



TRANSPORTATION

Transportation has been defined as the "keys with which wise statesmen open the doors of national prosperity." There can be no subject, therefore, which should engage the attention of the Canadian people equal in importance to that of lessening the cost of transporting the products of the Western Plains to tide water and the Eastern manufactured products to the homes of the Western consumer. It is equally true that upon the efficiency of our country's transportation facilities depends the future integrity of our Dominion, the comfort, wealth and power of our people.

Canadian transportation began when Jacques Cartier turned the prow of his little bark into the St. Lawrence and christened it after the saint of that name upon whose birthday he entered its waters, and the pages of its early history are filled with the heroic struggle of brave men who had the courage of their convictions and carried the visions of their imagination to a practical conclusion. The names of Cunard, Howe, Young and Allan are mile-stones along the pathway of its early development, in the same big way as Mount Stephen, Van Horne, Shaughnessy, Hays, Mackenzie and Mann are to-day in its later expansion. By the imaginative genius of such men and their pertinacity the outermost corners of our Dominion are made accessible, and the farthest off inhabitant of the plains becomes the neighbor of him who lives within the sound of the ocean.