

the administration, sir, that they have submitted this measure to us under false pretences, and I do not consider that observation too strong. I charge upon the administration that they put into the mouth of His Royal Highness the Governor-General assertions which were absolutely unfounded in fact, when they placed in the speech from the throne the assertion that a condition of things exists in Great Britain which makes it imperative that the naval forces of the Empire should at once be strengthened. I say there is not the shadow of foundation for such an assertion. There is one fact in the situation which I think shows that there is no intention on the part of Germany to attack England, and that fact is the German Emperor. The German Emperor is undoubtedly one of the great men of the present age. By intellect, by character, by moral fibre, he has shown himself wonderfully endowed. In the first years of his reign some of his utterances sent a shiver through those who had the peace of the world at heart. Many believed that he was, perhaps, hankering for the glamor of military glory. But, as he advanced in years, and as crisis after crisis came, his patient influence was always directed towards peace. And the day may come when, like his illustrious uncle, our late King, he may be called 'The Peace Maker.' "

On this line of argument parliament was kept in session for days and months by Laurierism until the government were obliged to bring down a closure