

the eyes of such men it ought to be a sort of pocket nation, and to think that the judgments of its courts should not be final and conclusive seems a matter of reproach to its self-sufficiency.

Other men carry the same idea into their Dominion politics, and in their eyes the Dominion is in some way at a disadvantage if it is not supreme and self-contained in all things, and by such men the possibility of an appeal from the Supreme Court of Canada is regarded as something to be ashamed of, and an illustration of our supposed political inferiority.

No Canadian would for a moment wish to belittle Canada. We are all proud of our land, and with good reason; but let us not forget that our chief glory and pride is not that we are Canadians, but that we are also the citizens of a world-wide Empire, and that our position in the world at large, and our personal freedom, not only in our own land, but in all lands to which we may choose to go, is not secured to us by Canadian power and Canadian ability to protect us, but by reason of the Imperial power of the British Empire, of which Canada is only a part. Let us never forget Magdala, and that a costly war was undertaken to vindicate the rights of a single British subject.

What should we think if the State of New York were to get up an agitation within its borders to prohibit all appeals to the Supreme Court of the United States; or to claim to make treaties for itself, or to be constantly putting the stars and stripes in the background, and putting the state flag of New York in the foreground, and trying to make the people of that state think more of the flag of the state, than of the flag of the Union?

We should think the people of that state who resorted to any such proceedings were playing a rather absurd and ridiculous part. But there seems to be a disposition in some quarters in Canada to do the same sort of thing.

The flag of the Empire, that great symbol of liberty, is not, forsooth, good enough! There must be a state flag for Canada. Resort must not be had to His Majesty in Council, because it is supposed in some way to be derogatory to our independence, as