

when I say there is but one feeling—whether they be French or English speaking—a common feeling of devotion and of loyalty without qualification to our gracious Queen and to the Empire. We have heard of the journey to the Yukon, and of the conditions of life among the people in that region at this time. I will go back further and remind you of the honesty of the people of the North-West—the pioneers of twenty and thirty and more years ago. In this country, I believe, conveyancing is rather a complicated process; but let me tell you what they did in the time of the old Hudson's Bay Company, on the Red River, where now is Winnipeg. It was quite sufficient for two men to go to the registrar and for one to tell him, "I have sold this property to my friend; it was mine, but now I make it his." That was all that was required. A man's word was just as good as his bond. That was honesty in a primitive community, and we are glad to know that in the Klondike, no matter whether they are British subjects or from across the border, the law is respected. It is enough in the crowded streets of London for the policeman to post himself in the middle of the road and hold up his hand to be obeyed. That shows the law is respected here, and so it is with the small body of mounted police in the North-West. Miss Shaw and others who have been there lately tell us that they have felt a sense of security equally there with that they would feel in the most accessible parts of the British Empire. We have had a very pleasant and instructive discussion. There was one little matter referred to by Mr. Coste, who holds a high position in the Canadian Civil Service, and I quite appreciate his desire to put that Service right in the eyes of the people of England. As I understand it, Miss Shaw never brought any general accusation against the Civil Service of Canada. Very far from it. What she stated had regard to a few individuals, and to a position of affairs in an altogether new country, where one might almost expect that there would be irregularities owing to the crude condition of the country. I am sure that I only express the feelings of Miss Shaw herself when I say she has the greatest respect for the Service as a whole. It is the desire of the Government of Canada, I know, to do everything in its power to ensure proper administration, and I am quite certain if there have been any irregularities they have now in a great measure, if not altogether, disappeared. I am sure you will all wish to express your great obligations to Miss Shaw, and to say that it would have been a real misfortune for everybody had she not undertaken her adventurous journey. I may have been one who perhaps told her