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impression left was one of sadness. If you say these things concerning your own land, is it a matter of surprise that people on far distant shores should believe you?

Some of you think there is a prejudice against Australia. That is not true. But there is much ignorance.

You have a noble heritage. The great world has not paid much heed to your progress during the lifetime of men not yet old. Yet you have progressed. You are prosperous. You have ten million acres growing crops, and many tens of millions of bushels of wheat are annually cut upon your plains. You have had your bad times. Now you are enjoying good times.

What you have accomplished is but a gauge of what you will accomplish. You have done what you have done because you come from British stock. No other race could have done what you have done. You live freely beneath the Union Jack. It is well sometimes to think what that means.

JOHN FOSTER FRASER.

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