



## NEW BRUNSWICK

### Her History, Her Resources and Her Future

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I know of nothing which so completely harmonizes with the aims and objects of the Canadian Clubs of this country as this series of addresses which your Executive has arranged on the history and resources of the different Provinces of the Dominion. For the fostering of a broad and healthy Canadian national spirit there is surely nothing so essential as the diffusion among our people of knowledge of the history and development of the different Provinces comprising the nation and the interesting of these Provinces in each other, and I apprehend that in the history of the little Province by the sea, concerning which I come to speak to you today, will be found no small or unimportant contribution to that splendid fabric which has been reared on this continent, of a strong, united Canadian nation within the British Empire, year by year adding to its strength and greatness in a manner unrivalled by any country of the world.

I need hardly say that I appreciate the honor of having been selected to deliver the address for New Brunswick under such distinguished auspices as those of the Canadian Club of this great and cultured City of Toronto, and I am sure that the people of that Province will also appreciate the opportune privilege which you have thus accorded of making known to you, and perhaps through you to

others, something of what we have to offer at this time of her awakening to a fresh realization of the tremendous possibilities which she possesses for future growth and development.

#### Devoted to the British Crown.

If there is one feature more than another which has distinguished the history of New Brunswick through all the years from her foundation as a Province in 1784 until the present time, it has been the constant and unswerving devotion of her people to the British Crown. Born as she was of the spirit of that very devotion—a spirit which flinched not before the grim necessity of choosing between the forswearing of allegiance to the Empire and the abandonment of comfortable homes and all material possessions to endure the trials and hardships of pioneering in an uninhabited wilderness—this same spirit has never failed to animate her in the succeeding years. The famous snowshoe march of the 104th New Brunswick Regiment to Quebec through the blinding storms and withering cold of the winter of 1813 to join in the resistance of the threatened American invasion, the march of the 43rd Regiment to help quell the rebellion in Quebec in 1837, the extraordinary expedition with which hundreds of her young men gathered at the front at the time of the Fenian Raids, the eagerness of