

field of all capable of bearing arms" (VI. 436); resulting as can easily be imagined, in "the interruption of industry and the blight of enterprise" (VII. 225).

In the American war of 1812-15 Canada was largely the field of the operations. Although, as Mr. Kingsford says:

"The war was forced on Canada, as a member of the Imperial system of Great Britain, without a single act of dereliction on her part, without even any sentiment of active unfriendliness,"

yet Canada put forth her full power in men and money in support of the motherland. What estimate is to be placed on this contribution to Imperial necessities? Sir Gordon Drummond, the then Lieutenant-Governor of Upper Canada, said to the Legislature with reference to moneys voted by the House:

"However small a proportion they may bear to the requisite expenditures, you have the merit of giving all you had" (Ib. VIII).

Again in 1866 and 1870 the Canadian militia had to defend their country against Fenian invasions—incursions not because of any ill-will to us, but because we were the nearest representatives of British rule. Our losses were properly chargeable to the Government of the United States, upon the same principle as were American Alabama claims payable by Great Britain; but while Great Britain paid the Alabama millions she declined to insist upon payment of our Fenian losses.

Our contributions in men and money to the Boer war, too, must not be overlooked, and even smaller items, such as the *Leopard* and *Chesapeake* affair, and the *Trent* episode, must be estimated, for we are charged with dishonorable conduct and we must clear ourselves if we can.

As against all this must be set whatever there is of contra account, whether of military, or naval, or diplomatic, protection. Let it be diligently investigated and let us be informed as to what it is composed of, and what it amounted to. Is it true, for example, as Sir Charles Dilke declares, that "British diplomacy has cost Canada dear"? And what is the correct answer to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's question, "Is