

United States and Japan will have great commercial fleets and organization for export trade and command of home markets such as they never possessed before, all natural and legitimate developments of national policy, but not to be lost upon Canada as example and inspiration.

In face of all these facts and considerations, there is, I submit, overwhelming reasons for co-operation instead of conflict in Canada, for co-operation between East and West, between Farmers and Manufacturers, and between employers and workers. There may be necessity for mutual concessions, for accommodation, for compromise. One does not need to come west to know that among the leaders in Western Agriculture and Western Commerce there are men of equal stature with any that we have in the East, as devoted to Canada, as unaffected by class or sectional consideration. In the West, however, one does see this more clearly and feel it more strongly, and in proportion as one understands he has the stronger assurance that the general interests of Canada will govern every vital decision of the Canadian people. All the East can ask from the West is that its people shall understand Eastern conditions and problems. A like obligation lies

upon the Eastern people. Surely such understanding would be vitally assisted by periodical conferences between representatives of agriculture, commerce and industry in the two great sections of Canada. Surely the difficult and perplexing problems of reconstruction make such conferences peculiarly desirable and necessary. We are at the close of an era in Canada. War has regrouped the Nations. In the great conflict in the old world the unity of the race to which we belong has been reestablished. In the new relation between Great Britain and the United States, we shall have a mighty power to keep the world's peace if we interpret the British Empire aright, and by our example help to bind the English speaking peoples in enduring amity and unity. We have had to cast some of our international jealousies and prejudices upon the rubbish heap of time and perhaps we shall see our own problems more clearly in the future because our vision will not be obscured by inherited prejudices and ancient enmities. In the West one gets the vision of what Canada may be, and feels to the full how poor and insignificant are all other considerations in comparison with the unity and stability of the commonwealth.