

attracted to Prince Albert, will not only have free course over the Canadian Pacific Railway, and have an independent outlet, but they will pass over the Canadian Pacific Railway upon terms which are eminently satisfactory and favorable to the Company that is engaged in the building of this branch. This, I am told, Sir, is the spirit in which they are prepared to deal with any of these parties. I think I have said everything with reference to these resolutions that is necessary, except with regard to a resolution which referred to there being no other outlet to the trade of the North-West. Why, Sir, it is perfectly well known that, at this moment, two lines of railway are not only projected, but that companies are organized, embracing wealthy capitalists, who are determined, and have decided to take up the construction of lines of railway from Winnipeg to Hudson's Bay; and who believe that they have satisfied themselves that beyond question it is perfectly practicable for several months in the year to keep open a short and easy line of communication *via* the Hudson's Bay—so much so as to warrant the construction of 600 miles of railway between Winnipeg and Hudson's Bay, and thus furnishing an independent outlet in that direction as well as the one to which I have already referred. I think Sir, I have now covered the ground, so far as taking a brief notice of these various resolutions and objections made a year ago is concerned; and I am in the judgment of the House when I ask, whether I am not warranted in view of the facts as they stand out now in the history of the country and in the light of the experience of the past year, in making the statement that one single year's experience has given the most conclusive and complete answer to one and all of the objections that a year ago were conjectured in the minds of hon. gentlemen opposite, and which I suppose they felt it to be their duty to give utterance to by bringing them, in formal manner, under the notice of the House. I congratulate the House, Sir, and I congratulate the country upon the immense progress that this great work has made. I congratulate the House, and, Sir, I congratulate the country upon the enormous, the unanticipated and the unprecedented development of our great North-West, as has been witnessed during the past year, and I say that I pity the man who from any cause—whether it be partizan political feeling, or party interest, or anything else, who can regard what is taking place in this country in connection with the mode in which this great national work is being carried out, without feeling a throb of exultation, and a throb of joy, that we are striding in the independent and rapid and effective manner in