

a great nation like Japan, the ally and friend of Great Britain; let us remember the importance of trade relations with both China and Japan, but above all let us never forget that there are considerations greater and higher than those of trade or material progress.

The Conservative party, which brought this splendid province into our great confederation, will ever maintain one supreme consideration to which all material considerations must give way; and it is this: British Columbia must remain a British and Canadian province, inhabited and dominated by men in whose veins runs the blood of those great pioneering races which built up and developed not only Western, but Eastern Canada. And while we recognize our duty to the great Empire whose flag shall always float above us, we respectfully and loyally maintain that Canada in so vital an essential as this must be accorded a freedom of judgment as perfect and unfettered as that exercised not only by the other great dominions of the Empire, but by Great Britain herself.