

direct monetary contributions to Imperial defence will not be adopted as a policy by Canada this year or next year. What the future has in store none can tell. Most of us hope that matters will drift in the direction of national consolidation, but it is well to keep in mind that extreme Imperialists have a few things to learn, and that a few grave and practical difficulties stand in the way of the consummation of their hopes, which they have either not discovered or are wilfully determined not to see.



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CANADA has risen to a higher plane of existence. The day was when the colonies bought cast-off clothing from Britain and formed a dumping-ground for waifs, strays, incorrigibles and convicts. The time was when Canada sent to Britain for clever people to fill the leading positions. Her craven attitude caused Britain to regard her a mere dumping-ground, as an encumbrance. But these days have passed.

With the advent of the Reciprocity Treaty period our trade with the United States and Great Britain began to grow. The Provinces were federated and the Northwest was added to the new Dominion. The Grand Trunk, Intercolonial and Canadian Pacific were built and commerce improved. Our universities grew in strength, and we were exchanging instead of buying professional and literary men. The British soldier was withdrawn and we filled our own garrisons and later sent troops to assist in Imperial wars.

All these things have given us a new place in the Empire. We respect it and it respects us because we respect both it and ourselves. The Canadian no longer acts like a business-runner or a bar-room politician. His geese are no longer swans. The false self-respect has given place to the true. He does not fear his deficiencies so much now since he knows his own value. He is no longer envious of the bargaining Yankee, nor will he ever be again. Self-respect has changed us, our conduct and our ambitions. It is no longer Canada for the Canadians, but Canada for the Empire.

Because it is Canada for the Empire, the future will see greater, perhaps unlimited, reciprocity in politics, militarism, production, and professional equipment. As the provinces became a Canada, so the colonies may become an Empire. There will be a universal registration in arts, law, medicine, theology; and our interests of all kinds will be identical. We shall be one people and all Britons.