

has suffered. All discontent will die out when the Irishman has become reconciled to British rule. And this is almost secured, because he knows that in a short time he will have that Home Rule which Canadians have for years been urging for Ireland — a Canadian Home Rule, a Home Rule by which the Irishman may govern himself, in all matters affecting Ireland. Let me not be misunderstood — no man is a greater Imperialist than I, or stands more strongly for the union of the British Empire, and so I think it would be a world calamity if Ireland should for any reason or by any means be severed from the Empire — but a Home Rule on the Canadian model is what ninety per cent. of Canadians desire for her. And there is no more loyal British subject than the Canadian Irishman. And so between these two nations, yours and mine, the floating of the Union Jack is no longer like shaking a red flag before a bull; and instead of Canada being now an open sore — a stumbling block in the way of peace and harmony between these two nations, her ensign stirring up and irritating part of your people who formerly hated everything British — she is become a bond of union, bringing you more closely together. And this will increase in the future — for British in sentiment, British in institutions, British in law, British in government, we are American commercially, American socially, we are a link between the two nations; and I look forward to the time when Canada will join even more firmly the hands of her kinsmen together in a clasp never to be broken, forming a union of kindred nations never to be separated. (Applause.)

Now, it may be that the dream of the prophet is not doomed to be fulfilled, it may be that never will twin