

placed side by side with this country, is remarkable. Her ships, from the Maritime Provinces, whiten every sea with their sails; her fisheries are the envy of her neighbors; her banking institutions are the largest, the richest, and the soundest on the continent; her canals and waterways are the grandest in the world; her railways rival those of every other country in their length, extent, and amplitude of communication. Just think of that magnificent stretch of iron bands, extending from the waters of the Atlantic, at Halifax, to Quebec, in the Inter-colonial line; the magnitude of the region covered by the Grand Trunk system, with its complete and efficient service; and above all, the splendid achievements in the Canadian Pacific, which, unlike any Pacific Trunk Line in the United States, running only from the centre to the circumference of the continent, this magnificent work stretches from ocean to ocean, under one control, and one impulse. The completion of the Canadian Pacific marks the day when a great nation, already born and well nurtured, takes on its manhood. For then has been attained a period when its whole vast area is brought within easy and immediate reach; and means of communication, which is the highest attribute and outcome of civilization, will be possible for the promotion of man's best interests in time of peace, and, as we recently have seen, for his protection in time of war.

But not alone in railways is our noble country well served, but in all else that relates to progress. Her telegraph system is the most complete in the world, affording a service greater and cheaper than elsewhere; her postal system, combined with savings banks, is the most comprehensive. Her progress in all the Arts, in her Universities, her Law Schools, her great and pure Judiciary, her enterprise in newspapers, and above all, the unimpeachable character of the rank and