

now called the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec ; the Provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia ; the new Province of Manitoba, and the great North-west Territory, British Columbia, and Vancouver Island—thus extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean, a distance of 3400 miles.” Thus presenting an area “big enough for all” for centuries to come.

The delegate referred to proceeds : “The climate of this vast country is hotter in the summer and colder in the winter than Western Europe ; but it is healthy and favourable to the growth of a hardy and industrious population, which, although at present under four millions, has laid the foundation, under shelter of the British flag, of another great North American Confederation, where people, lightly taxed, live happily and contented on land which they can call their own, and under just and equal laws, honestly and fairly administered.”

He continues : “The progress in wealth which these people have made in two or three generations is astonishing, when we bear in mind that they had vast forests to clear away, and nothing to commence with but stout hearts and willing hands. The soil, not long since covered with trees and brush, now annually yields about \$200,000,000 worth of agricultural produce ; and over \$30,000,000 worth of timber is yearly drawn from her immense forests. But her great mineral wealth of coal, iron, copper, lead, &c., is scarcely developed for want of capital and labour.”