

orating influence their business receives from this controlling source.

Better that the present debt and the expense of further improvements be paid by a tax on all the property of the State, and the tolls placed at the lowest rate consistent with the necessary current expenditures, than suffer a diminution of the golden stream.

We are not such degenerate sons of our fathers that we are unable to appreciate and preserve this rich heritage,—the result of their wisdom and enterprise,—and we *must* carry out to perfection that which they so auspiciously begun, and in which they achieved such signal success, and thus secure to our successors the benefits that will follow, and to our State the high distinction she has earned, through all coming time.