

LORD STRATHCONA

and make her conspicuous in the eyes of the world. He had spent his life there. There he had gained his wealth and there he had achieved his fame. To him it had been more than a "land of promise." It had been a land of large and generous fulfilment. He had landed on those distant shores a poor and comparatively friendless lad. For over seventy years he had lived through the most critical and stormy periods of Canadian development. For thirty years he was a denizen of the wilderness, far away from civilization, living the rough and trying life of the fur-trader. He had taken an important part in laying the foundations of the future greatness of the Confederation. He had been a leading factor in great railway enterprises. He had helped to solve the difficult problems arising out of religious and racial prejudice. He had thrown himself with heart and soul into every movement that would aid in her development. He knew it from the Atlantic to the Pacific. He was acquainted with its enormous resources in forest, mine and fertile land. He had a glowing faith in its future, and saw the time when the Dominion would vie with the Motherland in population and wealth and character. To him it was a matter of pride and delight to sound her praises and make her possibilities known to the whole world. To this end he used his high official position and it was in the furtherance of this purpose that he allied himself with every effort to bring her before the public eye. By public addresses, by large donations, by cultivating the friendship of