

North-West said something like the following I quote from memory—"I believe the child is living to-day who could put his hand on one to be born during his lifetime who would see fifty millions more in our North-West than there are to-day." Let us not boast of the extent of our country, but rather see to it that it is filled with an educated, enlightened, progressive, loyal, God-fearing people, British through and through. These are the bulwarks of any nation. As I have said, there is a new era dawning for Canada. May wisdom, self-reliance and courage animate the leaders and the people. I back up for Canada's reconstruction motto: "Full steam ahead."

"The day has a tongue, the hours utter speech;  
Wise, wise will we be if we learn what they teach."

May noble lives of noble men and women ever adorn Canadian history.

Canadians are welded heart to heart in loyalty to the British Empire, the greatest and most glorious the world has ever known since the days of creation. What an inheritance is ours, and what a trust! God help us to be true to it, and hand down unsullied and unimpaired to generations yet unborn the heritage of British freedom which we enjoy, secured to us by our forefathers and cemented by their blood. Canadians, be united as one man,

"With hearts resolved and hands prepared  
The blessings we enjoy to guard."

Let us ever keep the torch of freedom lighted for others as it has been kept burning for us. Let us all live to further the progress of our favored country, leaving behind us a monument that the hands of time cannot destroy—one written in the hearts of a grateful people for duty done in this new era of Canadian prosperity—a prosperity with which this great Company will march abreast, and continue to brighten up Canadian homes with its beneficent provisions and a financial strength in the development of the country.

Let me quote the concluding paragraph of Sir Robert Borden's New Year's message to the people of Canada: "The burdens with which the future confronts us are heavy, but they are insignificant in comparison with the heritage which is ours. With solemn thankfulness for the blessing of peace, and animated in spite of all war weariness with the spirit which has hitherto maintained our purpose, let us face the new year with courage, with determination and with confidence.

"There's a good time coming, boys,  
A good time coming;  
Aid it, dawning tongue and pen,  
Aid it, hopes of honest men;  
Aid it, paper; aid it, type;  
Aid it, for the hour is ripe,  
And our earnest must not slacken into play;  
Men of thought and men of action,  
Clear the way

For the good time coming!"

In the magnetic words of a former Governor-General of Canada, Lord Dufferin, in his message to the people of Canada on leaving our shores, I close, and I would that his words were printed in letters of gold and had a place of honour in every school in the Dominion and were committed to memory by every boy and girl in the land: "Canadians, you are the owners of half a continent; of a land of unbounded promise and predestined greatness. Love your country, believe in it, honour it, work for it, live for it, fight for it, die for it!"

At the conclusion of Mr. Brown's address the entire audience rose and gave three cheers and a tiger for the honored speaker.