

ed prejudices to be overcome; all the frontiers are kept and all the international burden borne by another power; the climatic conditions are not invincible nor at their worst much more than stimulating; everything is here which even a crowded Europe might need, and God's word more free and unfettered was never spoken to any people. Behold the land! and possess it in the length and in the breadth of it!

They who are expert in reading history and its signs, say that Canada's tide is now at the flood, and that her present opportunity is unique. Twenty-five years ago it was not so; twenty-five years hence things will not be as now. And just at this juncture everything depends upon the faithfulness of the average man in this large room in the house of human life. Every citizen has a stake and can make his own contribution to his nation's future and through that to the world's. Not one good reason can be adduced why Canada should not be the most sane and just and most nobly free nation the world has ever seen. The arena is wide open, the conditions are kindly and peaceful, and thus far the people are entirely within righteous control. A hundred warning examples of what neglected duty in citizenship leads to, lie behind us; and a thousand noble incentives to faithfulness lie before us. Quite recent experiments across the line, as well as the remoter experiments recorded in all history, are available to show us how best to use this ilimitable heritage; and a more distinct and serious issue never

was set before any people as to whether they will betray or fulfil the principles of Christ's Kingdom on earth. In this connection, and under the headline of a text of Holy Scripture, "let me say once more on this day of reverent gratitude and adoration, for I can never say it once too often, that the gift of Canaan to Israel of old will rank as a very small thing in human history, compared with this gift of Canada to us; and I would charge with highest responsibility every man who calls this land his home and shares its privileges—whether it be the land of his birth or his adoption. Every year God is proving us as He proved Israel, whether we will obey and serve or not; thus far, in His great mercy, He has been proving us only by His goodness, not by His judgments.

How great has been His goodness; how unparalleled His gifts to us in the past summer and autumn! I saw your Western wheat fields ripening; I saw them gathering their golden harvest—the bushel to the acre amazing the oldest husbandman, and the endless acreage making the whole world wonder. One hour of untimely frost from the unseen and far away where God alone controls, and all might have been sadly different! But God remembered us with favor, and now not only are our own barns full against the winter, but the life of other lands is secured against the months of dearth, because Canada is their granary. Surely we are but feebly acknowledging so great kindness and mercy, when we laud and magnify the Lord of the harvest in His own house now!