

What nation has profited by it? The sword is not an instrument with which to build, but to destroy. (Hear, hear.) Shall we, then, with the warnings of history, transplant it to Canada and place a sword in every man's hand, or shall we rather, whilst defending the right, endeavor to promote the arts of peace?

Mr. Chairman, of our own free will we are citizens of no mean Empire. (Cheers.)

It is said that the Imperial tie has but the strength of a slender silken thread. We Canadians are not all of the same racial origin, neither do we all speak the same tongue, nor rejoice in the same glorious past; but there is one sentiment common to all Canadians, the love of liberty, and this sentiment not only makes of us one united Canadian people, but, finding as it does a response in the hearts of our fellow-citizens in the Motherland, gives to the Imperial tie, that slender silken thread, the strength of the hempen cable. (Applause.)

Militarism is the enemy of true liberty, and its adoption in Canada would go to weaken, if not destroy, the bond of union now so firmly and happily uniting us with the great mother of nations.

Follow In Britain's Steps.

It is Canada's ambition to follow all that is glorious in the annals of Great Britain. Canadian citizenship is now being extended to vast numbers of people, who, weary of old-world burdens, disappointments or oppressions, come here to breathe the air of free Canada, to share with us in her bounteous gifts and assist us in building up in this western world a Greater Britain, suggesting the thought that the centre of empire may yet be in British North America. (Cheers.) But be that as it may, Canada's task awaits her.

Ever guided by the torch of liberty, instead of destroying with the sword, let her aim be to acquire industrial dominion over her fertile lands, her productive waters, her mines, her forests; to drive away the solitude of her vast unoccupied areas with the cheerful music of human voices and hum of productive machinery; to awaken her dormant wealth, lying everywhere easily within man's grasp; to extend her commerce to the uttermost corners of the earth, and to make the name of Canada everywhere stand for freedom and progress.