

should knock them down ; but we do not wish that this fortress, so recently repaired, should ever be required for defensive purposes, except in the sense mentioned by Sir Charles Tupper, viz., increasing the resources of the country by attracting people to it. I am glad to hear such a great concurrence of testimony as to the success of the meeting at Montreal. When the question was first mooted, I thought that, knowing how difficult John Bull was to persuade and move, it would be a tough job to bring him over. However, with a strong pull, a long pull, and a pull all together, the effort was successful. I remember that one of the keenest in making the first overtures was my friend Bishop Lewis, of Ontario, and after some opposition from members of the Association, and also from influential members of the Press, the meeting was brought about. I hope the visit is one which will be repeated, not only in Canada, but also in Australia. It might be too much to ask the members of the Association to go to India. They might, perhaps, be of opinion that in Canada and in Australia they might enlarge their minds, and that they would only go to India to enlarge their livers. Still, we may live to see the meeting of the Association held in Calcutta or in Bombay. Some observations made this evening have been of especial value. It has always been rather an uphill task to persuade the Canadian House of Commons how important are the geological surveys, and I welcome the expression of opinion, on the part of a prominent officer of the British Association, that with such an enormous country considerable expense is necessary in order to fully elucidate the mineral resources of Canada. I hope Professor Bonney's words will be borne in mind in Canada. With regard to the conservation of forests, we must not wholly lay the blame upon the Government for the destruction that is going on, because the forests are in the hands not of the Federal Government but of the Provincial Governments. With regard to the Province of Ontario a great deal has been done, and on the right lines, to induce a more scientific cultivation of the land, in the foundation of such excellent colleges as the Guelph Agricultural College. I am sure you will be glad to join me in this vote of thanks, and say that if in future any British Government neglects the interests of the Colonies the British Association may be expected to lead the revolt, and overthrow such persons as no longer worthy of their places.

The motion was passed with acclamation.

General Sir J. HENRY LEFROY, K. C. M. G., C. B. : I beg to return to you my grateful thanks for the cordial manner in which my Paper has been received. I feel sure that every member of the meeting