

of death, there is no similar necessity for a continuous succession of nations. It does not seem requisite for the world's welfare that the parts of a great empire should, as their strength increases, be lopped off, and be left to work out a separate life and destiny. We Canadians at least need recognise for ourselves no such necessity. We may regret the scant attention that colonial interests have commonly received at the hands of British statesmen; we may regard our present relations with the mother-country as capable of improvement; we may discuss theories of Imperial Federation that shall admit us to higher national duties and responsibilities as our powers increase; but we shall proudly and hopefully continue to share the life and destiny of the Empire.