

might make for war. Ought we not to contribute our share towards securing the peace of the Empire and the peace of the world, instead of being selfishly satisfied that we ourselves are out of reach of war?

(c) "*There would be expense.*" I have pointed out that Imperial Federation is simply the full development of self-government. Now, it is quite true that every development of self-government has brought with it additional expense, but would we on that account have been better off under tutelage or bondage? A Crown colony has usually little debt. In the old days of an irresponsible executive the debt of Canada was nominal. Now our debt has attained to figures that are quite respectable. But would we therefore go back to the old family compact régime? The sensible question to put is this: Are there corresponding advantages to the increase of expense? As regards the debt of Canada, no doubt mistakes have been made. Governments are not always wise, and Government works are perhaps built and managed less economically than works under private management. But on the whole, we believe that we have got our money's worth, and that no greater mistakes have been made in Canada than in other countries.

(d) "*Our interests are different.*" Against whom, I ask? Not as against enemies, for two are stronger than one. Canada and Britain must be stronger than either by itself. Not as against each other, for in almost every respect we are complementary. The one has what the other has not. This objection reminds me of a conversation I had with a gentleman on Main Street to-day. "Great Britain," he said, "is degenerating into a money-lending country." That suits Canada admirably, for we are a money-borrowing country. We are likely to be in the same position for some time to come, if we would develop our waste lands, our mines and our other resources, and it is not a bad thing that the money should be found and also kept within the family. My friend's argument went farther: "The fact that Britain has from an agricultural become a manufacturing, and that from a manufacturing it is rapidly becoming only a money-lending community proves that it is decaying." I do not agree. Britain is still important agriculturally, and any one who has recently visited her manufacturing centres would see no signs of decay. She certainly lends money. That means that she has money to lend. In other words, she has prospered; and though I preach that "sweet