

up with the Union Jack in these times. (Hear, hear.) And this splendid burst of loyalty in a practical shape which we have witnessed during the past eighteen months in connection with the war is all the more significant and satisfactory when we observe that it is not a sudden spasmodic outburst, but the climax and culminating point of what has been slowly growing for a number of years. (Hear, hear.) While Mr. Ross reassures us in this country on these matters, I think we may reassure him on such points as this, for example, that if he hears about Little Englanders there is no need for him to worry. (Laughter.) My belief is that it is a sort of bogey, a political nickname. I do not find these people. I do suppose I am one myself. I had the privilege for five years of industriously inculcating the maxims of the glory of the Empire, especially among school children whom I have visited month after month, and I again say I think there is little of that in reality, and my impression is that it is a sort of bogey which is used for political ends. I move a cordial vote of thanks to Mr. Ross for giving us such an effective and eloquent address. (Cheers.)

Sir Frederick Young: My lord, I should very much like to second it. I should have liked a little talk on the subject, but I understand that this is not the opportunity, and therefore I will abstain, but I intended to give a gentle caveat against one or two of the views expressed by Mr. Ross. Let me just say one word with regard to the course of Imperial Federation. As is well known, I have been one of the pioneers of that question for twenty-five years and a strong advocate of the principle, still I need hardly assure Mr. Ross that I am one of those who do not wish to be impatient concerning it, and I desire that we should not be prophets and say what is going to be, because we cannot tell what may ultimately come about. All I can say with regard to the suggested conferences is, I think, that they are admirable most excellent things, and I entirely endorse all that Mr. Ross has said as to the desirability of having them as frequently as possible in this country, and more particularly with regard to one of the questions he has enumerated, that of emigration, which I think may well occupy the attention of such a conference with a view to some practical results. For many long years I have taken an active part in that particular question, and I should like to see the Government taking it up with the object of carrying out what Mr. Ross has so eloquently and admirably described. (Hear, hear.)

Viscount Knutsford: I should like to give my most hearty support to what has been proposed and seconded. We have listened with very great attention and interest to the words that have been uttered by Mr. Ross, and I only wish there had been more of us, but the thunderstorm as stopped members from coming. The noble chairman at the beginning rather intimated, I think, that Mr. Ross would touch on subjects with which, perhaps, we might not be in accord with him.