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would only be a fraction of what would be absolutely necessary if Canada were an independent nation, and would be much less than we would have to pay towards the expenses of army, navy and pensions if we were part of the United States.

It is argued that preparations for war encourage a spirit of militarism. I am utterly opposed to militarism and jingoism, but hold that in the union and strength of the British Empire and in the adequate preparation for the defence of all its parts is the best guarantee of the peace of the world.



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