

ing militia and volunteers. We did not call upon the standing militia or volunteers; we compelled no man to go to South Africa. We did not do what we did in 1885, when we had to put down the rebellion in the Northwest; then we used the power vested in us by the law. The Government called for volunteers, and the volunteers were forced to go. They went willingly of course, but if they had not gone willingly they would have been compelled by their oath to obey the command of the Government. But in this case we did nothing of that kind. We simply provided the machinery and expenses for the two thousand young men who wanted to go and give their lives for the honor of their country and the flag they love. (Cheers.) My hon. friend found fault with us this afternoon because, instead of sending them five hundred, we sent two thousand. Again, I ask my hon. friend what would be the condition of Canada if we had denied to those young men who wanted to serve their Queen in South Africa this privilege that they claimed from us? If we had said only five hundred of you shall go, what would have been the condition of this country to-day? And did we do anything wrong, after all, and can my hon. friend complain of our action, when we simply put it in the power of these young men who wanted to go and give their lives in order to promote what was to them a sacred cause?

An Appeal to Patriotism.

Mr. Speaker, it seems to me that if ever there was an occasion when we should not have a voice of dissent in this House it is the present occasion. I greatly admire the speech of my hon. friend, though I am far from sharing his views, but I call upon him to remember that he belongs to a patriotic family, as he said to us to-day. I call upon him to remember that the liberties he enjoys are largely due to his own family. But if we have liberties on one side, would he not accept some duties on the other side, would he not accept some obligations on the other side? Shall the sacrifice be all on the one side and none on the other, the obligation all on one side and none on the other? We were not compelled to do what we did, but if we chose to be generous, to do a little more than we were bound to do, where is a man living who would find fault with us for that action? (Cheers.) He dreads the consequences of this action in sending out a military contingent to South Africa. Let me tell him from the bottom of my heart that my heart is full of the hopes