

to which he joins himself. In the United States I think an adult male has been valued at something like \$1,200 the day he landed in New York or elsewhere, and no doubt an adult male or female immigrant is worth as much to Canada. Any expenditure, therefore, which is made in inducing immigration and promoting the arrival of a good class of immigrants is an expenditure well made.

His Excellency alludes to the Indian population of the country. Of course it is very gratifying to be assured that the Indians are sensible of the good treatment received from the Canadian Government. It is also cheering to know from His Excellency's Speech and other sources that the efforts which have been made to induce them to adopt agricultural pursuits has met with a fair measure of success; but I think there is one thing essentially necessary before you can induce the Indian to devote his energies to agricultural pursuits—you must give him a personal interest in the soil that he cultivates. The general title must be broken up, and individual titles must be substituted. It is to be supposed, to a certain extent at all events, that the same intelligence regulates the Indian's action which regulates the action of civilized man. He labors on a piece of land and obviously improves its capacity for supporting human life and its marketable value, and he feels that the land to which he has contributed that value should be his exclusive property, and I think the sooner individual titles are granted to the Indians the sooner will they embark their energies in agricultural pursuits. Of course there will always be individuals in the Indian tribes whose habits are indolent, but it is not improbable that employment can be found congenial to their disposition. There seems to be a large amount of carriage necessary in the United States, and I believe it has been the experience of that country that the Indians have been induced largely to undertake the carriage of stores required by the Government. I think it probable that Indians who will not work farms will undertake other kinds of work for the Government or individuals. It is perhaps rather unfortunate that it should have been found necessary immediately after the reference to the North-West and Indian questions in the Speech to have re-

ferred to the proposed increase of the North-West Mounted Police. I believe it is a very desirable and necessary thing to do, but I doubt very much whether it is judicious, or whether it will have a tendency to induce European emigrants to join us. Hon. gentlemen will easily understand that the population of Europe have a great horror of being brought face to face with the Red man. They have an idea that he is still the ferocious and dangerous savage that is described in Cooper's novels. Perhaps he is if left without control, and I quite admit the necessity of increasing the North-West Mounted Police. That force, excellent as it is and useful as it has been, is still too small for the service it will have to perform. I quite concur in the advisability of increasing it, but I doubt the advisability of introducing a clause to that effect in the Speech in the midst of the paragraphs relating to the North-West affairs, because it is certain that this speech is even now in the hands of Europeans, Englishmen and others contemplating emigration to the North-West, and they will see with some regret, perhaps, and some apprehension that there is a fear of incursions of the Red man, and females and children may be frightened almost out of coming to a country where this Indian danger exists. It would have been perhaps wise on the part of the Government to have omitted that paragraph altogether or to have mentioned it in some other portion of the Speech.

Reference is made in the Speech to several measures which, it is said, will be brought before the House, and the gentleman who preceded me, in the remarks which he made, alluded at some length to banking affairs. Without canvassing his views generally, which may be sound and perhaps are, I must say this, that I think it would be a judicious thing on the part of the Government if they would introduce a measure having for its object the inspection of the affairs of Joint Stock Banking Companies. I can say this, that in the Province from which I come, two catastrophes have occurred of this kind in the last two or three years, and though they may not result in liquidation, yet there has been a vast amount of temporary inconvenience and great permanent loss. I believe those losses would have been obviated or prevented if there had been a rigorous inspec-