

when it comes to the life of an Empire, and to the provision to be made for the vital defence of that Empire at a critical moment, it is next to criminal almost to divert any of the money, which is devoted ostensibly for that sacred purpose, into channels for the sake of industrial or other preference that you think would aid certain interests and thereby diminish the effective aid. Now, Sir, if that is true generally it is absolutely true in an emergency of this kind. Every cent of the money which is to be expended is to go to meet a pressing need, which, if not met, may end in disaster and destruction.

ENGLAND HAS NO NEED FOR MONEY.

I do not know whether it is necessary to introduce two other arguments of my hon. friend from Red Deer. I shall mention them, however. He says, this contribution is unnecessary financially. Great Britain, he says, is a rich country. Great Britain, he says, has \$2,000,000,000 invested in Canada, and we are sending her \$80,000,000 of money each year as interest on that. Now, he says, is that not enough money to be sending her? Why should we be sending her \$35,000,000 in addition? She is rich; and lo! we are sending her money. Well, I did not know before that when one party paid the interest on his mortgage, the other was under a special obligation to him, and, therefore, ought to protect him, build his fleets for him and maintain his navies for him. It seems to me that each tub must stand on its own bottom. I wish also to say what I think of that argument. Great Britain is a rich country, she does not need your money, says my hon. friend. But who is it that keeps up the fleet and the army in Great Britain at tremendous cost to keep safe the Empire and to secure peace within the Empire? It is the British taxpayer, rich and poor. It does not come out of the moneys of the banks or of the rich man specially. Everything is paid out of revenue according to men's incomes, and according to their consumption of dutiable and excise goods. Well, the incomes of some of the richest men are smaller than the incomes of