

and our sailors have carried our name round the world and it is safe to say there are few ports in the world where you may not find a Nova Scotian sea captain.

This city of Halifax is crowded with historic memories. It was up this harbor that the ill fated squadron of D'Anville, shattered and storm tossed, came to anchor, to meet a more deadly foe than wind and wave in the pestilence which destroyed hundreds of brave sailors. It was here that Cornwallis, stout soldier and sagacious statesman, arrived in 1749 and laid the foundations of this city. St. Paul's church, built in 1750, is the oldest Protestant church in the Dominion of Canada, and the old churchyard of St. Paul's is one of the most interesting cemeteries in this country. In it were laid side by side the heroic dead who made the names of the Shannon and the Chesapeake famous.

In the old Provincial Building, where we hope to meet this evening, Mr. Lawrence Kavanagh stood in 1827, the first Roman Catholic member since the Reformation to represent a constituency in the British dominions.

And there is another old building here, which to my mind should be full of interest for all Canadians. It was a Nova Scotian, Sir Samuel Cunard, who had the enterprise to start the first line of transatlantic steamships, and there are men in Halifax to-day who remember when the *Britannia*, the first Cunarder, came up the harbour and to the shipping office of S. Cunard and Co.

And may I draw your attention to our geographical position and to our incomparable harbour? It has the largest dry dock on this side of the Atlantic, it is defended by one of the most powerful fortresses in the world, and at any hour of day or night, summer or winter, in any state of the tide, the largest and swiftest ships afloat may come along side the pier, or leave it punctually, without delay or interruption.

I trust that when this Association again meets in Halifax it will find the western terminus of the fast Atlantic service,—safe in the keeping of the “Warden of the Honour of the North.”

Finally bear with me if I point to our Educational Institutions. Dalhousie University the only undenominational college in the province, has not only supplied professors to several colleges in the United States, but furnished a distinguished successor to the renowned Tait of Edinburgh, and only the other day, sent one to the University