

ance possessed by so many Canadians of any other province than their own. It is this fact which Principal Grant has particularly realized, and he has undertaken the mission of causing the other portions of the Dominion to be rightly understood in Ontario. This is a mission of enlightened patriotism, and the country cannot fail to grow greater and more prosperous so long as it possesses such men. In times of crisis, it often suffices for an appeal from so authoritative and sympathetic a voice to be made in order to restore calm."

But to revert to the speech from which we have been quoting :

Referring to the need of selecting the best men to represent the people in the House of Commons, he continued in stirring language :

"I am proud of the present House of Commons. It is the best, because the most independent, that we have had. But we can make the next better ; and it is time for us to be preparing to do our duty in this all important matter. Of course, it is hard to find the right men, but they are to be found. In the search for them, however, the old adage, that "One volunteer is worth two pressed men," must be rigorously reversed. It is harder still to get constituencies to elect the right men, but the day is coming when constituencies will canvass their wisest man to accept the nomination instead of expecting him to canvass them, and when all entrusted with votes shall be required by law to go to the polls on penalty of being disfranchised. That is the kind of penalty that nature inflicts for neglect of trust. What an inspiration there is in having a share in the making of a nation, and what a position Canada is in to become a great nation ! I do not refer to greatness in area or wealth or population. These are the lowest standards. It is lunacy for men to talk of Canada having a larger area than the United States, if they mean to imply that Canada has anything like the same extraordinary variety or boundless extent of natural resources. In making the boast, too, they add : 'If we exclude Alaska,' as if Alaska did not belong to the republic, or as if it were not worth a million or two of our frozen square miles between the north pole and Labrador. Canada is never likely to have more than a tenth of the population of the United States ; but five millions, growing gradually to ten within the lifetime of some of us, are as many as one can get his arms round, and enough certainly to make a nation ; as many as England had in the great days of Elizabeth ; far more than Athens had in the century after Marathon, when she