

English farmers they will do it. If the bounty system were adopted it would be a great blow to you and to Canada. You would every day be getting weaker and weaker, and in greater danger every year if they put on bounties. For that very reason, however, I think it would be a most popular idea with them. (Laughter.)

Sir JOHN LUBBOCK : I rise to move a vote of thanks to our friends from Canada who have been good enough to come here. When I look at them I can hardly regard them as a deputation from Canada, as I remember that in our early days Colonel Denison and Sir Charles Tupper were two of our own most earnest and useful supporters. Still, they are to-day among us with the deputation, and we welcome them very cordially in that respect. I do not quite agree with what Colonel Denison said as to reporting what has been said, because I think a great deal has been usefully said that might be of advantage if it were published, using perhaps a little discretion. Colonel Denison has brought before us three points to-day. The first had reference to the Belgian and German treaties. I am not prepared to express an opinion whether those treaties would prevent the policy of Canada from being carried out, but I am quite myself of opinion that if they would do so the treaties ought to be denounced, and what is more, I believe they would be denounced. (Cheers.) I do not know whether we could move in the matter having regard to the peculiar fact that the Duke of Devonshire, Lord Salisbury and Mr. A. J. Balfour would make representations to themselves if the League approached the Government. At the same time, perhaps, that is a difficulty which could be got over, and I think it would be a very useful thing for this League to take some step in that direction. The second point had reference to utilising the large amount of excellent material there is in the 75,000 Canadian seamen referred to. There, I think, on principle, we should probably be agreed also with the deputation.