

of the King, Newfoundland, the oldest of our Colonies, and the first visited by His Majesty in 1860. The hardy seafaring population of this island gave us a reception the cordiality of which is still fresh in our memories. Now, if I was asked to specify any particular impression derived from our journey I should unhesitatingly place

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before all others that of loyalty to the Crown and of attachment to the Old Country. (Cheers.) It was, indeed, touching to hear the invariable references to "home," even from the lips of those who never had been or were ever likely to be in these islands. And with this loyalty were unmistakable evidences of a consciousness of strength, a consciousness of a true and living membership in the Empire, and a consciousness of power and readiness to share the burdens and responsibilities of that membership. (Cheers.) And were I to seek for the causes which have created and fostered this spirit, I should venture to attribute them in a very large degree to the life and example of our late beloved Sovereign. (Cheers.) It would be difficult to exaggerate the signs of genuine sorrow for her loss and of love for her memory which we found among all races in the most remote districts which we visited. Besides this, may we not find another cause—the wise and just policy which in the last half century has been continuously maintained towards our Colonies? As a result of the happy relations thus created between the Mother Country and her Colonies, we have seen their spontaneous rally round the old flag in defence of the nation's honour in South Africa. (Cheers.) I had ample opportunities to form some estimate of the military strength of Australia; New Zealand, and Canada, having had the privilege of reviewing upwards of 60,000 troops. Abundant and excellent material is available, requiring only that moulding into shape which can be readily effected by the hands of capable and experienced officers. I am anxious to refer