

is Catholic or Protestant, and I feel sure that under the circumstances, as a practical man, you could not find fault with other people because, to be on the safe side and to take no chance, they seek to reach Heaven by the shortest cut, which is well known to be the roughest.

For that reason, I am represented to you as a backward citizen, medieval in my thoughts, slow in my actions, and therefore less favored with earthly goods. It is certain that under my system there are less made-rich-quick millionnaires; but then, wealth is more equably distributed, which is, if I am not mistaken, just the right thing in political economy. Even supposing that I practise too much the virtue of poverty, what should you grumble about, since it is so much less competition to your business? But be easy on that point—spiritual matters do not make me neglect the temporal. Who can say that the Dominion suffers from the alleged laziness of the Province of Quebec? The latter's giant strides in agriculture and industry, its highway system alone, considered the best on the continent, are proof of the contrary. ⁽¹⁾

(1) Maclean's Magazine recently published an interesting paper on the Motor Roads of Canada, which contains the following:

"Since 1912, the Province of Quebec has constructed over 2,000 miles of first class permanently improved highways, the government contribution towards the building of which has been close to seventeen million dollars. More than that, at the last session of the legislature, another five million dollars was appropriated for the further extension of the provincial system. The net result is that *Quebec is far in the van of other Canadian provinces*, having as a matter of fact more permanently improved highways than all the other provinces put together."