

Surely we shall remember and live worthy of our high and distinctive calling as a nation! Surely we shall try and fulfil the terms and conditions of worthy tenure in this wide and goodly land—the old terms of Israel's tenancy of Canaan, not abrogated, but written out anew and sealed afresh in the gospel of Jesus Christ for every individual. And surely, too, we shall try and aid, by our faith and our prayers and the supply of that which is spiritually lacking, the pioneer men who have still those limitless reaches of prairie and mountain and wood to dress and subdue; and not allow the land, which is God's, to slip into other hands — the hands of the loveless and the lawless, whom God hath not chosen! The land is God's; the land is ours. He hath given it to us and to our children for ever, if we are faithful and true to our trust and keep His covenant of righteousness and love.

To the above eloquent appreciation of the future of Canada by Dr. Black, we take the liberty of adding two extracts from addresses by the eminent statesman, Lord Dufferin delivered while he was Governor General of Canada in 1872-78.

"Few people in this country have any notion how blessed by nature is the Canadian soil. The beauty, majesty, and the material importance of the Gulf of the St. Lawrence is indeed the theme of every traveller, while the stupendous chain of lakes to which it is an outlet is well known to afford a system of inland navigation such as

is to be found in no other part of the habitable globe. The inexhaustible harvest of its seas annually gathered by its hardy maritime population, the innumerable treasures of its forests, are known to all; but what is not so generally understood is that beyond the present inhabitable regions of the country—beyond the towns, the lakes, the woods—there stretches out an enormous breadth of rich, alluvial soil, comprising an area of thousands of square miles, so level, so fertile, so ripe for cultivation, so profusely watered, and intersected by enormous navigable rivers, with so exceptionably mild a climate, as to be destined at no distant time to be occupied by millions of our prosperous fellow-subjects, and to become a central granary for the adjoining continents. Such a scene as this may well fire the most sluggish imagination, nor can there be conceived a greater privilege than to be permitted to watch over the development of an industry and civilization fraught with such universal advantage to the human race. In fact, it may be doubted whether the inhabitants of the Dominion themselves are as yet fully awake to the magnificent destiny in store for them, or have altogether realized the promise of their young and hardy nationality. Like a virgin goddess in a primeval world Canada still walks in unconscious beauty among her golden woods and by the margins of her trackless streams, catching but broken glances of her radiant majesty as mirrored on their surface, and scarcely recks as yet of the glories awaiting her in the Olympus of nations."