

the associations of imperiousness and domination over dependencies, which cling to them, roll so sweetly on the tongue.

By the inevitable association of ideas, derived from the facts of past and present history, Imperialism suggests either the absolute domination of a country by an external power or the indivisible unity of a single nation absolutely sovereign over all its parts. This is why Imperialism will not, and cannot, succeed in Canada. It is useless to say that we do not mean any such thing by our "Imperialism". If we do not, then we should not use the word but find another that will express properly our ideas and purposes, rather than suggest difficulties and arouse opposition.

There can be no doubt that our present uncertainty arises from the impossibility of reconciling pure British Nationalism with pure Canadian Nationalism and from our failure to recognize openly our actual dissatisfaction with both of them. What we are really groping to find is a third alternative, a way out of this *impasse*.

Canadians will, I believe, find this way (1) by a simple and plain rejection of "Imperialism" with all its inevitable implications, and (2) by a simple and plain and openly avowed modification, amounting in effect to a rejection, of the pure Nationalism of Europe. To do these things we must talk not of "the Empire" but rather of "the United Nations". The self-governing Dominions should so develop their strength, their importance, and their autonomy in its widest sense, as to show to the world that they clearly and undeniably might, if they so wished, declare their independence and assume their places among the present nations as the equals of the best of them; but they should nevertheless deliberately and consciously refrain from that declaration and declare this rather—"The older nations may stay apart if they will, they may adhere to the old system of rivalry and disintegration if they please, but as for us, the younger nations, the children of a new and better day, we propose to submit to a legal and political tie binding us together