

to be a "nation." No people can justly claim such a title unless they can maintain or hope to maintain their independence against hostile attack. A "nation" also must be in a position to oppose force to force, if her interests or the interests of her people are threatened. Canada in these matters is absolutely and helplessly dependent upon the power of the Mother Country. We should bear in mind the outcry against the Bay of Fundy Fishery Arbitration, and the difficulty experienced in the Behring Sea Arbitration. She must see that questions requiring delicate yet firm handling are always cropping up, which in little or no way directly affect the interests of the rest of the Empire. It is therefore reasonable to expect that we should be pre-

pared to assert our rights, with some hope that the plea of our helplessness will not hurry the decision of a possible hostile people against us in the first moments of popular clamor. What sacrifices are made by other countries, such sacrifices are we prepared to make. The growth of this Dominion in population, commerce, wealth, and in the pride of race, warrants us in preparing for a great future. If the interests of this country and the interests of the British Empire demand that we should bear a greater burden in defence of these interests and rights, it may be accepted that the people at large will cheerfully answer the call of those who have the honor of the Dominion in their charge.

