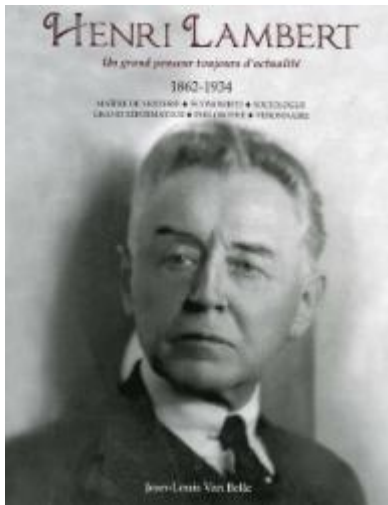


5. Reform of colonial regimes – Internationalisation



"Who could dispute that in provoking the internationalisation of the Congo, the Belgians would have sided with the noblest and most worthy, as well as the wisest and most patriotic, and that they would have enjoyed the high regard and sympathy of all peoples? Man in our time no longer has the right to hinder human progress, even if it appears in endless visions. There certainly is no reason that can be devised that one day, the international work of ideal colonisation being accomplished or in process of accomplishment, the other "Congos" – Portuguese, English, French, maybe other neighbours – will be spontaneously joined to the "Belgian Congo" in the purpose of enlarging the first "human colony", this first "international state".

– Henri Lambert