

among ourselves because we believe that in so doing we shall suffer no loss of real dignity or of so called national honour, but rather that in thus partially losing our lives we shall ultimately the more surely save them." This tie should be as distinct from a single united Imperial nationality on the one hand as from a mere alliance on the other. It should, and might well, be a type or pattern for other nations to follow. We may indulge in no vain dream that they would soon do so. To do that is one thing. To create the example in a perfectly feasible case is quite another thing. Why should the great Mother of Nations with her children not do it?

Surely, surely the glory of Canada's true destiny is slowly dawning upon Canadian hearts. That destiny is to pass beyond and rise above the old nationalism of Europe, and to be the first born "nation" of the new and nobler type. The old nations have been as savages in the forest, feeling no limitation but the physical force of their fellows around them. That is the exact condition of Europe to-day and it will be true of the United States also when their predatory "commercial interests" are as widely extended among the weaker peoples as European "interests" are. But Canada's contribution to history and to civilization is to be that she shall consciously declare her desire to be merely one of a "Union of Nations" who are all prepared to be limited, not merely by the physical power of neighbours, but by a self-imposed legal and contractual bond.

And observe how far removed from "Imperialism" this would be. It is no mere question of words and phrases. It is a question of underlying purposes and principles. Imperialism proposes to expand, advance, and uphold the supremacy of, the British nation. It proposes to keep up the struggles of the sixteenth to the nineteenth centuries over clashing trade interests in the territories of the weaker tribes and peoples. It is from this clash of trade interests alone, whether in Morocco, or the Bagdad Valley, or in Persia, that the threatened war will come. But why should Canadian swords leap from their scabbards over some German Fashoda?