

neighbours are very much like ourselves, these prejudices are lost sight of altogether. This improved acquaintance is one of the best safeguards against any great differences between ourselves and our cousins in the United States. As Mr. Fleming has mentioned, you may leave here one Saturday, and in twelve days, even at the present time, you may be on the Pacific Coast. In a very short time with this fast service, you will be able to do the journey in nine, or at the outside ten days. In twelve days more you may be in Japan, so that twenty-one days from here you will be able to reach the Far East. Further, this is a route also to India. I think we all have reason to look forward with pleasure and satisfaction to this new highway from England to China and India, and the east by way of Canada; and I am sure you will wish the project every success.

Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL, K.C.M.G. (late Premier of Canada):— I need scarcely say that it is with unfeigned pleasure I am here to-night and see you, my Lord, occupying the position of Chairman. It was my good fortune to be one of the Cabinet during the whole period of your Governorship of Canada. I have no desire to be invidious, but I hesitate not to say that there has been no governor who has left behind him a name more revered than that of our honoured Chairman. I cannot say that in the governing of a country like ours we have not our difficulties and our differences of opinion, and his lordship will remember that on some occasions differences upon certain minor matters did arise, but there never was any difference of opinion between him and his advisers on the great interests affecting the British portion of the Continent of America and of the Empire to which we all belong. I have listened with great satisfaction and pleasure to the address of my friend, Mr. Fleming, a gentleman with whom I have been intimately associated for a number of years past. He and I travelled from Canada to Australia with a view to the promotion to the fullest possible extent of improved commercial intercourse between those portions of Her Majesty's Dominions, and to that visit we owe the meeting together of the Colonial delegates in Canada two years ago, out of which arose the mission on which we are now visiting our native land. It is a pride to me to know that though I went to Canada with my parents sixty-three years ago this summer, I am an Englishman by birth, and my friend Mr. Fleming, too, belongs to the northern part of these islands; nevertheless, we have learned in our portion of Her Majesty's Dominion never to draw any distinction between the native-born Englishman, Scotchman, or