

bids her go in peace the better. The spirit of Demetrius, the silver-smith who saw his craft in danger, is not the spirit which actuates the mass of the people in Canada. The proof of the loyalty of the most and best Canadians is that they say nothing about it. A wholesome child does not think or speak of his affection for his parents or cousins. Words are unnecessary; if they are necessary, the sentiment is wanting. Loyalty, like affection is a thing of the heart. It is not of the mouth or the pocket. Those who proclaim that it is merit the stern Miltonic rebuke: "Blind mouths; for their bellies' sake, they scramble at the feast." Canada's loyalty is her birth-right. Small danger that she will barter it for a mess of money in which only these will share.

Nor is our loyalty a product of fear. If ever the time comes that Canada is in danger of invasion, it will be but part of world-wide complications in which England will have employment for her forces elsewhere. We shall try to shift for ourselves, and perhaps spare a hand for her besides. The thing has been tried three times already without an encouraging result to the invader. More ignoble still is the plea that we have paid down part of the price for commercial favours by our assistance in South Africa.

What now can Canada do? We can attend to our own proper business. "They also serve who only stand and"—work. We can build our railways, enlarge our canals, and make safe our harbours. We can grow more wheat, breed better cattle, take more fish from the sea, mine more metals from the earth, and pay the fine for buying our goods in England. In eight years we shall be exporting wheat for consumption in the United States. In the life-time of some of the present generation we shall have a greater population than England now enjoys. We can take her surplus population, good and bad. Last year in London alone there were 123,000 legal poor. In twenty years there need be none. We can make men of them, or demonstrate that there is no stuff in them of which men can be made. A man who cannot make a living in Canada for himself and his family is not worth keeping alive.