

the English might well reply, like Harpagon, *Je voudrais toucher quelque chose*, and nothing will convince the plain man that these laboriously accumulated contributions to British causes liable to be lost to Britain on the assumption of Canadian independence, those services rendered without any thought of the recipient, paid for in great part with the price of lands which were themselves a British gift, are equivalent to the maintenance of ships and regiments available for service in various parts of the world. The New Canadian Patriotism, it seems to me, will go further than this. I have spoken to many Canadians on this subject and in reply to the question : Would you be willing to pay increased taxes in order to contribute to the British Navy? I have yet to receive a negative answer. The time will soon come, if indeed it be not already here, in which the policy outlined with such foresight by the Hon. Joseph Howe, materially advanced in his own way by the late Sir John Macdonald, supported too by Sir Charles Tupper, produced so brilliantly, with a master's eye to the *mise en scène*, by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, to mention only the most eminent of many distinguished Imperialists, will receive its grand consummation in a scheme whereby Canadians will imprint their stamp on civilization throughout the world, at the same time that they tighten the bond which represents the higher ideas of loyalty, gratitude, filial piety. For, inspired by the New Patriotism, Canadians will work out their destiny as loyal, but ambitious subjects of the British crown, shaping and readjusting the precise form of the relation to suit the needs and aspirations of the hour. Sir Wilfrid may be right in saying that, if