

human beings have taken the place of herds of buffalo and bands of beaver, when mosquitoes may almost be forgotten, then the tender and the timid may follow. For the present, only courageous and vigorous men and women of any race or creed are invited to Canada. They are invited to lay the foundations of her strength, to mould her future greatness, and enable her to extend and perpetuate British institutions on a portion of the northern temperate zone scarcely inferior in size to the continent of Europe. For some time to come those who emigrate to Canada must make up their minds to think little of minor difficulties, and to work with all their might in whatever sphere of life they may occupy. There is no place at present for the idle or the effeminate.

In concluding these too lengthy remarks, I desire to express my deep regret that I was not present during the discussion on my paper. I should have wished to have promptly met the statements that were made, and to which I have now referred. While I doubt the propriety of the course taken by one Imperial officer on that occasion, it must not be thought that I object in the slightest to any person giving free expression to his mind. I feel that the more the subject I so imperfectly submitted to the Institute is discussed, the better it will be for general, as well as for Canadian, interests. Speaking for Her Majesty's subjects beyond the sea, and more especially for Canadians, the view is held that the British Empire is as little limited to the British Islands as British influence is limited to the British Empire. The Empire is fast spreading in population and in power in every quarter of the globe; long before the great American division of it becomes fully developed, and every acre of its fertile soil be tilled like the fields of England, the strength of Canada will be felt and appreciated. Canadians are fully alive to the fact that they live under the freest and best system of government on the face of the earth; they feel that they have a rich inheritance; and they look forward to the period when Canada will be considered scarcely less indispensable to the whole fabric of the British Empire than the small, yet vastly important, group of islands of which this marvellous city forms the social and political centre.

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