

lines of steamships, I am sure along with others, he will be impressed with what has been accomplished in Kootenay during his term of office in Canada. It is hardly necessary for me to recite what has been done, but still we may take mention to our souls and just recite a few but interesting figures.

"Looking back after a peep in the blue books, with which until lately I have been more or less intimately connected we find that ten years ago the mines of Kootenay—and remember we are speaking of all Kootenay extending from the Rockies westward until we reach the Yale district—a decade ago these mines produced \$200,000; five years later the production had increased to \$100,000, while last year the production was \$7,000,000, and when we total up what Kootenay has produced within practically the last three years we find that it is \$17,000,000. In speaking of our own camp, in which we are here more deeply interested we may recite a few figures, and we find that in the early days of our camp, in 1894, the shipments of ore from our camp amounted to \$75,000, while last year it had increased to \$2,100,000, and we find that from the mountains within a rifle shot of this room, \$5,500,000 have been produced.

"These figures are not great compared with Africa or Australia, but they are certainly figures to be proud of. We know that they increase from year to year and we have not now that boom element which was here a year and a half ago, when all kinds of people were exploring these hills and coming back with bags of rock that could hardly be called ore; that time has gone by, and now we are settled down to good, hard, honest work."

"In looking forward, gentlemen, to the future of Kootenay, we cannot indulge in prophecy but I am sure that all who know what we know, and have seen what we have, cannot but have the very strongest faith in the future of this great district. In my report last winter, I said we had more capital than we had mines and I was sharply taken up for it, but I think I was right in what I said, and now that the time has come for digging, and that digging is being done, I am sure capital will find more and more encouraging places for investment. Last year I spoke in most encouraging terms of the future of Rossland; at the present time I am well familiar with its present conditions, having seen most of the properties during the last few months, and I may say that the progress here has been most encouraging within that period, and most mine managers who have driven down deeper and drifted in further are quite satisfied with the amount of ore disclosed.

"Your Excellency, we hope you will not only enjoy the scenery of this most beautiful part of the Province, but that you will be impressed by the magnitude and possibilities of the mineral resources of this district, and that when the tenure of your office in Canada ceases and you leave these duties which you have performed so admirably, we sincerely hope that you will carry with you to the motherland kind and fond memories of Kootenay."

MR. MACKINTOSH'S SPEECH.

The toast to His Excellency, the Governor-General, was given by Hon. C. H. Mackintosh, in one of the most interesting speeches of the day.

"The citizens of Rossland," said Mr. Mackintosh, "could not have conferred a higher honor upon me than by requesting me to propose the health of a gentleman so conscientiously, so distinguished, so respected, so deservedly popular, as His Excellency Lord Aberdeen, the Governor-General of Canada. [Loud applause.] Some one more capable might have been selected, none more sincere, none more truly appreciative.

"You all know in what esteem the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava was held when twenty years ago, he closed his term as governor-general. [Applause.] I am not unmindful of the fact that he, loving our people to day, as he did a quarter of a century ago, consented to accept the chairmanship of a great mining corporation, a corporation

destined, I am convinced, to prove how rich British Columbia is in mineral wealth. You have heard what that eminent authority, Mr. Carlyle, has said. I can add no more. [Cheers.] To my connection with that corporation, I doubtless owe the compliment paid to me. Gentlemen, in mentioning Lord Dufferin's name I am proud to be able to say that the interest manifested in Canada by that distinguished statesman, finds a responsive chord in the heart of the noble lord who to days accepts your hospitalities. [Loud cheers.] Eight years ago, when member for the capital of the Dominion, I had the honor of meeting His Excellency for the first time, and since then, like all observant Canadians, never failed to recognize His Excellency's devotion to every project promising to add to the progress of the commonwealth. [Applause.] He is here, and that alone should be sufficient proof that I am indulging in no questionable flattery. [Applause.] All will agree with me when I venture to add that Her Excellency Lady Aberdeen, has endeared herself to vast numbers throughout Canada and the United States; that she has beautified social life and set an example of perfect womanhood." [Loud applause.] (Hon. T. Mayne Daly here arose and proposed three cheers for Lady Aberdeen, which were given with hearty good will.)

Mr. Mackintosh continued: "A majority at least of those present are endeavoring to solve the problem of making British Columbia the great mineral producing country of the world. I am satisfied this will be accomplished, but the same indefatigable industry, the same singleness of purpose displayed by our guest throughout his term of office, will be necessary if we are to succeed. [Applause.] The noble lord five years ago administered the oath of office to me as Lieutenant Governor of the Northwest Territories;—more than that, he subsequently publicly proclaimed me one of his confidant bishops. [Laughter.] Naturally I was duly impressed by the temporal and spiritual responsibilities, and being an enthusiast, was perhaps carried a little too far by a desire to promote the welfare of the northwest. When a great exhibition, held away out on the prairie took place, His Excellency considered neither distance, fatigue nor hard work too great a sacrifice, and to him and to Lady Aberdeen, the Northwest owes much for their self-sacrificing efforts on that and other occasions. [Loud applause.]

"Why then should I not speak in terms of eulogy, why not rejoice, doubly rejoice, to welcome them to a province which bids fair to outstrip many an older one, so long as the people work and are true to themselves; [Loud cheering.] a province in which their Excellencies number hosts of friends and hold such important interest. [Applause.]

"Gentlemen. We part to-day from one who has been a good friend to Canada, a truly constitutional governor. He has had difficulties to face, obstacles to overcome—but he knew the constitution of the empire and every action of his is approved by all thinking and reasoning Canadians. I say this advisedly because, if there is one subject I have carefully studied it is Canada and its government, from both a colonial and imperial standpoint. [Cheers.]

"Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen, I am perhaps speaking at too great length ('No, no, go on') but there is one other subject I wish to refer to, namely the presence of many friends from across the border. [Cheers.] Some one was ungenerous enough to insinuate that there had been a significant increase since war was declared. [Loud laughter.] That, of course, is badinage. We all appreciate what they have done in developing our mines both in the Rossland and Slocan districts. [Applause.] Although perhaps not inspired altogether by motives of charity. [Laughter.] To be candid, I failed altogether to appreciate the figures they put upon their properties when our corporation proposed to purchase them. [Loud laughter.] I think we got them down to hard pan at last, though. [Laughter.]

"Pleasantry aside, we thank them for assisting in doing honor to the Governor-General of Canada. [Applause.] We congratulate them upon recent achievements of their