

loyalty of the French Arcadian as she won the loyal support of the princes of India and the Boers of South Africa. This is the great secret of the success of English rule that it gives to each and all the privilege and right to conserve their language, their religion and their customs. Britain stands for right and liberty and justice and freedom. For liberty and freedom to all and justice to the weak as well as to the strong. She has of course made mistakes but in the end right and justice have triumphed. You will say that I am an Imperialist. If I am, it is because my country is an Empire. The war has been forced upon us. It is our war because we are of the Empire and because our privileges, our liberties, and our safety depend upon the issue. Canada has given of her treasure but she has given her greatest gift in the flower of her manhood. Thirty thousand have gone, thirty thousand more will go and there will be neither stop nor halt nor looking back until victory crowns our arms and a lasting peace is assured. It has been said that whenever great crises arise in the history of the Empire she has never wanted great men to preside over her councils or guide her host to victory. The names of Asquith, of Grey, of Kitchener and of French will for ever illumine the pages of her history, while the patriotism and loyalty of our people will raise Canada to the highest place among the nations. The soldiers of Canada and the Empire will now as in the past uphold the best traditions of the British army defending the weak against the strong, driving back the foes of their country and planting upon a thousand heights that old flag which has braved a thousand years the battle and the breeze. And we must not forget while we glory in the deeds of the soldiers and sailors of this Empire that Frenchman, and Belgian, and Russian, and Serb, and Japanese have joined hands with us in this struggle with a bravery and devotion that is the admiration of the entire world.

I have much pleasure in seconding the motion of the hon. senator for Tignish.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—Allow me to congratulate the hon. senator from Tignish (Hon. Mr. Murphy) on the interesting speech which he has made, and further to congratulate the little province from which he comes on the record that they have established in the enlisting of men to take their part in the front for the defence of the Empire. We only wish that his province was larger than it is at the present time.

Hon. Mr. GIRROIR.

I also wish to congratulate the hon. senator from Antigonish (Hon. Mr. Girroir) on the eloquent address which he has made, and to join with him in his admiration of the soldiers and sailors who are to-day defending the rights of this country on the battlefields of Europe. My hon. friend from Tignish referred to the happy event that at the present time we have as Governor General of this country His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, a man who has had as much, if not more, experience in military matters than most men throughout the British Empire, and which is of very great benefit to us to-day. We realize the addition to Canada, and the distinction that we have received from His Royal Highness being here to-day as our Governor General, and his having had extended the term of his governorship here. We also recognize and appreciate the great interest that has been taken by Her Royal Highness in the troops, and in the questions that affect the country at the present time. We join in our admiration of the work that they have done, and the interest they have shown in the country. Before taking up the question of the speech from the Throne I would desire to say a few words on the question of the representation of the Government in this House. During the recess we have seen changes made in the Cabinet; and although we do not want to make any reflections on appointments to the Cabinet that have been made, out of consideration for this House and also for the esteem and respect that we hold for our hon. friend, the leader of the Government in this House, we should all have been very much pleased if the Government had seen their way to give him, as we most sincerely think he deserves, recognition by giving him a portfolio in the Government.

Some hon. GENTLEMEN—Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—This is now the fifth session of this Parliament, and after the long years of service that my hon. friend has given to his country and the discretion and ability with which he has handled the Government business in this House, I think that he has not been fairly treated in the way that he has been overlooked in the matter of this portfolio.

Some hon. GENTLEMEN—Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—I hope that this will be remedied, and that we may be able to congratulate him on his designation to a portfolio in the near future. In