

speakers recalled interesting and characteristic incidents in the career of Washington and Mr. Taft, notwithstanding the heat of the day, handled the spade with such energy as to evoke applause and laughter. The great party later assembled in front of the Washington Homestead where a capital photograph was taken, Mr. Taft being the central figure and the Canadians gathered round about him. A pleasant hour was spent wandering through the old colonial mansion and about the lawns and gardens kept up, it is said, just as in Washington's time, and then a re-assembling for the return trip.

That evening in Memorial Hall, Sir Charles Fitzpatrick delivered the principal address of the meeting; his subject being "The Constitution of Canada." This afforded Sir Charles an opportunity of declaring, as he did with emphasis—not once but thrice—that Canada in this crisis in the affairs of the British Empire would contribute her last dollar, and, if need be, give her last man in behalf of the Empire. This sentiment was loudly applauded by the Canadians present and greeted with generous applause in all parts of the magnificent auditorium. Later that evening the hotel orchestra greeted the guests in Peacock Alley several times with "It's a long way to Tipperary," receiving well merited applause from those to whom it appealed.

Sir Charles Fitzpatrick is reported (in part) as follows by the *Washington Herald*:—

"The Dominion of Canada will spend not only its last dollar but will sacrifice its last man in the cause of England in the European war. This wonderful loyalty was born in the spirit that moves the machinery of the British Empire.

Addressing William Howard Taft, who presided as president of the Association, the Chief Justice of the United States, and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court and an assemblage of diplomats, members of Congress and jurists and barristers from all parts of the land, Sir Charles awakened salvos of applause when he admitted that the Empire's philosophy of politics may be wrong and its machinery of government faulty but