

PARLIAMENTARY ACTION.

WE have not, so far, referred to parliamentary action, but have written more of the great popular mental movement of the masses; for what are Governments but men selected and elected to carry out the expressed wishes of the majority of the electors; and in this instance, which stands out unique and absolutely unparalleled in the history of the world, the leaders were impelled on, not only by their own volition, sympathy and intention, but by the action of the people, who surged forward with eager enthusiasm in their determination to perpetuate the continuance with vigor unimpaired and prestige undiminished "of that Empire on which the Sun never sets."

A notable example of fealty to the Empire is presented by that eminent Imperial Canadian, Lord Stratheona, who at his own expense mustered, mounted, uniformed, armed, and transported a whole regiment for active service from the great fertile plains of the Canadian North-west to South Africa, 10,000 miles away.

We consider it eminently proper, however, to direct attention to the alacrity and unanimity with which the money appropriations were carried in the respective parliaments, and to the promptness and precision with which all the arrangements for mobilizing and transporting the troops across continents and oceans were made by the different Governments, and to the careful arrangement by which neither mishaps nor detentions occurred, indicating as it does practical knowledge and business-like methods of procedure that reflect credit on the Ministers of the various departments of the different Colonies; and that have resulted in generous recognition in the highest Councils of the Nation.