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we feel that — in our British and American systems of democratic parliamentary government — we have a good working plan of political liberty — but — I feel sure that — when the question of fundamental human rights comes to be debated by the United Nations — a school of thought will find expression there — which will disagree profoundly with our theory that freedom depends upon our system of political democracy.

It may well be — therefore — that
the International Bill of Rights — when
it emerges — will fall far short of
that which we — as Canadians — would
consider desirable — and even fundamentally
necessary.

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