

has been there that individuals do not suffer from cold—that the crops in most parts of it do not suffer, as the seasons are very regular. The snow forms a sort of blanket to the earth; it melts from the heat of the sun, which is very strong, in a comparatively short time, and vegetation is remarkably rapid when the spring sets in. I hope it will prove to be so. Dr. Rae has told us to hope that it would be so in most parts of the country in that district to which allusion has been made. In conclusion, I think we may all feel satisfied that Mr. Sandford Fleming has favoured us with so very clever a paper, and we may congratulate the Dominion of Canada on having the services of so experienced a person and so able a man as he is. (Hear, hear.) I am quite sure that anything he recommends will be wisely recommended, and would be wisely carried out, and be for the benefit of the Dominion of Canada and of the British Empire. (Hear, hear.) I quite agree with the remarks made by some gentleman, who said this is not merely a Canadian question, but an Imperial matter, and I only wish there was the slightest hope of the Chancellor of the Exchequer being able to contribute towards the cost of a railroad for bringing grain here from those countries. I beg to move a vote of thanks to Mr. Sandford Fleming for the paper, and to Mr. Frederick Young for reading it. (Loud applause.)

Mr. FREDERICK YOUNG: On Mr. Sandford Fleming's behalf I beg to thank you sincerely for the compliment you have paid him. It will be my agreeable duty to convey your thanks to him, which I am sure he will thoroughly appreciate: It has been a matter of great regret to me that he was not here this evening to read his own paper. When I invited him, on behalf of the Institute, to undertake to give us a paper on Canada, I had no idea he would be so suddenly called away from England on public duty by the Dominion Government, but I am sure I can heartily join with those who have expressed their gratification with the paper I have had the pleasure of reading. I sincerely rejoice the Royal Colonial Institute has obtained such a valuable and important contribution to its archives from the pen of an individual so distinguished as Mr. Fleming is in connection with the Dominion.

The meeting then concluded.