

right of full citizenship. I claim that the best way we can show our gratitude is to prove to the British people that we have not degenerated, that we have, in that British citizenship, the same pride which they have had for centuries. And when I hear from the Prime Minister of England that the powers of Imperial authority, that the powers over the army and the navy, that the powers over foreign affairs, that the powers of the government of the Empire, "**CANNOT BE SHARED**" with the colonies, I reply: As long as you cannot share them, I cannot pay you, and I won't do it, willingly.

We are now told that the British authorities have changed their mind, and that, as an evidence of their good-will, they are going to give us representation on the Imperial Defence Committee. Let us hear on that point the views of the British government. Here is the language used, by the Colonial Minister, Mr. Harcourt, in a despatch lately laid on the table of the House of Commons at Ottawa, explaining on what basis we are going to get that magnificent representation:

"We [the British ministers] pointed out to him [Mr. Borden] that the Committee of Imperial Defence is a purely advisory body, and is not and cannot, under any circumstances, become a body deciding on policy, which is and must remain the sole prerogative of the [British] Cabinet, subject to the support of the House of Commons [of Great Britain and Ireland]."

And he adds :

"The foregoing accurately represents the views and intentions of His Majesty's Government".

I do not say that those views are right or wrong; I do not say that the British Ministers can or cannot share their powers; but I claim that the people of this country are being deceived when they are told of Imperial solidarity, of Imperial citizenship, of Imperial representation; and I lay down this principle that, so long as the British authorities do not recede from that haughty attitude, so long as the people of the United Kingdom do not or cannot offer to the people of Canada real