

which will add untold new wealth to the riches of Vancouver by making it possible for Vancouver to be all it may and will be.

I have been speaking to you of scientific profit spelled with an "f". Before closing I want to speak of the scientific prophet spelled with a "ph". For the prophet has also turned scientist. He is also teaching us how to prophesy scientifically. His method is very concrete. He has begun to present facts in pictures. They are not very artistic, but they are very persuasive. Sometimes these pictures are in curves and sometimes they are in straight lines, and as jagged as a saw's teeth. But whatever they are they represent to the eye the relation of the future to the past. All scientific prophesies are approximate, but, broadly speaking, the testimony is that the only way to look ahead fifty years is by looking backwards fifty years. You project the line of the past into the future and in the same direction that fifty years of development have determined and you have some reliable intimation of what may await your grandchildren. Vancouver must study her future in the light of her past. But it must take into account all the new elements which have arisen or are likely to arise and which will modify the direction of the scientific lines one has drawn. Let this never be forgotten. In the last fifty years the world has been revolutionized, and every element which pertains to the future of this city and the life of this ocean means the acceleration rather than the retardation of our progress. He must indeed be a bit of a dullard who can see no profound significance for the year 1943 on this coast, who is able to look back thirty years. There are probably men before