

taincy of the ship of state he may leave a memory as dear to his subjects as his benign mother.

Queen Victoria has left the greatest heritage possible to her son, King Edward. The legacy does not consist simply of palaces, jewels and diadems, but the best of all treasures, the goodwill of the people for the welfare of the Empire.

On the accession of Edward VII. the people of the greatest Empire the world has ever seen were a unit for constitutional monarchy, and a large majority ready to espouse the cause of Imperial Federation.

It is now forty years long since the King, as Prince of Wales, visited Canada and laid the cornerstone of the Victoria Bridge, Montreal.

The feeling of loyal devotion to the heir apparent has not grown less during the two score years in the Provinces of the Dominion.

For from Halifax on the Atlantic, to Victoria on the Pacific, a shout of welcome went up from the hearts of the people when it was announced that the Duke of Cornwall and York would visit this summer the Provinces of Canada, while on his trip to open the federated Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia.

When the Hon. James Dunsmuir Premier, read the message from Auley Morrison, M.P., in Ottawa, to the Legislative Assembly of B.C. in Victoria, that His Royal Highness had decided to visit the most western province the good news was cheered to the echo.

Truly the citizens of Canada still cherish the patriotic sentiments of some of their Loyalist forefathers. They still "love the brotherhood, fear God and honor the King."

If further evidence of true patriot-

ism is desired, we have simply to point to the readiness with which the Canadians joined the first and second contingent, and the heroic band of Lord Strathcona's troopers, who fought so bravely. Their heroism reached a climax at the battle of Paardeberg, when the brave Canadian boys rushed into the "jaws of death, into the mouth of hell" for the honor of the Empire.

To do full justice to the Canadian heroes a book would need to be written, but no doubt, when the history of the Dominion is more fully described, the historian will record their names high up on the scroll of fame, and show to the world that that soldiers of Canada are to be classed on a par with the Irish and Scotch for bravery and heroism on the battlefield. In this connection too much praise cannot be given to one of Canada's representative citizens, viz., Sir Donald A. Smith, who not only furnished valuable advice in the national crisis, but supplied the shekels for the maintenance of the four hundred Strathcona troopers, whose services to the country have become historic.

Moreover, mention must also be made of the liberal response of the people of Canada to Rudyard Kipling's appeal, in "The Absent-minded Beggar," on the behalf of the Patriotic Fund for the benefit of the "girl" and children that "Tommy Atkins left behind him." Our thanks are also due to Kipling himself for his literary effort and pathetic gem in literature.

"Pass the hat for your credit's sake, and pay, pay, pay," will long find a sympathetic response in the patriotic heart.

The willingness of the soldiers of the Colonies to join the regulars of the Mother Country in defence of their fellow citizens in South Africa