

great political problem which has received a favorable solution in Canada, might, by the application of the same methods, produce the same results in Ireland; that the concession of a system of self-government similar to our own, and an amelioration of the landed system, might make Her Majesty's subjects in Ireland as happy, contented, prosperous and loyal, as are Her Majesty's subjects in Canada. It may be said that we have nothing to do with this matter, and that this Parliament has no right to discuss the condition of things which exist in another part of the Empire. We might be told that it is *ultra vires*, and that the inferior cannot advise or dictate to the superior Legislature; but I would submit that what touches the honor and well-being of one part of the Empire touches the honor of all. At any rate, we are free men, in a free Parliament, and from time immemorial every British subject has had the right to lay his petitions and remonstrances at the foot of the Throne. Only the other day when Her Majesty's life was attacked by a vile assassin, it was thought right and proper that the Canadian Parliament should give expression to the feelings of loyalty and devotion which animated the whole Canadian people. If this was fitting in a case affecting Her Majesty's life, it cannot, surely, be improper in a case affecting Her Majesty's honor, for Her Majesty's honor is intimately concerned with whatever affects the well-being and good government of every portion of Her Dominions. We have a great destiny before us. It has fallen to our lot to build up and maintain a great Dominion for Her Majesty in the northern part of this continent. We are bound to hold against all odds this outpost of the Empire. It is, therefore, of the greatest importance to us that every ship that crosses the Atlantic should be freighted with gallant and generous defenders, and not with deadly and dangerous foes. It is of the greatest importance to us that the men who come to aid us in this great work should honor and revere British institutions, and not be imbued with feelings of hatred and horror of the English name. Contrast the condition of things which exists in Ireland with what exists in Canada to-day. Every one must have read with feelings of pain the reports of the progress of Her Majesty's Secretary, Mr. Forster, through Ireland. In his visit that gentleman was protected by an army of soldiers and policemen. It was regarded as a most daring act that Her Majesty's representative was able to pass through that portion of Her Dominions with safety. These reports remind us of Russian, and not English life. One can