

Andrew Holland, a paragraph which was very insulting to the people of Quebec. I had been informed that the writer was the Mr. Holland who is employed in the Senate. I was misinformed, because the gentleman referred to wrote me a letter stating that the letter in question was not written by him, nor had he any knowledge whatever of the communication until he read it in the Citizen. It is only fair to state that the writer of the letter is not employed in the Senate and has nothing to do with this body. Therefore I think it is not worth mentioning the name. A man writing such a letter does not deserve to be mentioned.

DEATH OF LORD STRATHCONA.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—It is my sad duty to make some few observations on the death of the Right Hon. Lord Strathcona, High Commissioner for Canada, who early this morning died at his residence in London. His career was probably the most varied, unique and successful that we in Canada know. It is doubtful whether any page in romance affords as interesting and as picturesque a career as that of the late Lord Strathcona.

Born in 1820, it is a far cry from the humble position which he occupied in a small town in Scotland to that which he occupied at his death, of being one of the most commanding figures in the heart of the Empire. Coming to Canada at a period when men were living who lived when Montcalm and Wolfe had fought on the plains of Abraham, he began to carve for himself that wonderful career with which we are to-day so familiar. Subjecting himself to all the hardships, the rigours and adventures common to the Hudson's Bay outposts along the northern fringe of Canada, he surmounted every difficulty until he reached the highest position in the gift of that most remarkable company known as the Honourable the Company of Adventurers trading into Hudson's Bay. It may be said that the association of Lord Strathcona with the Hudson's Bay Company has created for it that deep interest and admiration with which it has been regarded within the Dominion of Canada.

No man in Canada has been more identified with the opening up of our great systems of transportation than has Lord Strathcona. Canada is deeply indebted to him for his invaluable services in promoting the sale of Rupert's Land to the

Government of Canada, and thus rounding out the great scheme of confederation which statesmen of that day had in view. Upon Canada entering into possession of that Western territory, Lord Strathcona at once enlisted his genius to opening it up by most modern means of communication. Joining forces with Mr. J. J. Hill, probably the greatest transportation pioneer of the United States, connection by land and water was opened up with the United States, giving access to Rupert's Land through the transportation systems of that great country. To Lord Strathcona, Canada is greatly indebted for the building of the Canadian Pacific Railway. No man in the courageous group who entered upon that herculean task assumed such a heavy burden as the late Lord Strathcona. His courage, his foresight, his invincible nerve and his unlimited faith in Canada were probably the greatest factors enlisted in building up that enterprise which may be said to-day to be the greatest transportation system in the world.

As a diplomat Canada is greatly indebted to Lord Strathcona. Probably no man in Canada has exercised the high office of diplomacy in behalf of so many troubled questions as did the late High Commissioner. During the first Riel rebellion his good offices were enlisted by the Government of Canada toward bringing into harmony with law and order the seditious elements which then proved so great an obstruction to the settlement of that Western country. Between that period and his occupancy of the office of High Commissioner, the diplomatic services rendered by Lord Strathcona to Canada were of inestimable value.

On his appointment to the office of High Commissioner, by Hon. Sir Mackenzie Bowell, then Prime Minister, and which took place some years after he had passed the allotted span of life, he then entered upon the most commanding position occupied by any man representing the Overseas Dominions in the heart of the Empire. His services to Canada in that capacity have probably been greater than those rendered by any other Canadian. Lord Strathcona's presence in London, as representing the Dominion of Canada, was an asset of inestimable value. His princely and lavish hospitality, his beneficence as a giver, his philanthropy in assisting and endowing not only many great institutions in Canada but elsewhere, have placed him