

say to the people of England: "The time has come, we know and realise our country. We will be your colony no longer. Make us one with you in one Empire, Permanent and Indivisible."

The argument which has been put forward by Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper and others that Canada has done her share in building the C. P. Ry., etc., is better than any of the preceding nine.

She has done her share as a builder of the Empire to which she belongs, but she is not doing her share towards the preservation of that Empire, and when the great company in which she is such an important shareholder issues a call for insurance purposes, it is not worthy of her to refuse to honour that call.

It would be easy to show that leading Canadians on both sides in politics are in sympathy with the view which I take of the necessity for naval contribution, but I will not unnecessarily harrow your feelings by quoting the strong things they have said about that which the president of the Ontario Liberal Association called May 10, 1905, "a matter of severe and just censure," but instead I challenge you to produce if you can, one valid argument in defence of Canada's refusal to contribute to the Defence Fund of the Empire, one plausible excuse for not contributing, and if you cannot do that, I ask you to pass the resolution I am about to put to the meeting, and to aid me in every way in your power to impress upon the people who represent us that this question is not a party question but one upon which every Canadian (a few French only excepted) is agreed: to impress upon them, that we insist upon being sane and honest men, full partners in the greatest of Empires, and joint owners of the weapon which keeps the seas.

If any here think of the cost, let him think also of the prize.

I told you that the mother country made her fortune as the carrier of the Atlantic, and that you should make yours, as carriers of the Pacific. This is how that matter stands.

Two competitors stand, stripped and bent at the scratch, for a great race. Both have about the same distance to travel. The Pacific is the course, and the goal is that market of 400,000,000 men of the east, waiting for the goods