

gentlemen present belonging to the British Association, who will probably visit Canada shortly. I would like therefore to add that Manitoba is not the whole of Canada. It is undoubtedly a bright jewel, and will become still more brilliant, but there are other provinces which have attained a position that Manitoba does not yet occupy. It is but one of the cluster of gems which together form that Dominion of Canada we are so proud of. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. E. HEPPLE HALL: At this late hour I should probably best consult the feelings of this audience by moving that the discussion on a Paper of this importance be adjourned to another evening. I can scarcely hope to keep the meeting together during the ten minutes allotted to me, and I would very much wish to offer one or two practical suggestions upon the land scheme of the Canadian Pacific Road, which I would hope Mr. Begg would think worthy of consideration.

The CHAIRMAN: As far as I myself am concerned, I can scarcely say that the proposal meets with my approval. I think we have nearly exhausted a very interesting subject—(hear, hear)—and there is still a little time left. If, however, there is any desire that the meeting should be adjourned I will put the question to the vote. My experience of adjourned meetings is that the first freshness of the discussion is not afterwards maintained. (Hear, hear.)

The audience having signified their desire that the discussion should proceed,

Mr. HALL continued: I would like to ask Mr. Begg, in the interest of the emigrants who have been proceeding to Canada in such numbers—when the railway is completed we may hope the numbers will be doubled—whether the locking up of the public land in the hands of so-called public companies is not a positive detriment to the emigrant who goes out ostensibly and in reality to get land? We all know that the production of wheat in Manitoba is something prodigious. When I went up there I heard a great deal about 40 and 50 bushels to the acre, and I thought among so much wheat there must be a considerable amount of chaff. (Laughter.) I found, however, that these enormous crops were grown. There are two burning questions connected with the Canadian emigration. One is the Pacific Road, in which all present must feel an interest; the other is with regard to the locking-up of the land in the hands of so-called public companies; who, to the manifest detriment of the emigrants, persist in asking higher prices than either the Dominion Government, the Canadian Pacific Road, or the Hudson's Bay Company. This I look upon as a considerable obstacle. Another obstacle is the lack of transportation. Are we not, in giving over such magnificent lands to the Canadian Pacific Road, parting with the fee simple of the public domain to a corporation which under its present charter is not bound to give the intending settler, or the actual settler, those facilities for the