

that his fellow-members should all sign, "for," said he, "we must hang together or we shall hang separate." Stirred by this appeal the various members came forward for some time with promptness. There was a lull in the proceedings for a moment. Then it is said an aged man, his grey hair streaming over his shoulders, advanced deliberately towards the table on which the historic document was spread, and taking up the pen used for the purpose sat down and wrote the name "John Hancock" in characters large enough, as Wendell Phillips said in one of his great speeches, to be seen by George III. across the Atlantic. So we may say that in the spirit of statesmanship, and with a hand as steady as that of John Hancock, Sir Wilfrid Laurier has written on the page of history the name of Canada in characters large enough to be seen by all the nations of Europe across the Atlantic. What punishment is sufficient for him who would dim one letter of that name or in any sense obscure its lustre or discredit its significance as the symbol of good government, religious toleration and national unity!