

is ours; for now we may assume with confidence the destiny which Nature and Circumstance have marked out for us.

The time has come for us to do something, or to ask why we are doing nothing. Last May in Panama the great steam-shovels met. The Big Ditch is practically complete. Within 60 days or so the great waterway will be finished. Ocean steamships will be crossing the American hemisphere. I say, gentlemen, the time has come for us to do something. The day has arrived when we must act, and behave no longer like children and amateurs but as men and cosmopolitans.

We must have an imperial harbor if we are to have a world port. We must organize our great industries within the Terminal Zone if we are to overcome our natural handicaps. Whatever may be the inconceivable attitude of those men here and elsewhere who have been unfriendly to the proper and adequate development of the port of Vancouver, the day will come in the future surely enough when Vancouver will be ready and willing to give due credit to those men who have given their best efforts, and spent their real money on the only location of all the 7,000 miles of coast line of this Province which is possible for such a project, and who have organized a dock and harbor development which can offer to both shipping and industrial interests every economy demanded by economic and geographic science, every advantage that will attract the masters of ships, and the captains of industry.