

extend our prosperity, and add to our security. (Loud cheers.) I myself believe that the system of Government under which we in common with the rest of the Empire live, is one that is most likely to give us liberty and order; and I believe that there is scope enough in this portion of North America which is under the British Crown to form a nation under that system which may become equal to any other in any portion of the earth, and that will redound and contribute to the glory, happiness and welfare of the world. (Loud cheers.) I should have been most happy, Sir, to the best of my humble ability, to have gone more elaborately into the question of chief importance now before the people of Canada; but considering the very late hour, and the fatigue which I have undergone, and which unfits me to perform the labor, I shall crave your kind consideration and indulgence, and close my remarks by joining my colleagues in expressing my thanks for this magnificent demonstration, for which we all feel very much indebted to the inhabitants of this section of the country. (Loud cheers.) I look upon this part of Canada as the mother, as it were, of our portion in the West. In the last thirty years I have found all around me men occupying leading positions in almost every profession and branch of business, and when I became acquainted with them and inquired as to their native place, I have found that they have come from these united counties of Stormount, Dundas and Glengarry. (Cheers.) I may add that I have never met with any who did discredit to their parentage or birthplace. (Loud and hearty cheering.)

Mr. MCGIVERIN—I feel that at this late hour I ought not to detain you, but having been requested to propose "the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry," I cannot decline the honor. This occasion is certainly a very important one. The period is eventful, for we are in the midst of circumstances which will have a great influence on the future of the country. We are forming, I may say, a new nationality, and it is the plain duty of all, of whatever shade of political feeling, to sink party politics at least for the time, and unite in carrying into effect that great scheme of Union now before the people. (Cheers.) I am here somewhat accidentally; but I feel happy that I am here that I may testify by my presence and voice that Mr. Howland, my political leader in the Government, shall have my support in developing into practice the Confederation agreed upon at the Conference at Quebec, which was afterwards so unanimously sustained by the liberal party in Upper Canada. I have always identified myself in this country with the liberal interest, and I have honestly sustained and supported the liberal principle of government ever since I have had a vote, nor do I intend to change. As I understand this question, after the plans for the confederation of the Provinces had arrived at a certain stage, the matter was submitted by Hon. Mr. Brown to the liberal members from Upper Canada, who, after maturely considering the great subject in all its possible bearings, felt that justice and their plain duty to themselves, to their constituents and to their country, rendered it necessary to sink all party feelings and differences for the accomplishment of these purposes. (Cheers.) There is no doubt that party feeling for some years had risen to an extreme, nay, even to an alarm-