

A SIMPLE PROBLEM.

I said to them, "If little Manitoba, with a population of 250,000, can produce 50,000,000 bushels of wheat, put a million people in there and you have a basis of food supply for the empire, and you need not go to Russia, nor anywhere else, as you have to now, and you will have to depend upon no foreign country for your food." (Cheers.) Put 10,000,000 people in Canada, and you need not be afraid of anybody. (Cheers.) The United States would not attack us if we were 10,000,000, nor would anybody else. If it took England two years to subdue 250,000 Boers, how long would it take the United States to subdue 10,000,000 Canadians? (Cheers.) They would never do it this side of eternity. (Renewed cheers.) I have resolved to give considerable attention to this phase of the question, believing public opinion in Canada will be with me in doing this. (Cheers.)

We want people in this country, and we want people who are of our own kith and kin, men trained in the British school, men educated in the confident belief in British institutions, who speak our own language, and who practise the religion of our own people of one denomination or another. (Cheers.) That will be the best defence for Canada. Switzerland, with a population of 2,000,000, has defied the strongest powers of Europe. We have room here for fifty or sixty million people, and it should be our duty to address ourselves to this problem, to encourage men of our own blood who leave the shores of the mother country to come here and help us to build up our country.

"WHAT DO THEY THINK OF US?"

May I be permitted in closing to say that the attention which I received as your representative exceeded my most sanguine anticipations. Everywhere I asked for an interview, whether it was with the Colonial Secretary, with the Minister of War, with the Foreign Secretary, or with the leader of the House of Commons, that interview was immediately granted. (Applause.) All seemed to be anxious to know "what is thought of us in Canada?" One would say: "What do you think of this South African war and of the position of Great Britain?" My answer to that always was: "This war must go on until the British arms are victorious, no matter what the cost. Britain must not surrender; Canada will feel that you have disgraced yourselves if you do." (Cheers.)

The Chairman said that the Liberal party was composed of Liberals and Radicals, and some Imperialists. I hope you do not misunderstand the meaning of this word "Imperialist." It ought to signify, in the broadest view which any man can take, the empire to which we belong. Do not think that the word means the aristocratic domination or promotion of the interests of the few to the disadvan-