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NEMO NEMINIS, *Poland.*

HIS SPEECH TOUCHING CANADA.

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MR. NEMO NEMINIS was the next speaker. He said the character of this meeting, for numbers and influence, was worthy of the grave occasion which called them together and creditable to the spirit and intelligence of the Canadian people. The resolution committed to his care, presented the case which they had to consider, and he prayed their attention while he should read it:—

“*Resolved*,—That the recent discussions in both branches of the Imperial Legislature on the Defences of Canada, disclose a state of opinion and feeling on the part of British Statesmen which demands the prompt and serious consideration of the people of this province.”

Had the resolution been more specific, (he continued,) it might have pleased me better, but I am not disposed to quarrel with its general terms, since I find myself just now in such a ready position to rectify its defects by a reference to particulars. It is very evident from these discussions in the British Parliament, that we have not met the expectations of British statesmen in the provision which we have made for our defence in case of invasion. They treat our quota of militia, provided by the late act, as nothing, and think that we should multiply it ten-fold. But they do not seem to consider what such a multiplication would involve. Nor do they give us any reasonable assurance, for they cannot, that even a twenty-fold multiplication would be adequate for its intended purpose, if the dreadful emergency of war should come. Such differences of opinion between the Imperial and Provincial Legislatures can hardly be avoided when local legislation is reviewed by