

co-operation from this side, and my Government is prepared to co-operate with the British Government or any proper organisation that takes the matter up ; and we have been much interested by the splendid report on this subject by your special and able Commissioner, Sir Rider Haggard. As you know, this question has been the subject of consideration by a Commission appointed by my Government, and I am pleased and honoured to note that the Report of that Commission has met with the approval of the Royal Colonial Institute, particularly that part in which the organisation of an Imperial Migration Board is suggested ; and I desire to extend my congratulations to the Royal Colonial Institute for the splendid lead they are giving in this important matter, and to assure them of my sympathy and hearty co-operation. Notwithstanding the dark times through which we are passing and the clouds that hang so heavily o'er us, feelings of hope and courage stir my breast as a Canadian when I seek to look into my country's future. The grounds for these feelings are, I am confident, strong, abundant and sure. A land full to repletion with raw materials for the arts and industries, and with agricultural possibilities unsurpassed ; a land of splendid waterways and majestic rivers, furnishing limitless power to light and heat our homes and turn the wheels of commerce ; with railway and canal systems, which although only in their infancy are nevertheless already the admiration of the world ; a land half-way between Europe and the Orient, compelling trade with both ; a northern yet temperate climate, maturing the best qualities of fruits, grain, animals and vegetables, and developing the highest and best types of mankind ; a people seeking quarrels with none and determined on peace, but who, nevertheless, when the testing time came, did not shrink from any sacrifice demanded of us for national weal and national honour and the civilisation of the world ; a people whose ideals close in truth, righteousness and the common good ; a people determined to make the northern half of the North American continent the home of a freer, nobler, higher type of civilisation than has yet flourished.

Canada has many problems to solve and many difficulties to