

crease its wealth and prosperity? Because we are under the protection of the navy of Great Britain. (Hear, hear.) Because we have behind us the power of that great Empire. If it were not for that we would at once begin to see whether we would have the comfortable, easy, safe, secure condition of affairs under which we are so flourishing to-day. Now, make no mistake about that. Remember that from the very beginning this country has excited the cupidity of our neighbors to the south. They came up in 1775 to conquer, and they tried in 1812-13-14 to do the same thing. Thanks to the power of the Empire, thanks to the protecting care of our mother country, and thanks also to the splendid efforts of our own people individually for their freedom in this country—we have been able to hold our own. But do we not see now that other nations—the United States themselves have tried other methods, to induce us into their ranks. We know that even Japan is casting covetous eyes upon our western Provinces; and, gentlemen, if Germany should get on top, there is no place in all the world more calculated to excite her cupidity than this very country of Canada (Hear, hear) Now, if that is the case, where does our safety lie? It consists in standing by the Empire that has always stood by us (Hear, hear) It depends upon our being willing to do all in our power to help the strength of that Empire under which alone we can