

Canadians, loyal subjects of one Sovereign yet attached to our native soil and glorying in the young, vigorous, national life which has been so freely accorded to us, while we are still attached and loyal members of that great and mighty empire to which it is our pride to belong. (Applause.) I shall not attempt to detain the House by dwelling upon the pluck and endurance displayed by our volunteers, their cheerful and patient endurance of hardships and privations, and their gallant conduct under fire, which has called forth such high encomiums from the Major-General commanding them, and I shall only briefly say how heartily I concur with what has fallen from the leader of the Government, and in what has fallen from the leader of the Opposition in reference to the brave and gallant Major-General, himself, and especially to the considerate and judicious and, if I may use the expression, "the fatherly way" in which he commanded our citizen troops throughout the whole campaign. I would desire however for a moment to call the attention of the House to the fact that the men of whom we are so justly proud were drawn from all classes of the community as well as from all parts of the Dominion. They come from the town and from the country, from the counting house and the farm, from the bank and from the workshops, and the universities, and the legislature, law and medicine, ay, and the Church, too, were all represented—all were equally ready and anxious to obey the summons when it came, and all have equally borne themselves throughout the whole campaign as brave and loyal soldiers. I desire not to speak in any vain-glorious or boastful spirit as if our brief North-West campaign were a great war, but I think I may surely go this far and say that in the spirit which has been evoked and which has been displayed by men of all ranks, and from all parts of the Dominion, we have a cheering proof that Canadians, without distinction, believe that they have a country which is well worth making sacrifices for, and I will only add I feel assured that in this same spirit of brave and manly patriotism, the noble heritage which God has given us on this North American Continent will be guarded and preserved alike by those who come from "the little isles beyond

the sea," and those who are descended from them, and by our brave and loyal fellow subjects who trace back their lineage to that great country which first brought Christianity and civilization to our shores. (Applause.) All honor, then, gentlemen to our volunteers, and I only hope that when the vote is taken it will be taken all standing, and it will show that it is not merely lip service we render them, but we offer them the homage of our hearts. (Cheers.)

HON. MR. TRUDEL—Before the vote is taken I wish to add a few words. I think amongst the merits of the general campaign in the North-West there is one which should be pointed out, and which has not been referred to. It is no secret that amongst those unfortunate rebels there were many for whom the people of one of our provinces had great sympathy. There are two questions in this matter. There is the question of the causes of the rebellion and there is the rebellion itself. I think there are not two opinions on that point. We were all united in the feeling that this rebellion should be stamped out immediately, and we all agree in complimenting the gallant officers who commanded the Canadian troops; but at the same time, for those who had sympathy with a portion of the population out there I may say it was to them most gratifying to find General Middleton displaying such a moderate and charitable feeling towards those deluded people. It is a fact that, as far as we can judge, our Major-General found means to reconcile in a high degree his sense of duty as a commanding officer with a spirit of moderation and charity very seldom found under such circumstances. Therefore I thought it was my duty, in the name of the province which we specially represent here, to compliment him on this aspect of the affair.

HON. MR. KAULBACH—I will not occupy the time of the House with any extended remarks. I merely rise to say a word for those volunteers who were not sent to the front. I know that the militia of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, and particularly those of my own county, the battalion which I have the honor to command, were ready at the call of duty to go