

dian troops in the Soudan campaign. The pretension of the militant wing of the Imperialistic party that Canada and the other overseas dominions were under an obligation to participate in the general defence of the Empire was not only opposed but ridiculed by leading Canadian statesmen during the period that intervened between the Soudan expedition and the South African war. No stronger exposition of Canadian nationalism was ever made than that which was contained in Sir Charles Tupper's Winnipeg speech of 1893. The great Nova Scotian spoke with full knowledge of all the facts and circumstances as having been one of the principal framers of Confederation he was fully aware of the principles upon which the establishment of the Dominion was based. Not only did he stand by those principles but he most strenuously opposed the idea of any change whatever in the constitutional relations of Canada to the Mother country that would have the effect of interfering with the Dominion's autonomy in the slightest degree. His words though uttered nearly a quarter of a century ago convey a much needed warning to Canadians of to-day. "*I am perfectly satisfied*" said Sir Charles Tupper on that occasion "*that a more unwise, a more injudicious, thing could not possibly occur to Canada than to change her constitution in any radical respect whatever. We have a constitution that has stood the test of more than a quarter of a century and that I would not be willing for any representation in the Imperial Parliament or anything else to change in any material respect... We must ever retain the entire, complete and independent management of our own affairs.*"

The sane national principles enunciated by the great Nova Scotian were later on warmly endorsed and on more than one occasion ably and eloquently supported by that other great Canadian statesman, Sir Wilfrid Laurier. As early as 1891, in his famous Boston speech Laurier upheld Canadian ideals and unequivocally condemned the ultra-Imperialistic aims "Canada" said the Liberal leader on that occasion "is still a colony and it is the destiny of colonies to become independent nations? That is a problem