

many of the only fairly well-to-do people. Anyway, it is the British taxpayer through and through, and I invite my hon. friend (Mr. Clark, Red Deer) to visit Great Britain and go through its crowded centres, its country and its cities, its broad streets, and its purlieus, and then come back here and justify to his Canadian brother any shirking of a fair part of the defence of the Empire by throwing it on to the British taxpayer.

A BADGE OF FINANCIAL AND MORAL INFERIORITY.

But my hon. friend from Red Deer says this contribution is a badge of inferiority, financially. I will not stand it, he says, neither will Red Deer stand it, nor my constituents, nor this country. He says you put a tag on me and you degrade me financially. You say I am worth only \$4.50, whilst the British taxpayer is worth \$5. He is taxed \$5 in Great Britain, you only tax me \$4.50, and only occasionally at that. I am as good and as able a man as he, says my hon. friend; it is a badge of inferiority and I will not stand it. Well, my hon. friend has been standing worse than that for some time. For the term of his life in this Dominion of Canada, his valuable life in Canada where he has done good work and good service both here and outside of this place—I willingly bear my testimony to that—for all that time he has been badged in another way. Nil. His brother whom he left on the other side has been worth \$5 yearly to the upkeep of the fleet; Red Deer citizens have been worth nothing, he has been worth nothing.

Then he says it is a badge of inferiority morally not to consecrate our money with our blood. I refuse, he says, I must have at least a little sprinkling of blood on that money, or else I am badged with inferiority.

I do not think I need labour that argument. Now, although there are others that I might mention, I am not going to pursue this side of the question any further. I want to come to something which I think is more important. I want to know whether I, as a citizen of Canada and of this Empire,