

of the globe ever possessed. I believe we have at this moment the largest unoccupied area of cultivable land in any country in the world.

HON. MR. POWER—Except the Argentine Republic.

HON. MR. ABBOTT—I believe that our population is as intelligent, as well educated, as energetic and as well provided with all the essential requisites for prosperity, as any nation in the world; and I believe we have nothing to do in this country to reach the summit of the highest aspirations we could possibly entertain, but to stand by our country, to avoid depreciating it, to encourage every element of prosperity that we can direct to it; and to abandon these agitations first for one change, then for another; and especially this last one for passing over to another country our incalculable advantages—for handing over our heritage, as it is proposed to do, for a mess of pottage. Let us stand by our country, and our country will justify our faith. We can attain in this country, and I hope to see it yet, though I am an old man, a still greater ratio of prosperity than we have yet reached; and I hope and believe that it will long continue to progress, in ever-increasing measure, in the march to pre-eminent national prosperity, and national dignity.

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