

had a few years ago. That is the best proof we can have of the success of the existing policy, and we would fain hope that in a few years we will be able to look to Canada as one of the great manufacturing as well as the greatest wheat producing country in the world.

The great and fatal disaster which happened to the President of the neighboring republic has been alluded to in this Speech from the Throne, and although nothing could possibly be more sad than it was, there is generally some good arising from the worst possible ills of life that can happen, and if any good has come out of this calamity I truly and sincerely believe that it is this—that it has consolidated and increased very much the deep feeling of respect and love that the two countries always had for each other, and that they have now grown more than ever to each other. The very deep regret and sympathy that was expressed in Montreal, which I know more about than other cities, I know was most marked. From the wealthiest citizen to the poorest person, the evidences of sorrow were universal and the regret was as deep as it possibly could have been on the other side of the line. I know that we all felt very proud when we heard of the expressions of feeling from Her most gracious Majesty the Queen.

The next point of importance is the allusion to Manitoba and the North West Territory, and it may seem egotistical for me to say so but I think there are few people in the country who thoroughly appreciate the great wealth we have in that vast territory. I was one of the first that went out there to visit it, and I have had a good deal to do with it ever since, and for the last thirty years I have been over the western prairies of the United States a good deal, and I know I speak of it advisedly when I say we have by far the most extensive and by far the richest wheat fields in the world. The Government of the country is certainly to be highly congratulated upon the progress which the Canadian Pacific Railway Company is making at present, because you can hardly speak about the North-west Territories without including them. I know that in Manitoba especially there were very hard things said, and very hard thoughts entertained about the Pacific Railway contract a year ago, as well as in the older Provinces of Canada; but I know as well to-day

that the feeling has changed so much that a large majority of the thinking men of Manitoba as well as the North-west are delighted with the work that has been done by the Canadian Pacific Syndicate. Not only are they doing all that they have agreed to do, but they are doing and are going to do a great deal more in opening up the North-west. After all, if our lands are to be worth anything out there, it is simply by having roads opened through them, for they are practically valueless until we have railways, and we will not be very much older until we have a railway to the foot of the Rocky Mountains, to the Bow River country, and then we will have lateral branches from that in every direction. I have heard it very often said that we are going to ruin the older Provinces by sending the best of our population to the North-west. I think that is a mistake, and that while we shall have a great many of our people moving to those territories, on the other hand we shall have an equally large number of wealthy immigrants coming from the old country who will be glad to settle in the older Provinces. But whether I am right or wrong I am one who believes thoroughly, and have always believed that you cannot do good to one portion of Canada without helping the whole of it.

As to the surplus that was spoken of a few moments ago, we are certainly all very proud of it, and I think that is only a beginning of what is to come. That it will increase if the same policy be carried out, I have not the slightest doubt. When thousands of people go into the North-west they will certainly add to our revenue just as much as if they came into the east.

Thanking you kindly for having listened so patiently to my remarks, I beg to second the motion.

HON. MR. SCOTT—I am sorry that I was not present when the hon. senator from Hamilton (Mr. McInnes) addressed the House. I was deprived of an opportunity of hearing his observations and comments on the first few paragraphs of the address. I am glad to congratulate the hon. senator from Montreal (Mr. Ogilvie) as well as the hon. senator from Hamilton, on their appointment to this House. It is always gratifying when these appointments are made, that they should be made from amongst a class of men who in some degree may be regarded as representative