

exists between Canada and Great Britain, there is found to be still greater advantages, and a great desire on the part of the Canadian people to become incorporated, in the shape of a dozen distinctive commonwealths, into the glorious constellation that within the Union illumines the Western hemisphere, it would seem a natural and desirable result. Meantime if, in anticipation of or even to indefinitely postpone annexation, a practical Commercial Alliance is made, an achievement will be accomplished, taking rank in its consequences to mankind at large with such events as the Reformation, the Declaration of Independence and the Emancipation of the Slave.

In the grand procession of great events which in this world shape and mould the destiny of nations, some form of union between the English speaking people of this continent may be not the least significant. While Europe, even in times of profound peace, is an armed camp of warriors, and incurring an expenditure for defence far exceeding that of a great war, in this free America, by the creation of a mutuality of interests, in an honorable alliance, greater good can be done to mankind than is possible to all the combined armies of Europe. The growth of wealth by the development of resources now latent, the broadening of the opportunity for the coming generation, the provision for the food of the world, and an ample reward for industry, inventive skill and energetic effort, are all possible by the creation of a universal reciprocity on this continent, which will give the best and noblest illustration that has ever yet been afforded of the motto that "Peace hath her victories, no less renowned than War."