

cheers.) This has been done because we know that the people of New Zealand are anxious to show in a proper way and proper spirit their appreciation of the noble deeds performed by those brave men who have so heroically defended Mafeking, and on Monday we will show the outside world that we are true and loyal Britishers in every sense of the term. (Prolonged cheering and 'God Save the Queen' sung with great enthusiasm.)

"'God Save the Queen' has been sung and our beloved Sovereign will be overjoyed to know that her brave soldiers at Mafeking have upheld the honor and prestige of that great Empire over which she has so nobly ruled and I may say in the words of Kipling :

'Hail! snatched and bartered oft from hand to hand
I dream my dream by rock and heath and pine
Of Empire to the northward; ay, one land
From lion's head to line.'

"We in this distant part of our Empire can say that we are proud of our Queen, we are proud of our country, we are proud of our noble defenders, and are especially proud of our brave Baden-Powell and his men. (Great cheering and a chorus of voices, 'We're proud of Baden-Powell.') I can only rejoice that the pent-up feelings of the masses of people in New England are now happily relieved, and that the defenders of Mafeking have triumphed over Boer treachery and aggression. (Cheers.)

"And if it is necessary in the future, I know that we shall all be prepared to stand by a nation which possesses men of the stamp of Baden-Powell, and those other officers and men who have fought so well in South Africa (cheers) and we will continue, if needed, to send men, women and money to assist in upholding 'the Union Jack of Old England.' (Cheers.) I now ask you to give three hearty cheers for Lord Roberts. (These were enthusiastically given.) Let us give three ringing cheers for Mafeking's brilliant defender Baden-Powell. (Uproarious cheering, and the band played, while the crowd sang 'For he's a Jolly Good Fellow.')

"And now let us remember, while we are rejoicing over and