Crown, no matter what that "Crown" may be, unless that "Crown" is above them? They can hardly be under the "Crown" unless the "Crown" is above them. Is not the idea of a number of "nations" linked in perpetual alliance *under a common Crown* impossible and absurd, unless you at the same time provide for this common "Crown" that is to be above them all? And if you are going to have one common "Crown" under which they all shall be, how can they "each have full sovereign powers?" Is there not such a contradiction of terms and conditions here as no reasoning can reconcile? How can a number of independent self-governing states or nations owe allegiance to a *common Crown*, which "Crown" is the "Parliament of Great Britain," unless they remain subject to that parliament and through that parliament to the people that parliament represents? Can it be that the pill of "dismembering the British Empire" is being sugar-coated with the suggestion that Canada is to be "a nation with full sovereign powers, etc.—under a common "Crown?" And is the sugar coating when examined found to be a fraud, a delusion, an impossibility?

5. Would it not be better for those who want an independent Canada to declare at once that their ideal for Canada is that Canada should become an independent sovereign state or nation under no "Crown" or "parliament" or "people" except *our own*, if that is their intent; and that Canada shall not take the other course open to her choice and which course if successfully followed puts us upon a footing of equality with the people of Great Britain and Ireland, and which would lead us to demand direct representation for all the British people in an Imperial or Commonwealth Parliament to govern and control affairs of Imperial or Commonwealth concern. Let them be honest in the matter and declare their real intentions.

6. Suppose the idea in this quotation was carried out, what would it be right to do, in case, after a few years, Australia demanded to withdraw from the alliance or South Africa or Canada wished to withdraw? Would it be right