their representatives elected; but Canada shall not have the right to have a representative of its government even nominated. I can conceive of no greater insult being offered a self-respecting people.

So far as the League of Nations is concerned if alone, being unknown, idealistic and not of much daily interest to the general run of men, it might although I doubt it pass comparatively unnoticed; but in regard to the Labour Convention every clause of which will be discussed and debated in the meetings of every labour union in Canada, when the men whose lives have been devoted to labour and who have devoted much of their time to trying to improve conditions find these inequalities and the only explanation is that the Japs and Italians wanted them and Great Britain's representatives did not like to object too strongly, or perhaps preferred no change, I rather anticipate that disregarding some views of theology they will say in their somewhat frank manner that they will see the Japanese and Italian delegates and their respective governments individually and collectively sizzling in the lowest depths of Hell before they will agree to accept a standing inferior to the negroes of Liberia.

I have no personal reason for setting forth these views other than the desire of having them before someone in authority here. So far as I am