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month, without any show of resistance from the Mother Land, we can step without the boundaries. Our rights as a self-governing country not only are established, but are ample and secure.

Our autonomy is wholly satisfactory to the people of Canada, and the bonds that bind us are the stronger because of that, because they are and have been for decades voluntary and wholly voluntary. In my judgment they are more powerful today than ever.

We admit we naturally see things from the standpoint of the country with which we have had such close relations, with which we have worked in harmony through days of sunshine and of storm; but we are neighbors of this great Republic and we want no other neighbors, and no other neighbors will we ever have; and to these neighbors we appeal, not in any spirit or with any thought of criticism, but we appeal to you to base your judgment on ascertained facts and ascertained facts alone, to examine the truth in all its fullness, and not to permit yourselves on any account to be misled by any fragmentary knowledge of what has taken place, and not to permit this great country to judge unfairly of another, or that the seeds of distrust should by sinister hands be sown; but, rather,—and my appeal is this—that we persist and ever persist in working together to lay firmly the foundations of a lasting and a universal peace and to make disarmament a reality. (Continued applause; audience rising.)

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