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fountains of purity and centres of power in our national life. Our land must be kept and used as the patrimony of the people and our railroads must be made the public highways of the country. In the vigilance of our Canadian citizens is to be found the guarantee for the continuance of our Canadian birthrights.

As Canadian citizens we may to-day look round upon our national heritage with feelings of profound gratitude and sentiments of patriotic pride. We have more than half a continent for our country. Our climate throughout the length and breadth of our domain is healthy and invigorating. Our institutions are conservative, but popular and progressive. Our seaports on the Atlantic bring us within easy reach of the markets of Europe, and our harbors on the Pacific open the doorway of communication to the teeming millions of Asia. Our wheat fields and grazing lands are almost measureless. In fur and fish we hold nature's monopoly of the continent. In shipping we take a high rank among maritime powers. In mineral resources and manufacturing capabilities we are not behind any country in the world. If our population is small there is the more room for increase. If we have winter storms to face we will beget physical vigor in enduring them. If we have difficulties to meet we will beget skill in overcoming them. If we have few of the luxuries of tropical climes we will be strangers to many of the vices and diseases that follow in their trail. We may not be able to grow oranges within our domain, we can grow the best of apples in our eastern Provinces. If we cannot grow sugar we can catch abundance of fish. If we cannot produce great quantities of corn, we can raise abundance of roots and cattle. If we cannot grow cotton with which to supply the mills of England, we can furnish prairie land to make a wheat granary for the world. No land richer in soil and minerals, in pasturage and fishing grounds, in climate and productions, in agricultural resources and manufacturing facilities —no wider domain of mountain and plain, of lake and forest, of river and seaboard, ever became the heritage of any people than this Canada of ours. We are unworthy of our heritage if we do not aim to make our country a land where peace reigns, where righteousness dwells, where oppression is unknown, where Christianity has triumphed, and the true God is glorified.

Then shall we be worthy of the legacy bequeathed to us by our forefathers. For we must not forget that our Canadian heritage as it comes to us is a British inheritance. By birth