

tage of the many. Imperialism means that the British Empire is one, and that her interests are one, and that what makes the British Empire great makes Canada great; if Britain falls Canada falls; that if Canada is hurt the empire is hurt; that if you strike a blow at the empire you strike Canada. (Cheers.)

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EMPIRE.

Every railway we build, every ship constructed, every canal opened, is a contribution to the greatness of the empire, and I say to our friends in England, come and see what we have done to hold this great possession which you have given to us, and you will be prouder of the Canadian colonies than ever before—this great heritage, which in every moment of peril we have defended ourselves and snatched from the enemy's grasp. We are not pleading for your assistance in any mercenary way, nor do we fail in confidence in ourselves. On the other hand, there is no part of this empire that has more confidence in its future than Canada has—(hear, hear)—and there is no part of the empire that would be less disposed to beg a favor from you than we are, particularly any favor we are not entitled to. But if you have any money to spend put it in the development of our rich mineral resources, in the development of our pulp concessions, in encouraging the emigrants to settle upon our lands and upon our ranches; invest it in some of the great Canadian industries, assured that not only will it give you good dividends, but it will strengthen and build up the great empire to which you belong. (Cheers.) My Imperialism is one empire, one flag, one Canada; Canada doing its duty loyally, courageously, manfully, assuming no humiliating or weak position, but bravely taking our share of the responsibility of empire, and showing to the world that this vast heritage committed to us has been entrusted to no craven hands. (Loud cheers.)

A DESERVED TRIBUTE.

I thank you for the kind references to Mrs. Ross. She is a tower of strength to the Ontario Government. (Cheers.) She is the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. I was almost going to say she is a pool of Siloam, where you can get healing for some of your troubles. (Laughter and cheers.) I thank you for your kind references to her. The part which a good woman can play in the government of the country cannot very easily be defined nor very easily be expressed. (Applause.) You seem to know it. I know it and feel it, and I am sure she knows it and feels it, too, and I hope this cordial reception which you have given me to-day will have the effect of giving me more earnestness and zeal in the service of my native country than I ever possessed before. (Cheers.)