

## WHAT OF CANADA?

he promised that they would be "emancipated from tyranny and oppression and restored to the dignified station of freedom."

And General Sutherland a quarter of a century later leading an army of "Sympathizers" into my Province was acting to free the land from tyranny and to destroy the "Hordes of worthless parasites of the British crown \* \* \* quartered upon you to devour your substance, to outrage your rights, to let loose upon your defenceless wives and daughters a brutal soldiery."

That Canadians were unable to see that they were not in a dignified station of freedom, that they could not remember any parasites of the Crown and that they fought and hundreds died in repelling these invasions, no diminution of the benevolent instincts of the invaders.

Even the American Fenians of 1866 cherished kindly feelings toward us, offering us freedom from the tyranny of England.<sup>2</sup>

But if such were the sentiments of the Americans in war who can enumerate the countless instances of exhibition of friendship in peace?

That very great American who has just passed from us, the American who seemed to typify the American spirit more than any other man of our generation, one whom I loved as a brother and differed from in almost every conceivable question, when inspecting the Canal Zone gave utterance to a sentiment in which I think you all agree. We are told that making an inspection of the wards of Ancon Hospital, C. Z., the commanding officer accompanying him explained as they passed from building to building the classifications of the occupants stating the terms "American Medical Ward," "American Surgical Ward," etc. On approaching another the introduction was "Foreign Surgical Ward". On their entrance, an ex-soldier of the British army stood at attention and saluted. This arrested his attention and he, returning the salute, spoke to the patient asking several pertinent questions, at the close of which he turned to the C. O., saying: "Did you not tell me this is the foreign ward? What is this patient doing here? No Britisher is a foreigner to an American. Have this man transferred to an American Ward."

These words of Theodore Roosevelt——there is no

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(2) I see that the Sirn Feiners are declaring that they will gladly fight for us. We really do not need their assistance; we are quite able to look after ourselves and to do any fighting that is necessary.