

for nothing more; we make no demand; we want what the constitution gives us and we will insist upon having it. We shall not need to insist upon having it, for we have confidence that the Government at Ottawa will do justice by us. (Cheers.) That is our position. But we want to go a little further.

Growing Responsibilities.

We want to feel more and more the growing responsibilities upon us—shall I say the growing responsibilities upon the Dominion of Canada, of which Ontario is the most important part? W. T. Stead says in his character sketch of Cecil Rhodes that some men think in parishes, some men think in nations, and some men think in continents. I want the people of Ontario to think as a part of the British Empire, as an integral part of the great empire, whose flag we all recognize, and of whose Queen we are loyal subjects. (Cheers.) Let me say that one of the most pleasant features of my administration as Minister of Education is this fact: that I believe I was able to instil into the half million of school children of the Province a greater love for Ontario, for Canada and for the empire than they previously entertained. (Cheers.) That was done in two ways. When I came in as Minister the history of Canada was not studied in our public schools, except in a desultory way. I made instruction in Canadian history compulsory. The history we had was purely a history of the Province. I organized a committee and placed myself in communication with the Superintendents of Education in all the Provinces, whereby we get a history of the Dominion not only in the schools of Ontario but in those of every Province from the Atlantic to the Pacific. I do not want the people of my native Province to be parochial. (Cheers.)

Future of Canada.

We must rise to a conception of the magnitude of our position as Canadians. Canada as owner of half a continent is destined to have a future, the brilliancy of which and the success of which no one can anticipate. Why, at the beginning of this century the population of the United States was only 5,000,000. Scarcely a hundred years have flown away, and to-day their population is estimated at 75,000,000. In 20, 30 or 40 years what will the popu-