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In a recent Budget speech of the Canadian Minister of Finance, in speaking of the money spent by the country on the Canadian Pacific Railway, he said, in defending the enormous expenditure, "that it is desirable to give the people of the old world, and the inhabitants of our own Dominion, free homes in the great North-West. We could realise in a few years, if they were put up to public auction, the money that would pay back not only the expenditure up to the present, but down to the completion of the railway. But it will come in the future, our public debt will be decreased, our annual interest will be reduced, and we shall occupy the proud position of being able to offer to the industrious and honest man, who cannot find work in the old world, a home here, with free lands, a country girdled with railways, and with a canal system the best in the world, with institutions that will protect their lives, their properties, and their rights, and that will afford a refuge for the oppressed man, if there be any such in any part of the old world. (!) We will open our arms to them all, and bid them welcome, and make the Dominion of Canada, as I said in my closing remarks in a former speech, what Providence intended it to be—one of the greatest and richest countries in the world." After such a burst of eloquence as that, the only thing for me to do is to hide my diminished head and sit down.

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