

All reforms, to be of permanent value, depend upon the breadth of vision with which they are approached. Provincialism and narrow-mindedness should be given no place in the minds of those who are charged with the duty of simplifying, unifying and clarifying law. Special enactments procured by special interests, intricacies of procedure which have grown up by inadvertence, and which have outgrown their usefulness, if they ever had any, divergences in laws of various jurisdictions when the conditions are essentially the same, and where what is good and salutary for one jurisdiction is equally good and salutary for the other, may be readily eliminated if the view of those who undertake the work is sufficiently comprehensive. We, in the United States, have been at work against no inconsiderable odds to establish this breadth of view. I would say that we have succeeded in bringing into existence a new kind of mind, which I would designate as the "interstate mind"—that is to say, the mind capable of grasping the mutual needs and rights of all the states at once. Similarly, you have demonstrated your possession of that kind of mind which is capable of grasping the mutual needs and rights of nations, and this is well called the "international mind." All praise to you for its cultivation. We are jealously competing with you in the cultivation of that kind of mind, and you may be sure that we shall omit no effort to at least keep abreast with you in this friendly rivalry.

Whether there be reciprocity between your country and ours with regard to material things and commercial transactions is of little or no importance. The thing which is of the utmost importance, however, is that there shall be reciprocity of intellectual fellowship, of brotherly love, and of legal and spiritual ideals. These things are not matters of geography. They are matters of humanity. Canada and the United States are not realms bounded by imaginary lines, but they are peoples, unbounded in capacity for affection, for attainments, for influences, for visions for the good of mankind. Considered in terms of influence, of genius, of aspirations for better things, there are no bounds to any country. Canada is not so much a place, a name, a thing, a country, as it is a spirit. So looked at, Canada and the United States are one and the same.