

adversary ; and there are conditions which might be imagined depending on ourselves to justify it. Widely prevailing disloyalty, the curse of cowardice, systematic mendacity, as to the fulfilment of engagements, in the course of which even a whole people may earn for themselves the name of liars—systematic repudiation of just debts, in the course of which a whole people may earn for themselves the name of thieves—these would justify it, but these are things which we shall always, I pray God, have as little reason to fear for Canada as we have to desire them.

“Come the eleventh plague, rather than this should be,
“Come, sink us rather in the sea.”

So far as the solution of the question depends upon the readiness and ability of the Colonies to sustain an equitable share of the burden of military defence, the agitation on this subject will, it is to be hoped, be soon terminated. It is fair that they should sustain a portion of the cost. Reluctance to the making sacrifices and exertions of our own, would naturally suggest the suspicion that our devotedness to the Mother Country is not sound, and has its origin in selfish considerations only ; and sufficient ground for such a conviction would be fatal to our cause. The future and permanent interests of this country are of such a magnitude that almost any sacrifice that can be borne ought not to be reckoned too dear a price to prevent us being sent adrift. Whatever upon this matter may be finally determined by the Canadian Government, the spirit with which the people are disposed to act, is worthy of all praise, and, if