

thus rendering us independent of our neighbors so far as concerns our intercourse with the mother country and which by means of the Pacific Railway will constitute a complete chain of railway communication on our own territory from one ocean to another.

After this short sketch of political events which have happened since 1861, you will allow me to briefly review the result of the political position you made for me in July 1861, so far as concerns the local interests of the beautiful and generous county of Bonaventure.

When I arrived in your midst after having passed through the inconvenience and delay of a journey by sailing ship, you received me most warmly and soon sent me to Parliament. Since that time what great changes have taken place among you

1st. Steamships have replaced sailing vessels.

2ndly. Postal communication which was then weekly has become daily.

3rdly. Colonization roads which were so to speak unknown, are open to the industry of colonists, and agriculture has made great strides.

4thly. Your interests in the fisheries, which have not escaped my attention, have not suffered but on the contrary have been improved and promoted.

5thly. The pale rays of the moon alone protected navigators and fishermen from the dangers of the night, and to-day the numerous light-houses which illumine our coasts show you that your interests have not been neglected.

6thly. The delays, difficulties and dangers you underwent in crossing, whether by fording, or in scows, the numerous rivers of your beautiful county have been replaced by the ease and security afforded you by the construction of bridges across the greater number of them.

7thly. My efforts to give you a telegraphic line of communication are not unknown to you, and I recall with satisfaction