

east. (Cheers.) Therefore it accomplished all that could be expected. I need not refer to the subsequent fights at Batoche which completed the quelling of the insurrection. It was all promptly done, and without any greater loss of life than I suppose is necessarily incidental to a campaign of that kind. It is worthy of note in my judgment that the General sought to save, as far as possible, the lives of his men. (Hear, hear.) Not like some other generals of modern times, who boasted that they only thought of the end to be accomplished, and the time within which the victory was to be achieved, and then the holocaust was to be offered up to attain those two ends. The victory was obtained in the North-West by the exercise of prudence and judgment backed by firmness and decision. Of course the hardships were very great. Those young men, many of them from offices, were purely holiday soldiers, not accustomed to fatigue of that kind, and it is marvellous to think what they endured. I do not desire to criticize the commissariat, because, as my hon. friend has said, it was a new experience for any of our departments, and, I am bound to say, it was admirably provisioned; at the same time, in the novelty of the situation, some mishaps must have occurred, and those men were obliged to live upon food to which they had not been accustomed. Hard tack and salt pork, probably, are, in the judgment of some, the best food with which to go through a campaign, but many of those men found it difficult to keep up their strength on such rations. Then, it must be remembered it was a season of the year which is, probably, the most inclement in this climate, March and April, with snow and slush on the ground, the men sometimes overheated by day and suffering from intense cold at night. All this was endured without a murmur. It is true that a good deal has been written about it in the press, but so far as the volunteers were concerned, and so far as we can hear, they were quite content to endure the sacrifices without murmuring or flinching. In a short, sharp struggle like that, no doubt, we have to lament some fallen brave. It was incidental to a campaign that some lives had to be sacrificed at the shrine of their country, and we can but express our deep

regret that those lives have been lost under the circumstances. The names of those who have fallen will be written in the history of this country, and I have no doubt their memories will be warmly cherished, not only by their comrades-in-arms who fought with them, but by the whole Canadian people. (Cheers.) To the relatives, the families who have lost those near and dear to them, we can but offer up our tribute of sympathy. Those families will feel that the brave heroism that has resulted in the loss of valuable life, is duly appreciated by a grateful country, and it is therefore some slight consolation to them to know that we all deeply sympathise with them in their loss, and to feel that the whole people of Canada are grateful for the sacrifice they have made. I have much pleasure in seconding the motion of my hon. friend. (Cheers.)

HON. MR. ALLAN—It would seem almost superfluous to take up the time of the House by saying anything more in support of a resolution which, I am sure, commends itself to the most hearty support of every one of us; a resolution, moreover, which has been spoken to so ably and eloquently by the leader of the House and the leader of the Opposition. At the same time I feel that I can hardly sit silent when a vote of this kind is being taken, without venturing even for a few brief moments to express the feelings of pride and satisfaction with which one's heart is full at the gallant conduct of our volunteers, and the satisfaction one feels at the proof which has thus been given us that notwithstanding all our party strife and bickering Canadian patriotism is something more than a name; that Canadians are willing to give up ease and comfort and private interests, aye, and sacrifice life itself, when the safety and honor of our common country are concerned. In this spirit I see an element of national strength at which we may well rejoice. When we see our volunteer militia from all parts of the Dominion—men from Ontario, men from the Maritime Provinces and men from Quebec standing shoulder to shoulder to put down insurrection and restore order, I think we may well feel that in the service of our common country Canadians know no distinction of party or race, (applause,) that we are all

HON. MR. SCOTT.