

Council under Federation, would be an outside body; it would be ours as much as Great Britain's, as the Parliament in Ottawa is as much Prince Edward Island's with its 4 members, as it is Ontario's with its 86 members.

If federation comes, the personnel of the membership in the Imperial Parliament from Canada should not ultimately be determined by the Parliament of Canada, whatever may be the earlier steps, but membership should rest on the choice of the people of Canada determined by their votes; for these world affairs, for which we would bear responsibility, are not to be determined by men chosen in some privileged manner. They must represent the people whose choice they are, and thus give to all our people, the refining and broadening influence of direct contact and interest in these world affairs. I am Radical enough to say—better a poor choice, for which the people are responsible, than a good choice, selected by privilege.

If Federation comes, the struggle and sacrifice will have been Great Britain's, not the Overseas Dominions'. Great Britain would have to surrender what she now possesses; supreme control. The Overseas Dominions would be gainers, holding all they now possess, and in addition securing representation, ever increasing in numbers, in a Parliament which would inherit all the noble traditions of the British Parliament, and which would be charged with the duty of interpreting in our relations with other nations—those principles of justice and liberty and service which are the pride and honour of our race.

I ask you: Is this not worth while? Will we run away from the problem because its solution presents difficulties, or will we with good courage take it up, and live with it, until we understand its hearings?