

because they could not get the products to the markets of the world, and I found this statement amongst them all that they only wanted the facilities of railway communication to enable them largely to increase what they were already growing, and to transport it to a distance. (Cheering.) I became satisfied from what I saw and heard that a railway would not only be of immense importance to the development of the country, but that it would pay those who put their capital into the construction of the railway so much required. (Applause.) I may say after what has fallen from His Excellency I do not think it would be uninteresting to him to hear that the company I have the honor to represent in this country is endeavoring to do its share in disseminating information among the older countries of the world as to this country. (Cheers.) It used to be rather a reproach to the Hudson's Bay Company that they desired to keep this land a preserve to carry on fur trading, and I have no doubt that like a great many others they, to some extent, were actuated by selfish motives; but we all see now that the time has come when this country must be opened up and peopled. (Cheers.) We have a large estate in this country to administer, and have taken most active steps to explain to the people on the other side of the Atlantic the advantages which will accrue to them from planting their lot here. (Cheers.) So far as we are concerned, I am happy to say that these efforts have been productive of very satisfactory results. (Cheers.) The Canadian Pacific Railway are taking similar steps to ours, and we are both working in harmony on that question. And it may be interesting to state that so great has been the desire by immigrants coming into this country from old Canada, England, Scotland, Ireland, Germany, and Scandinavia, to buy land, that the Hudson's Bay Company have sold to actual settlers upwards of forty thousand acres of land during the last two months, all of which I believe are now in possession of the parties who have bought and who have been willing to pay an average price to possess that land at rather more than \$5 an acre. (Loud cheering.) I can only say so far as the company I represent is concerned, that we shall continue in the path I have described, and that we shall do our utmost to induce people to see the advantages offered to them in this country, and I am glad to see that we are being joined by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company in our efforts in this direction. (Applause.)

I think that one of the greatest inducements and incentives to the settlement of this country is the rapid construction of railway lines throughout its farming lands. (Applause.) It is quite impossible that we can expect that people will come into this country and settle amongst us unless they are to be provided with those means of communication which so largely and admirably exist to the south of us. That country, the United States, has shown a most wonderful and