

have been intermingled the old refrains of "Rule Britannia" and the "Maple Leaf Forever," and as a tribute to the never-failing valor of the Irish regiments, their colors—the green and the gold—have been worn more generally than ever before the whole Empire over. Whatever our nationality we all said :

"We'll wear the little Shamrock
At the order of the Queen,
And mingle "Rule Britannia"
With the "Wearing of the Green."

The present struggle has witnessed countless acts of heroism and valor. The deeds done in and about Ladysmith and Mafeking will live forever.

We may well honor our Queen and be proud of Her Empire. Truly it has been said of her, "The Empire is stronger for her reign, and mankind the better for her life." I ask my fellow-graduates, three hundred of them, to drink heartily to-night to the toast of "The Empire and its Defenders."

The toast was responded to by Sir Charles Tupper, Col. Smythe, of Kingston, and Col. Ponton, of Belleville.