

in official form from the maturer wisdom of Canada. Whatever conditions Queensland annexes, she must bide the result. Let her devote to the good purpose whatever she thinks she can afford, and we shall ask our Government to do the like, so that out of our abundance we shall not prove slack or wanting. But with regard to our assuming the part of questioning each Colony as to whether it wants more or less immigration now or next year, I disclaim that as fatal to all good understanding between the mother-country and the Colonies. A gentleman who attended here when Sir Alexander Galt gave his lecture—I mean Mr. Anderson—thought fit the other day to question the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies in the House of Commons regarding the nature of the despatch from Canada, and the manner in which it has to be dealt with, and put certain constructions upon its terms with a view, it seemed, of warning Parliament not to give any sanction to the offer made by Canada. I should not have silently acquiesced in this adverse proceeding; and, had it been necessary, I was prepared to put other questions calculated to set the matter right in the eyes of the House; but I was saved all trouble by Mr. Grant Duff replying that Lord Lorne's despatch had been referred to the Irish Government, and that the matter was in course of negotiation; and that, speaking for the Colonial Office, he did not put that construction upon the terms of the despatch which Mr. Anderson did. (Hear, hear.) I thank you very much for the attention you have paid to my suggestions, and I have the honour to move our hearty thanks to Lord Dunraven, and to testify to him our sense of the advantages which the cause will receive from his presidency amongst us. (Loud cheers.)