

scattered nations of British race looking with loyal love from every compass to the little mother isle,—

Girt by the dim strait sea.

And multitudinous wall of wandering wave—  
and reposing safe and glorious, in that sapphire embrace—will turn round to call on Canada to add her voice to swell the peal of filial gratulation of proud assurance of co-operation, and, should need be, of help, and will turn in vain.

Motion agreed to.

It being Six o'clock the Speaker left the Chair.

No. 8.

The EARL OF ABERDEEN to MR. CHAMBERLAIN.  
(Received March 18, 1896.)

Government House, Ottawa, Canada,  
February 29, 1896.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to forward herewith, with the request that it may be humbly laid at the foot of the Throne, an address to the Queen from the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, expressing the unalterable loyalty and devotion of the people of the Province to Her Majesty's person and Crown.

I have, &c.  
ABERDEEN.

Enclosure in No. 8.

To the Queen's most Excellent Majesty.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

WE, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario in Parliament assembled, desire, in view of recent events in relation to the territorial rights of Great Britain in South America and elsewhere, to assure Your Majesty of the unalterable loyalty and devotion of the people of Ontario to Your Majesty's person and Crown, and to the Empire over which Your Majesty reigns, and to assure Your Majesty that in case of any trouble affecting the interests of the Empire, no sacrifice on their part which the circumstances might demand would be considered too great by the people of this Province should they be called upon to repel invasion or to defend the integrity of the British Empire.

Toronto, Thursday, February 13, 1896.

WM. D. BALFOUR,  
Speaker.

No. 9.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN to the EARL OF ABERDEEN.

MY LORD,

Downing Street, March 26, 1896.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of the 21st of February,\* in which you forwarded a copy of the House of Commons debates containing a resolution expressing the unalterable loyalty and devotion of the House to the British Throne and Constitution.

It has been a source of great satisfaction to Her Majesty to receive this assurance of Canadian loyalty, and to know that, in its efforts to maintain the legitimate interests of the British Empire, Her Majesty's Government can always rely upon the support and approval of the Canadian people.

I have, &c.  
J. CHAMBERLAIN.