head of a great party when he was at the same time devoting his business skill and ability to building up its commercial interests and promoting the development of its natural resources.

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Reverting to the last occasion upon which he had addressed Victorians, in 1881, he recalled how he had then prophesied, while fighting the battle of the Canadian transcontinental railway, that British Columbia's so-called "barren sea of mountains" would at no distant date develop mineral wealth so great as to render insignificant Canada's contribution to the work proposed. The truth of that prediction was now apparent, and he believed British Columbia to-day was entering upon a period of marvellous but well founded prosperity, exceeding anything that could have been anticipated for it by the most sanguine introducing the orator of the evening, referred happily to the fact that Sir Charles the fathers of Confederation, and the sole survivor of these who took part in that glorious world, for in addition to the mineral wealth you have fisheries of enormous the service for Canada. Mr. Helmcken, if our neighbors to the south of us had not proved that it is sometimes unwise been better had his father, Hon. J. S. Helmcken had taken a leading part in joining British Columbia to the Opposition will Back Up the Present of Confederation of Canadian Mr. Helmcken had taken a leading part in joining British Columbia to the Dominion. (Applause.)

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the Dominion, would be to interest British capital for the development of our great mineral wealth. He had floated two strong companies for mining, and these he believed would play an important part in exploiting the resources of the West.

An Eastern paper had recently suggested that the opposition leadership could not properly be combined with enterprises of this kind. He held, on the more fitted to serve his country as the honor was concerned or where her interiests were to be conserved against outside influences, political feeling must give and Conservative and Liberal pull together for the common good.

While not straining after effect, Sir Charles has a quiet, dry humor that punctuated some of his telling points and brought ripples of merriment from the audience.

His reception was very cordial and the only unpleasant feature of the evening was when some unmannerly boor shouthers and the very suppleasure of spending a mouth in the province, I find that I had, even in my most sanquine calculations, underrated

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I am glad, sir, to find myself standing lowed by the accomplishment by five millions of people of one of the most gigantic undertakings the world has ever in the presence of this great body of in-talligent people of Victoria, the capital telligent people of Victoria, the capital of British Columbia. It carries me back, time I had the honor in the Victoria the-atre of addressing a great assembly was, I think, in 1881. On that -occasion it was my duty as minister of rail sir, to a somewhat remote period. Last it was held up as one of the most wonwas my duty as minister of railways and canals to endeavor to convince the people I had the honor of then meeting, of the importance of the attention of the meeting, of the meeting of the attention of the the importance of the step that Canada had taken in the construction of the great trans-continental road, and although that measure and the contract we had made was so gigantic that it compelled us to abandon something that was very dear to the people of Victoria, the condear to the people of Victoria, the construction of a railway between this city and Nanaimo, I was pleased to find that when I put the case before the great body of citizens who did me the honor of meeting me on that occasion, they gave me evidence that if I had not altogether converted them I had not altogether converted them I had convinced them of the wisdom of the converted them I had convinced them of the wisdom of the converted them I had convinced them of the wisdom of the converted them I had convinced them of the wisdom of the converted them I had convinced them of the wisdom of the converted them I had not altogether convert had convinced them of the wisdom of the course which the government was taking. I dare say you know that we had to fight very hard before we could get that contract passed under which the road was built. We were met with the declaration that it was impossible to accomplish the undertaking, and that even if we did succeed in building the road a railway from Ontario to the Pacific ocean would only intercept one village of Commons throughout that struggle, marvellons but well founded prosperity, exceeding anything that could have been anticipated for it by the most sampling friends of this new country.

In fact this held true of all Canada. The enormous mineral discoveries of the past two or three years; the excellent crop of the past two or three years; the excellent crop of the past essesson; the supplementary fact that wheat had more than doubted in value; and the revival of the European lumber trade, together with the improved condition of states, all in dicated great and increasing prosperity for the Dominion. A possible importance where met with the declaration that it was impossible to accomplish the undertaking, and that every man to the Empire, a bringing in the did succeed in building the road a railway from Ontario to the Pacific the declaration that it was impossible to accomplish the undertaking, and that every man to the Empire, a bringing in the strong tie of sentiment which binds I was the reason on the did succeed in building the road a railway from Ontario to the Pacific That was the reason he had no words for this was the reason he had no words for the strong tie of the apposition which is described to accomplish the undertaking, and that every man to the Empire, a bringing in dustry. It is, in my judgment, of the past two or three years; the excellent crop of the past essesson; the supplementary of the past essesson; the supplementary of the past exceeding the past two or three years; the excellent crop of the past essesson; the supplementary of the past essesson; the supplementary of the past exceeding the past two or three years; the excellent crop of the past essesson; the supplementary of the past essesson; the supplementary

on the north and the American territory south of the boundary line, and entirely cut off as it were from the rest of the Dominicn. Look at the state of things to-day. Confederation has united the provinces under one central government at Ottawa, and that has been followed by the accomplishment by five millions of people of one of the most registantic undertakings the world has ever forgotten, and now that I have had the opportunity of driving over the Esquision than low that I have had the opportunity of driving over the Esquision than the which has been tically, that it was necessary to get one thing at a time. Well that remins me of the opportunity of driving over the Esquision than the whold have got nothing. Practically, that it was necessary to get one thing at a time. Well that remins me of the opportunity of driving over the Esquision than the whold have got nothing. Practically, that it was necessary to get one thing at a time. Well that remins me of the opportunity of driving over the Esquision that it was necessary to get one thing at a time. Well that remins me of the opportunity of driving over the Esquision than the whold have got nothing. Practically, that it was necessary to get one thing at a time. Well that remins me of the opportunity of driving over the Esquision than the whold have got nothing. The constitution of the opportunity of driving over the Esquision that it was necessary to get to the opportunity of driving over the Esquision than the whold have got nothing. The constitution of the opportunity of driving over the Esquision than the whold have got nothing.

piercing the Rocky Mountains and extended their railroad to San Francisco, erican ambassador than they were by Mr. Laurier, who had no words for the

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fail in my duty to him and to the people of Canada if I did not take this opportunity of challenging the position he occupied. Read his speeches, and they importance of Confederation—no words one line, one sentence, one word, which for those important works which had is calculated to advance the progress and for those important works which had spread lustre on the people of Canada; is calculated to advance the progress and the prosperity of Canada. As you because I am bound to say that in my judgment he felt he was touching upon a delicate subject—that in that Conforthe electors of the country to confor the electors of the country to conforthe the conforthe electors of the country to conforthe electors of the country to conforthe electors of the conforthe electors of the country to conforthe electors of the electors of the country to conforthe electors of the country to conforthe electors of the electors of the country to conforthe electors of the electors of the country to conforthe electors of the country to conforthe electors of the electors of ferential trade within the Empire, the which would give Canada representation in Britain shall give the preference to the people of her colonies, who shall extend a like preference to Great Britain— in effect, to use the words of the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, in addition to the strong tie of sentiment which binds' Mansion House in London said that after the strong tie of sentiment which binds:

every man to the Empire, a bringing into play of that most potent tie, self-interest, which will bind the colonies and Great Britain together. Great Britain is the only country in the world which treats foreign countries in the same way least treats for eign countries. Spain.

Saghe treats her own colonies. Spain. treats foreign countries in the same way as she treats her own colonies. Spain, France, Germany and Holland—in fact whole of Canada who will, after any of the European countries that have colonies—have a tariff within the empire and another tariff for the outside world, and I dare say now that America has at last got a colony she will adopt the same policy. No one recognizes more fully than I the wisdom of this policy of preferential trade in the Empire, and the same policy of preferential trade in the Empire. The first thing it means is, as you know, the great question of how to give influence to the colonies in regard to imperial matters. Supposing you adopt it, where are you? It is as plain as anything can be, that you have a parliamentary fedpolicy of preferential trade in the Empire.

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bitterest opponent of trade could use that he What Sir Wilfrid Failed to Do in Support was done to Canada which nothing can what Sir Wilfrid Failed to Do in Support of the Cause He Had Professed to Serve.

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St. Stephen's.

There is another point in which I joined issue with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and that was his declaration that the great ambition of his life was to see accomplished a measure the British House of Com hesitation in saying that if he had studied the question as it has been studied by some for years he would find that he is half a dozen years behind the time. Lord Rosebery, who was until recently the leader of the Liberal party in England,

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A vote of thanks tor Macdonald, pleasure Sir Cl dress had given. Macdonald the motion of the seconding the mo

solved to cast his Sir Charles Tu the high opinion h Columbia had so in determined to co rest of his days in

Tug Mamie fre steamer Maude yesterday.