

"Territorial Roads" scheme can be carried out by the Dominion Government, if they will be content to walk before they essay to run, I really believe there is scarcely any limit to what we may hope to see realised. Let me call attention to the figures mentioned by Mr. Fleming. He spoke, I think, of one hundred and sixty millions of acres of land supposed to be more or less capable of grazing and cultivation. Now, it is impossible for the mind to conceive what one hundred and sixty million acres are. But let me put it to you in this way. Suppose the country marked out like a chess-board, in squares of a mile each way; it would take a quarter of a million of men to put one upon every square. Such is the verge and space which is offered in that region for settlement. If settlers prepared by their antecedents to find happiness in it can be attracted there, Divine Providence has given to the English race a magnificent inheritance in this land. It is our duty and our destiny to occupy it, and I do not suppose that any permanent obstacle stands in the way; but gigantic undertakings, which so often become gigantic failures, are not the surest path to success. Time, however, may have great destinies in store for what is now a wilderness. I hope it, and I firmly believe it. (Applause.)

Sir BRYAN ROBINSON (late Judge of the Supreme Court of Newfoundland): I have heard with much pleasure that interesting paper—that epitome of Canadian life, character, and resources which has been read by the Hon. Secretary, and I may add, so well read. The learned engineer, whose absence we deplore, has laid the whole of British North America under a debt of gratitude, not merely for the labours he has undergone, but for the record of them he has embodied in the valuable paper which he has left behind him. (Hear, hear.) When I heard the gallant officer who first spoke differing in details from Mr. Fleming, and professing to support his views by statistics, I was reminded of an observation made by the late Mr. Canning, that with the exception of "facts nothing was more calculated to mislead than statistics." Now, it is always well to hear two sides of the story; nevertheless, in spite of all that has been said by the gallant 'captain, I do believe that wheat *will grow* in Canada, and I do firmly believe that Canada has within its womb the germs of a great nation; for a great nation it cannot fail to be, with its enormous territorial extent, its capability of producing the necessaries of life in such boundless quantities, with its healthy climate and its Anglo-Saxon population, with British institutions and a love of liberty; it must, with such advantages, go ahead. It has been supposed that Canada has