

which we are towards national life. I say, Sir, to the great Conservative party of this country—I say, Sir, to the great Liberal-Conservative party, to whom this country owes its present condition—

Some hon. MEMBERS. Hear, hear.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. Yes, Sir, I say that this country owes its present condition to the Liberal-Conservative party. Contrast the life of to-day with the lethargy and death which was exhibited in relation to these great interests three years ago, and then tell me, whether I am not warranted in saying that to the great Liberal-Conservative party, Canada, this country owes the new life and vigor which has been infused into the development of all its great material interests. I say, Sir, I congratulate the great Liberal-Conservative party on what it has achieved—achieved, I would be very glad to add with the manly aid and hearty co-operation of hon. gentlemen opposite. We were entitled to receive that aid. We had every claim that a party could have on those hon. gentlemen, owing to the position in which they had placed the public affairs of this country, and especially in connection with this work, for that independent support that one party, whatever they may be called, is entitled to receive from their opponents under such circumstances. But I say, Sir, we sought that aid in vain; and to-day, to the great Liberal Conservative party, it is not only due, but it is due to them alone, that this country has been lifted out of the condition of prostration which was witnessed in our country three years ago, into a condition of advancement and prosperity and progress to-day which will compare favorably with the advancement of any portion of the civilised world.