

their interests shall be in a very special degree the care of their national Government, and particularly that every citizen has a right to expect the protection of his Government against any act of injustice from outside. Individuals may be left to fight their own battles with individual competitors in foreign parts, but individual British citizens should not be left to fight single-handed gigantic national combinations made against them by foreign citizens under the direct protection of foreign laws.

If we in Canada feel that we can count upon our brothers in the United Kingdom, in Australasia, in South Africa and in the West Indies to stand shoulder to shoulder with us for the protection of our rights and interests, not only in time of war but in time of peace, we shall develop in a much more complete way than we can ever hope to do so long as each of us individually has to contend with the unlimited use that is made by foreigners of their power to injure our commercial interests.