

wise temporizing of the Prime Minister, we should be induced by false appearances, or by vanity, to allow ourselves to be drawn into excessive efforts which would paralyze our powers by exhausting them, we should, perhaps, expose ourselves to share the unlucky fate of the Titan who found himself, as a punishment for having attempted to scale Olympus, condemned to pass the rest of his days in absolute immobility. However the case may be, the Government has lately given fresh proofs of its regard for the cause of colonization, and the friends of that work have seen with pleasure, without doubt, that, under treaties recently entered into with the various Indian tribes, vast additions of territory are assured for the future in that immense region which is one day destined to become the granary of Canada, it may even be of Europe. The philanthropic, and above all, Christian policy, proclaimed by His Excellency with reference to our Indian tribes has, I am satisfied, been received with warm approbation by all true friends of humanity, and indeed that policy is but a faithful continuation of the traditional liberality of England in her treaties with those children of nature, the hardships undergone by whom in a neighbouring country have excited pity in every Christian heart. In his Speech, His Excellency draws the attention of this House, in a very marked manner, to the part which Canada has taken at the great Exhibition at Philadelphia, and speaks in flattering terms of the success which we gained there. As it is well known, the American Republic celebrated, last summer, by an exhibition of objects of art and products of every kind, the hundredth anniversary of her independence, of the day ever memorable in history, when she took her position among the nations of the earth. All peoples had been invited to this grand international tourney, in which the combatants no longer presented themselves, as in old time, lance in rest and foot in stirrup; but under the varied forms of the rich productions of the agricultural and manufacturing industries, in which were numberless marvels, ravished by genius from the secrets of science. It was the

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great strife of the peaceful arts, which seemed to have gathered themselves together in that vast enclosed field, in order to measure their strength there, in pacific contests, whence should result for the nations a new feeling of emulation in the direction of advancement, of reciprocal admiration, and fraternity towards one another. This youthful Canada of ours also entered the lists, and we may say at once that she left them covered with laurels. Her triumph has been so great that it has been resolved to celebrate it in a solemn manner by a festival which is being arranged with this object, and of which the inhabitants of this capital will in a few days be the happy witnesses. This distinguished success certainly confers the highest honour upon the Government as well as upon the representatives of Canada at Philadelphia, who one and all, neglected nothing which could contribute to render it as striking as possible. But as you see, Mr. Speaker, the high reputation which we acquired at Philadelphia already produces appreciable results. Already, far-distant nations seek to open commercial intercourse with us, and the House has, without doubt, learnt with satisfaction, from the lips of His Excellency, that in order to meet overtures which had been made to him in that respect, the Government has complied with the invitation to have Canada represented at an Exhibition which would be held very shortly in Australia. To extend the circle of our commerce to the very ends of the earth, to convey the products of our various industries to the most distant markets, even to the antipodes, would this not be in reality, Mr. Speaker, for our country, as yet so young, a success worthy of the admiration of all, and it is impossible to find one better adapted to encourage amongst us the development of new sources of production. Moreover, that which the country will learn with special interest, and will regard perhaps with reason, as one of the results obtained by our display on the grand theatre of Philadelphia is the fact that on the occasion of the renewal of the treaty concerning the extradition of fugitive criminals, negotiations have been opened, and are now progressing, with the object of