

'Oh, no, it will be a peer or an earl probably.' For my part I hope they will make him neither, for I as one of his friends would feel great diffidence in approaching him either as Lord Blake or Earl of Longford." (Laughter.) In closing, Mr. Hardy strongly expressed his belief that the dawn appears, that daybreak is almost here, and that we shall all live to see the Home Rule day in the full splendor of its meridian.

Dr. Bergin, M.P., spoke briefly, but with much vigor. He said that in a paper supposed to be the organ of the Conservative party, to which he belonged—a paper published in this city—he had seen a dastardly article on Hon. Edward Blake, and, despite sore domestic affliction, had felt it his duty not only as a member of the Conservative party, but as a citizen, to come and enter an emphatic protest against such language. (Loud cheers.) In doing so he only echoed the sentiments of every honest Conservative and of every public man who valued the endorsement of his own conscience.

Senator Sullivan, speaking on behalf of the friends of Home Rule in Kingston, the Derry of Canada, joined in the words of welcome.

HON. PETER MITCHELL'S SPEECH.

Hon. Peter Mitchell, in response to repeated calls, came forward and in a few neat phrases expressed his pleasure in being present and hearing one of Canada's greatest orators so lucidly explain the provisions of the Home Rule programme. As a Home Ruler from away back he had, as Mr. Blake said, been forced to oppose Home Rule resolutions in the Dominion House because they did not go far enough. As one of the eight living fathers of Confederation he thought he might speak of the benefits of Home Rule with some authority. In the old days Lord John Russell expressed the opinion that it would be of advantage should Canada break loose. Times were changed since then, and now no

English statesman would express such sentiments about the greatest colony. As Canadians, who had been so advantaged by the Home Rule given by Confederation, we should be prepared to stand up for a similar measure to Ireland. (Cheers.)

Mr. C. Devlin, M.P., who rose after 11.30, held his audience while he declared his loyalty to be as great despite the cruel wrongs and years of oppression meted out to Ireland as any of those who will flaunt their loyalty to-morrow evening.

Mr. Joseph Tait, M.P.P., said that having received an invitation to speak at another meeting called to save the Empire, he had dropped in accompanied by G. B. Smith to see if the Empire really was in danger. In a few humorous sentences he expressed the opinion that it was not.

With a vote of thanks to the chairman, proposed by Mr. P. Boyle, and seconded by Mr. B. Lynch, the demonstration was brought to a close, and a quarter before midnight the vast audience dispersed after singing God Save the Queen, and cheering for Mr. Blake.

AN APPEAL FOR HELP.

TO THE FRIENDS OF THE IRISH HOME RULE
MOVEMENT,

With hope and confidence that increase daily Ireland enters upon her last struggle for self-government, and looks to her children and friends everywhere for practical sympathy in this her crucial hour. The present Parliament of England has already acknowledged the reasonableness of her claims, and will most certainly grant her just demands. But it is still a combat against prejudice that stoops not to consult either reason or history—a contest of the weak against the strong—of the poor and helpless against the rich and powerful. In this most h and yet most trying emergency I

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