

swell the cry of loyalty with their lips, because it is the popular and profitable cry of the hour, while in their heart they hide a weak and fatalistic belief in our ultimate annexation.

I have said that I cannot agree in opinion with Imperial Confederationists, but though I cannot agree in opinion with them I can club with them. There are other subjects of national interest to talk about, and we can talk about this, if we are men of sense able to hold our different theories on a public question without bandying charges of disloyalty and treason. There is no greater treason than to brand with that name fellow-citizens who are seeking in singleness of heart the good of our common country. The most precious of all liberties, and the safeguard of all the rest, is liberty of opinion. Our Club will be outside any Popedom or Dictatorship. The writ of intolerant orthodoxy will not run within its walls. Keep the path of honor, be a loyal Canadian, show that you have no object at heart but the good of the country, eschew conspiracy, eschew everything that can lead to it, and give utterance to your honest thought without fear.