

the actually existing condition of affairs. For example, the ideal of the single city-state was the product of the facts of the Grecian world and that ideal lived on, as an ideal, long after the Roman power had begun to overwhelm all individual cities and, as Polybius said, "to draw all things to one centre".

And then, when the world had become accustomed for centuries to the Roman *imperium*, to the single world-state, that form of political organization became in turn the pervading ideal, and so it, too, lived on in the form of Holy Roman Empires and Papacies, and such, long after the modern nations had, as a matter of fact, begun to evolve and after many of them had, indeed, established their independence and individuality. So now we have lived for several centuries with the "nation" the "national state", territorially established, as our idea of political organization. Therefore, when we are driven to think out a future for such new communities as Canada, Australia, or South Africa we cannot help thinking in the terms to which we have become accustomed. Nations and nationalities are quite the usual thing, you know, and of course we must follow the fashion and have a nationality of some kind, be it Canadian, or American, or British. But the truth is evident that we are really looking backward at the past instead of forward to the future when we approach the problem of our political destiny with "nationality" assumed as our desired goal.

There is no need now to present arguments against absorption into the American nation. Our real troubles begin, our deepest perplexity arises, when men talk obscurely about Canadian Nationality and Imperialism at the same time. It is time the people of Canada looked these two questions fairly in the face and answered them: First, to what nationality do we belong? Second, to what nationality do we desire to belong? Will my readers face those questions and say, is it Canadian or British? Will my readers please say, definitely, which? Those who say "Canadian" will say it with a hidden doubt. Those who say "British", will say it, if they are native born, also with a hidden doubt. But there will be