

## COMPACT EMPIRE HAS BEEN MADE IN WAR'S FURNACE

Lord Finlay Tells Canadian Club  
That Unity is Lesson of Conflict  
—Says British Navy Beat The  
Germans

"If one lesson has been impressed upon our minds by this war, it is the absolute necessity of maintaining the British Empire one and indissoluble. And I think we may take as our motto the familiar saying, that united we stand, divided we fall."

Such was the keynote of an address given by the Right Hon. Lord Finlay of Nairn, G. C. M. G., P. C., the distinguished guest of the Canadian Club at their luncheon in the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, the other day.

Lord Finlay, who came to Canada to attend the meetings of the Canadian Bar Association at Winnipeg, and is now returning home by way of Toronto,

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Canada and the Empire.

Lord Finlay chose as his theme "Canada and the Empire," and with graceful

style and convincing argument he pressed home some of the old truths about the part played by the navy and mercantile marine during the war, the necessity of maintaining the imperial connection, and the splendid destiny which awaits Canada as a nation within the empire.

Lord Finlay then outlined how Canada had demonstrated her loyalty to the crown and empire in the past, in the early days of colonization during the war of 1812, and finally in the great war, and during the present visit of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales.

Drawn Together.

"The discipline of war has drawn us closer together," he continued. "Out of the furnace of war emerged a more compact empire, an empire of which every part was more sensible of its attachment to every other. Germany thought the empire would not stand the strain of war, but she was sorely disappointed. And a great part of her failure was due to her underestimation of the strength and enthusiasm of those men who came from the dominions, and crossed thousands of miles of sea to answer her challenge."

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Base of Empire.

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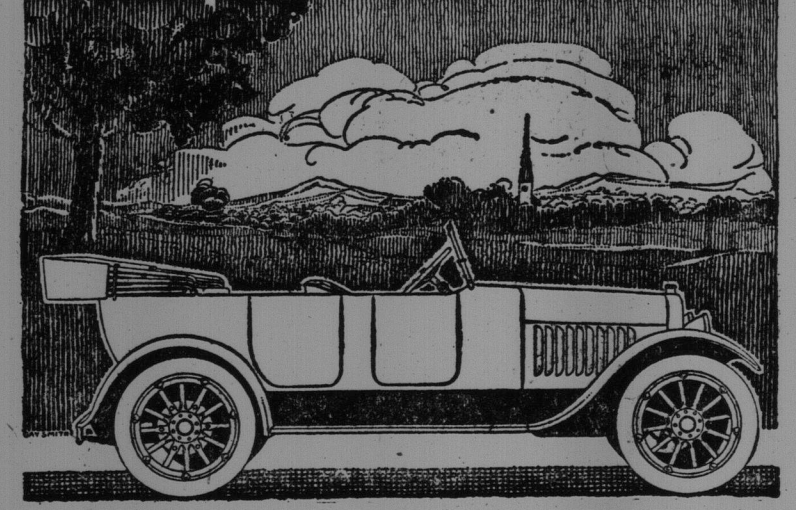
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Foundation of Unity.

"Community of race and loyalty to one crown are the foundation of our unity. And that unity brings common advantages."

"You hear a great deal nowadays about the 'freedom of the sea.' That is a phrase which has been used a great deal by those who are not too friendly to the empire, and who put their own construction upon it. But in reality the freedom of the seas consists largely in rendering impossible such outrages as the Germans committed throughout their campaign by land and water. That we were saved from the fate which threatened us owe after all to the paramount efficiency and devotion of that navy which brought the empire into being and is guarding it now."

Lord Finlay said that it was the blockade that finally brought Germany to her knees.

Ensures Peace.

"I think we may look forward to the peace of the world being assured by the close friendship which will always exist between Great Britain and America. And by America I mean the great Dominion of Canada. I also mean the United States of America."

"It wouldn't be correct to say the peace of the world depended entirely on the English-speaking races, for in North America there are many people who speak French. And in this war the heroism of that magnificent race has displayed itself even more strikingly than it has ever done before."

"I think we may be of good cheer with regard to the future of the world. Whatever may befall, the League of Nations, if the great countries hold together, the future of the world is safe. And in that future Canada will play a part."

## M. CONNOLLY DEFENDANT IN DAMAGE ACTION

(Buffalo Commercial.)

On complaint of Cyrenius J. Laughlin of 483 Norwood avenue, Capt. Michael Connolly of Montreal was arrested yesterday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Andrew Kick in an action started by Laughlin against Connolly for \$25,000 damages for alleged false arrest. Connolly is the man who says he was swindled out of \$125,000 by a gang in connection with a supposed race track transaction here about a year ago.

Three men, Jarvis, Drucker and Ryan, New Yorkers, were indicted in connec-

tion with the Connolly charge and their case will be disposed of at the present criminal term of supreme court.

Mr. Laughlin says that about a week ago while he was in the Hotel Iroquois Connolly pointed him out to detectives as the man who had impersonated a de-

tective at the time the fake arrest was pulled off in connection with the swindle, and that he was arrested.

Charles Oishei, attorney for Captain Connolly, was asked if his client later withdrew the charge he had made against Mr. Laughlin and said, "Capt.

Connolly told me that he cannot conscientiously identify Mr. Laughlin as the fake police officer in the case."

Jas. W. Corrigan of Cleveland has leased for six months the "\$20,000 suite" at the Hotel St. Regis, New York.

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