

"irrevocably a position of isolation and hostility to the League, and
"I trust that with reasonable patience it will be possible for the
"League to work out a settlement which Japan can see its way to ac-
"cept. If Japan indicates any genuine readiness to seek a solution
"consistent with League obligation as well as her own special in-
"terests in Manchuria, it would seem undesirable to make such a settle-
"ment difficult by precipitate action. At the same time, after having
"exhausted all available means for effecting the reconciliation and
"amicable agreement of the two parties, further delay without any
"clear evidence of readiness to co-operate on the part of Japan might
"prove most unfortunate.

"If, as has been suggested, the United States of America and
"Russia should be asked to co-operate with the Committee of Nineteen
"or with some other special committee of the Assembly, the Canadian
"Government would endorse the adoption of such a procedure. Above all
"we desire the permanent reconciliation and agreement of our two
"friendly neighbours, China and Japan, and the continued co-operation
"of both as members of the League in fulfilling its paramount purpose
"of preserving the peace of the world."

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From the extracts which I have read above, you will see that on the whole
Mr. Cahan excuses Japan, condemns China because of her chaotic condition,
and deprecates League, or in fact any, action. But he does plead with
Japan to be reasonable, and to accept any satisfactory solution offered
by the League. In another section of his speech (which I have not time
to read) he cites with approval the British action in China in 1927 and
offers it as an excuse for Japanese action in 1931. In all this he, too,
is basing his statements on the first two essentials of Canadian Foreign
policy, and is ignoring the other; and quite frankly, I do not think
that is enough, or good enough, for as the Star points out in its
editorial:

Montreal Daily Star, Dec. 22/33 (Editorial)

"Two other factors enter here which concern the world. Is the
"talk about extending the rule of the young Emperor to Peiping all
"moonshine? Or do the astute Japanese envisage the gradual creation
"of a mighty Nippon-North China nation, two hundred million strong,
"with the best military material in the world, under Japanese drill-
"masters? Uncle Sam might become thoughtful about this, even if he
"does think of abandoning the Philippines. Then there is Russia.
"China, having apparently given up all hope of being rescued by
"Washington, seems to be turning to Moscow. That might make many
"people thoughtful, first and foremost the very Japanese who have
"been so persistently prodding the Dragon."

And as I might suggest further, it does not strengthen the position of
the League, or give any nation - among them France - any guarantee that
if they disarm, or give up any of the obvious if unfair advantages
they now possess, that they will not suffer the fate of China when the
suitable occasion arises.

These, ladies and gentlemen, are my comments on a Canadian Policy
in the Far East. I regret the might-have-beens, if this or that had
been, done or happened, but at the moment I have nothing to suggest to