

To that end let them extend their radius of action and entrench themselves in the centre of the outside competition which they find so ruinous.

In other words let the great landed proprietor of Europe take his place as a New World producer.

That this transformation is not impossible is quite clear from what Britishers have already accomplished all over the world.

Ladies and Gentlemen, in the course of this lecture I have been discharging a duty, and I have now to excuse myself for having been so tedious, but as you know more often than not, pleasure does not accord with duty.

Let me tell you how proud I am to feel that I am the first man of my nationality who dares to come into this Imperial Institute and acknowledge publicly the greatness of Britain's Colonial possessions, and the fairness with which any settler is received, accepted and protected, without distinction of race or creed.

In acquitting myself of the task I proposed coming here for, I paid a debt of gratitude to the country which yielded me so many great lessons of perseverance, energy and patriotism.

Let me hope in finishing that I have rendered a service to that great young country of mine for which Providence has prepared destinies second to none on the American continent.