

Steaming from about 52° 20' north, where our way lay through immense icebergs, sixty of which we would see in one day, and where the hardy Newfoundlander amid snow and ice plies his trade; steaming onward and southward to within six degrees of the equator, where the temperature of the ocean is 83°, and where summer perpetually reigns, I found on that great expanse of ocean, continuous evidence of the dominance of British commerce. I found in every colony I visited not only that Britain had left upon each the marks of her prowess, but the blessings of her civilization. I felt, as I never had realized before, under circumstances and conditions as opposite as they could well nigh be, that at each extreme the power and influence of the empire were equally great, and equally great for good. Connected with such a power, I thought upon our possibilities of development; I thought upon our future; I thought upon our destiny. But this was the one thought which most impressed me—

That our destiny was in our own hands and not in the hands of any foreign power, however near or however great, and realizing this fully I felt that if in working it out we were but true to those great underlying principles of truth and righteousness, which are the guarantees, not only of a nation's prosperity but of a nation's stability; if we were but true to our country and true to ourselves nothing could stand in the way of our progress, nothing could by any possibility retard our development. For then we should be prosperous and contented at home, and we should be honored and respected abroad.

At the close of the Senator's remarks, it was moved by D. R. Wilkie, seconded by S. F. MacKinnon, That the thanks of this meeting be and are hereby tendered to the Hon. John Macdonald for his able, interesting and instructive report of his recent investigations in the West Indies and British Guiana, and that the same be printed and issued to the members of this board, and to the Boards of Trade of the Dominion. Carried with applause.

Moved by W. B. Hamilton, seconded by A. M. Smith, That the council of this board be instructed to take into consideration the many matters referred to in this report as to the best methods of opening up an extended trade with the West India islands, and at the same time to indicate what steps would be deemed best in approaching the Government in order to secure these ends, and to report at an early meeting of the board. Carried unanimously.

EDGAR A. WILLS,

*Secretary.*