

"Bless and praise we famous men,

For their work continueth—
And their work continueth—
Broad and deep continueth,
Greater than their knowing.

It will interest you to know that the Virginia enterprise was described as "an action concerning God and the advancement of religion, the present ease, future honour and safety of the Kingdom, the strength of the navy, the visible hope of a great and rich trade, and many secret blessings not yet discovered."

The Raleigh Patent, it is said, was drafted by the great Coke, and it provided that those inhabiting the territories which Raleigh should acquire "shall and may have all the privileges of denizens and persons native of England and within our allegiance in such like ample measure and in such manner and form as if they were borne and personally resident within our Realme of England." This memorable document also gave full power and authority to govern and rule "according to such statutes, lawes and ordinances as shall be by him, the said Walter Raleigh, his heirs and assigns, and any or all of them, devised or established for the better government of the said people as aforesaid."

"So always as the said statutes, lawes and ordinances be as neere as conveniently may be agreeable to the form of the lawes, statutes, government and policie of England."

There are some other provisions not necessary to quote as to religion, and forbidding the drawing away of the subjects or peoples of those lands or places from the allegiance of the Queen.

If you have followed carefully what I have read, you will observe that Raleigh anticipated the self-government which now prevails in all parts of the British Empire capable of exercising self-government. That certainly includes Canada, where for many years we have had complete self-government in domestic affairs. It is true that before the war, questions of foreign policy were decided by the British (Imperial) Government, as trustee for the whole British Empire. The Ministers of the Imperial Government are responsible to the British