

**NOTABLE SPEECH  
BY EARL G**

**Governor General Creates  
Enthusiasm at Canadian  
Club Luncheon**

ON DESTINY OF CA

Predicts Wonderful Future  
for the Province of British  
Columbia

**F**OLLOWING is a verbatim of the very interesting delivered at the Canadian luncheon at Vancouver on Tuesday. His Excellency Earl Grey: "Mr. Chairman, guests and

men," he said, "I thank you, Dr. for the way in which you proposed to assist, and you, gentlemen, for the extremely hearty cordiality with which you received it. I am grateful for the more than graceful manner in which you referred to the connection between my family and Canada. If

you into my confidence I'll admit occasionally slightly embarrassed these allusions are made to my try. Real ancestors are not of asset but a liability. (Laughter, a man who makes his own ancestor man who makes claim to any or esteem by virtue of possessing trifling ancestors, is a man I never to make my friend, no more do you

Wade"—the president of the  
touched the speaker's arm and  
pered.

"The chairman reminds me,  
Grey remarked, "that he, no  
than all of us, likes being dicto  
(Laughter.)

"Mr. Wade," he went on, and  
stuttered over the many faces  
slight emphasis he put on the

"Mr. Wade has asked what the destiny of Canada, and has pointed out that Canada felt her position of possibility to be 'inconsistent with the dignity and genius of a British Empire.' Well, I do not come here with a view of Imperial federation, but to discuss the line to which the ob-

has given expression. I might say that Dominion has only to ask England to admit her into the councils of her Parliament, and if she is prepared to assume her share of obligations in relation to the Empire, I venture to say, not speaking officially or personally, that she will receive the warmest response. (Cheers.) I have had a dream that while former s

"My first visit to this portion of the Pacific coast was about 25 years ago. At that time, a few dollars would

at that time a few donors would purchased the site of your entire town. The baptismal ceremony which took place upon your city the historic and distinguished name of Vancouver had yet taken place. When I was in this part of the world, your now town Vancouver was known to comparatively few as Gastown, thus irreverently named after that inspired booster, Jack, to whom the future greatness

Vancouver appears to have been revealed. (Laughter.)

"It requires no inspired prophet to foretell the greatness of Vancouver. Vancouver is now the recognized way between the East and the West, the gateway through which the streams of commerce between the Orient and the self-governing nations of the West flow."

New Zealand and Australia will ever-increasing volume, until Van shall become, perhaps, the first and important port of all the world. (applause.)

(Gentlemen, have you ever reflected the

**Position of Hongkong and Shanghai**

and on the lesson which these two fishing seaports offer to Vancouver.

These seaports, as you know, are channels through which China exports her surplus produce, and imports foreign merchandise for which the surplus produce is exchanged. You are able to realize what is the value being a national port, through the export and import streams of chandise flow when I remind you over one thousand million dollars of British capital are invested in the

“When you look at the map and realize that Vancouver is the nearest

man's port to the ports of the C  
you will know what thoughts are  
mind without my expressing them.  
if Hongkong and Shanghai do th  
ormous business when China is  
what may we not expect when  
awakes? The signs are daily in  
ing that China is at last awak  
That great giant is now diggin  
huge fists into his eyes; if you liste

"Now, what does all this mean for you? No country, not even China, possesses greater natural resources than that vast empire of China, or a greater potential field for commercial and industrial development. It is almost as if the sounds which herald the approach of that awakening, when it comes, will burst the bonds which have compressed the feet and cramped and dwarfed the development of the nation for centuries.

potential need for commercial or industrial enterprises. Who, I ask, has a natural heir to the increased trade which we can see coming in 10 years from China and Japan? Who is going to benefit? But the answer to the question is obvious. That nation alone is going to benefit which has the means on which China and Japan depend for the interchange of their surplus products, and which owns and commands

trade routes which connect those  
kets with the ports of the Orient.