

the nation; and the free, self-governing Dominion of Canada is the evidence of that achievement.

Canada's national achievement led the way to national freedom and self-government for Australia and for New Zealand and for South Africa; and out of that new nationalism there grew the establishment of the British Empire on a new basis, the basis not of imperialism, but of democracy: not an empire with its centralized imperium, but a commonwealth with its free States: free States, glorying not alone in their independence, but in their interdependence: self-governing nations, boasting not their nationalism alone, but their internationalism. And out of it all there has emerged a world commonwealth, comprising more than one-quarter of the land area of all the world over which floats one flag. On that one flag each free nation inscribes its own emblem. Each of those national emblems means national sovereignty. The combined sovereignty of all those national emblems means good-will and peace among more than four hundred millions of the human race, building their democracies on all the continents, floating their commerce on all the seas, and out of every color and class and race and creed vitalising one brotherhood of nations wherever the British ensign floats. That is the international achieve-