

stupendous cataracts, great flowing rivers, and inland seas of the freshest and purest water.

Like the people of the United Kingdom, we Canadians take our origin from the great historic races of Western Europe. We do not all profess the same form of creed, but we are all Christians. There is to be found among us a difference of language, as was at one time found in these sea-girt isles, but we dwell in peace and amity, for we are all blessed with the full enjoyment of British laws and British freedom. We live under the same flag as you do, we profess no mere mouth loyalty to the one Queen and Empress, whom may God long spare.

#### DISCUSSION.

Sir DONALD A. SMUTH, G.C.M.G. (High Commissioner for Canada): It is a privilege, I consider, to be permitted to say a few words upon the most interesting and descriptive address to which we have just listened. The name of Mr. Fleming is a household word in Canada, and one known in many circles in this country. It is, wherever known, respected as that of a man who has done great and good work, not alone for Canada, but for the Empire as a whole. It was under his directions that the Intercolonial Railway, the first effort to connect the different Provinces of Canada, was constructed. So also with regard to the road going further into the interior and across to the Pacific. Mr. Fleming was the pioneer in this work, in all the preliminary surveys, and under his care a very considerable portion of the line was built. The address to which we have listened is indeed most instructive. Mr. Fleming has told us of Cabot having touched on Canadian soil in 1497. About 200 years after that a company was formed in England which sent its ships into Hudson Bay. At that time the whole of the eastern portion of Canada was a province of France, and I think we have cause for gratification that by the sending of these ships into Hudson Bay at that time, and taking possession of the country from that point to, I think I may say, the North Pole, we have conserved to us to-day what is a very important portion of Canada—I mean the whole of the great North-West, one of the most prolific of the whole continent of America, for that which concerns one of the chief wants of man, that is to say, wheat and other grain. It has, during this last year, produced in the hands of a very few farmers no less than 30,000,000 bushels of wheat alone. From these efforts I think we may look forward, in a very short time, seeing that we really only require population in that country, to producing ten times as much as was done this