

tragedy of last summer will not happen again. In this connection, let me quote from a letter which appeared recently in the Toronto Globe:—

"If disaffection is spread in India through the impressions that Hindus have carried from Canada, surely it is time the Canadian people examined the facts closely and impartially; not so much in the interests of the Sikhs, whose valor all over the world is proving that they are well able to take care of themselves; but because Canada's reputation in the Empire is at hazard, and her fair fame in the world in danger, so long as fair play is made to wait upon the presumed interests of politicians who have never studied the real place of India in the Empire, or her relations to the future of such a cosmopolitan country as Canada. . . .

"Our men and yours are fighting in the same trenches for the same cause. If our men were fighting for the defence of Canada against the Germans in France before your own sons could reach the fighting line, the only notice we want taken of that is that it is at least a sign of our devotion to the great ideals for which the Empire fights, and which we, like you, want to translate into our future co-operative relationships.

"We are also men; we also are British subjects. But it would be idle to pretend that a bright future under that name is irrevocably assured so long as a stigma is put upon us in Canada, such as is not put upon the

Japanese or the Chinese, or even upon the negro. Canada, in claiming, through her Prime Minister and High Commissioner, that after the war she shall not only share in determining the peace, but shall also take part in all Imperial policies, herself raises in the most direct form the question of our relationship to the Canadian people. That is a challenge to men like me to throw what ideas and information they may have into the common stock, and to do it now, when the public mind is ready to listen as it recognizes the comradeship of the Sikh and the Canadian in France.

"This great episode in human history does not throw primarily upon us the necessity to appeal for a hearing from you, our fellow-subjects. We could be excused for waiting till the bloodshed is ended, and to leave it to you to make the next move. But we think more of what is involved in this matter than some of the politicians do, to whom India is a sealed and mysterious book, even when they talk about the Empire, three-fourths of whose population is in that country. So we are willing to make the first advances, even to the extent of appealing for a hearing in places where men and women gather together. . . .

"Believe me, this is of deep Imperial significance, and our people will be greatly disappointed if Canada will not meet us half-way in settling the difficulties which have hitherto beset our relationships as fellow-subjects in the Empire."

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