

States all of the men of standing, both statesmen and citizens, are our friends, and were they not our friends, does anyone for a minute imagine that that country wants to have a German colony along three thousand miles of her international border? Think of the fortifications she would have to build, and the standing army she would forever have to maintain. A nation that has shown her utter disregard for her word, one that considers a treaty of neutrality a mere scrap of waste paper, one that would treat an innocent country like Belgium in the barbarous manner in which Germany has treated her, burning and destroying her undefended cities, towns, and villages, and inflicting unheard of cruelties on her women and children, one that would destroy art and architecture to gratify a personal ambition and one which the whole civilized world has learned to distrust, would certainly not be a welcome substitute for Canada as a neighbor.

The third and last reason why Germany will never own Canada is because Canadians would not have her for a master. How would we prevent it? That is the important question. We have practically no fortified position, an army that is small in comparison with that of other countries, and we are a sober, industrious, peace-loving people, numbering about eight millions. But how long would we remain peaceable if our freedom were to be taken from us? Our people would rise as one man with an energy that would make the magnificent effort of Belgium appear small in comparison. Every man who could hold a gun would join the colors. English, French, Irish, Scotch, American, German, Italian, Norwegian, Swede, Hungarian, Japanese, Chinese, and all the other units of our people would rush to help. Some may ask why I include all these races, and particularly the Germans, in the calculation. I answer that they are the very ones that would not want to see the present order of things changed. They realize the contrast between freedom and being subject to bureaucratic organization. They have settled with us and are among our best and most loyal citizens and when the time came for them to fight, they would fight to the last drop of their blood. It would not be very long before an immense army would be raised and an army that, fighting for such principles, could not be resisted by any foreign organization thousands of miles from its base. There is still another force that would be added to our standard. Scattered over the whole of the United States is a vast army of Canadians who have joined hands with our friends over the border and who have been received with open arms as American citizens. Though they make good Americans and are loyal to their adopted country, they have a warm feeling for their motherland, and almost to a man would join her cause.

At first we might have a few reverses, but bear in mind that we would not have to meet a German army such as is fighting in Europe to-day. By the time the Kaiser had defeated the combination against which he is fighting, hundreds of thousands of the best of his army would be out of action, killed or wounded, and if he desired to maintain his new-found supremacy over Europe, he would have to keep at home most of his army with its sadly thinned ranks. He might be able to send over here, one