

future beyond the next year! I have already said that those gentlemen in the direction of the railway, my associates, are practical men of business. I may, perhaps, be permitted to be personal for one moment and to say that in 1878, when there were a good many skeptics amongst us as to our having railway communication at all in the Province, I ventured to give the assurance, as one interested in the St. Paul and Manitoba Railway, that the line, then 100 miles distant from our frontier, would be completed and the trains running on it into Winnipeg by the close of that year. (Loud cheers.) This promise, as you all know, was fulfilled, and I trust that I shall be as happy a prophet in announcing my belief on this occasion that there will be at least 600 miles of railway built next year, and that by the close of the year following the Canadian Pacific Railway will have reached the Rocky Mountains. Then I trust we shall have the very great pleasure of seeing amongst us His Excellency once more and that we shall have the high honour and proud satisfaction—a satisfaction which will be most cordially joined in not only by every gentleman here assembled, but by everyone now within the province and the territories of the North-West, as well as by those many thousands who will in the meantime be drawn hither in great measure from the publication of the knowledge communicated to the outside world through the medium of the eloquent address we have heard from His Excellency this evening—that by the close of two years from this we shall have the high honour and very great satisfaction of waiting His Excellency, and along with him Her Royal Highness, we sincerely trust fully restored to health and strength, to the Rocky Mountains in a railway carriage, so that they may be enabled to look down together from one of the peaks of those mountains over a country which is not to be surpassed—to have a bird's eye view of a country teeming with wealth, and capable of producing not only grain in the greatest abundance, but beef and mutton of the very best quality—such an extent of fine agricultural land in one unbroken stretch as can nowhere else be surveyed from any one place either on this continent or any other part of the world of which we have any knowledge. (Great cheering.) And now, gentlemen, I beg to thank you for the kind and cordial manner in which you have been good enough to receive the mention of my name. (Great cheering.)

The health of the Lieut. Governor was then proposed.

His Honour responded briefly, and in the course of his remarks stated that so highly did he think of the country he had made up his mind to live and die in it.

By this time the hour of His Excellency's departure had arrived, and, as he left, the members of the club, with one accord, sprang to their feet and greeted him with peals of cheering, a fitting acknowledgement of the long and laborious journey undertaken by His Excellency from an exalted sense of duty and an unselfish desire to serve the best interests of the country over which he rules.

A tribute to
His Excellency.