

already developed, as they are at so many points in Ontario, rather than to stand the cost of pulling up stakes and moving down to the vicinity of the Niagara River.

It is not alone in manufactures that cheap power will prove advantageous but also in lighting, possibly in heating, and certainly in many domestic uses, not alone in the great cities but in the villages and on the farms. I believe the day is not far distant when practically every house in Ontario within two hundred miles of the Niagara River will be lighted by electricity supplied by the power of the great Cataract. It will be running the sewing machines, the churns, the ice cream freezers, the ventilating fans, the house pump, the knife cleaner and sharpener, the dish-washing machine, the clothes-wringer and other parts of the laundry, and a host of other domestic utensils not yet invented but much thought about at the present time by a multitude of inventors.

But I fear if I continue, the Honorable Adam Beck will claim I am poaching on his preserves; for he has traveled the length and breadth of the land in the last few months showing to all the dwellers in Ontario what can be done with Niagara power, and in this aspect of the case possibly the subject is one which already wearies you. And yet it seems hard to believe that any man who has to work, either with his brains or his hands, for his daily living, can be weary of a subject on which his prosperity and his household bills so largely depend.

And so, gentlemen, if an alien may be allowed to express an opinion on your internal affairs, I wish you all success in the spread of Imperialism as you have defined it, in the consolidation of the British Empire with Canada as one of its most important factors, in the development of Niagara power to the greatest possible extent always consistent with the preservation of the Falls, and in the distribution of this power at the lowest possible cost throughout the length and breadth of Ontario.