

with the exception of the harbour of Hongkong, which has a magnificence all its own, and a beauty all but unsurpassed in the world, I have seen no harbour which has left an impression more lasting and favourable than your own splendid harbour of St. John.

There are many reasons why the public men of any country should travel, travel throughout their own countries, travel in foreign lands, but there is a special reason why we in Canada should. Others visiting our shores cannot but return with tales of the vastness of harbour, lake, river mountain and prairie, which, to those who have not seen, must seem the story of a wonderland. We, if we are true in the accounts of what, may confess that there are evidences abroad of human achievement, even among heathen peoples, which as yet we have been able to imitate but remotely, but we must also own that in what it has bestowed on Canada in the way of resources, of natural advantages, of national possibilities, God's bounty has been unsurpassed.

No, gentlemen, we are unworthy our heritage if we forget its greatness, and I for one believe that in many of our national undertakings we can afford to take chances with the Future believing as I do that a destiny awaits this Dominion unknown, undreamt of in the world to-day.