

be possible to carry that out in consequence of the death of the Queen. I hope, however, that it will be accomplished. I hope that when the Royal Prince who now stands next to the Throne makes his visit to Australia, which I understand he intends to do, he will be able also to visit Canada. I am sure we would give him the heartiest welcome. No form of words could express the desire we would have that the Prince should come here. We all remember with special pleasure that Edward VII., now on the Throne, when he was a youth, visited this country. I remember him myself as a ruddy-cheeked lad, who saw all that could be seen in Canada with great enjoyment, and I have no doubt even now with cares of state around him, he may revert with pleasure to his experience in Canada. But his visit had the effect of interesting us in the mother country, and in making us feel that the people of England thought kindly of us. I need not say that the visit of the Duke of Cornwall would be an intense gratification to all our people.

I pass over the reference to the Pacific cable. I have no doubt that will be dealt with in good time. We are all anxious that there should be a Pacific cable, but the matter takes on so many phases, I am not quite sure as to whether I am informed as to what the present phase is.

His Excellency also refers to his visit to Dawson. He says :

Last summer, I made a tour through Canada as far as Dawson City and was everywhere received with unqualified proofs of devotion and loyalty. During my journey, I was, from personal observation, much impressed with the great activity displayed in the development of the mining and agricultural industries of the country, and with the substantial increase in its population. The thrift, energy and law-abiding character of the immigrants are a subject of much congratulation and afford ample proof of their usefulness as citizens of the Dominion.

It is no doubt a great satisfaction to the people of the country that His Excellency has been able to make a visit of that kind, and to know that he saw the development of the mining industry of which he could speak from personal observation. We are all deeply interested in the development of British Columbia. We hope for a great deal from that country, because it appears to open up to us new and different paths of enterprise from those which we have

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in the east. His Excellency makes some observation with regard to the character of the immigrants whom he saw there. I presume his remarks refer to the immigrants in British Columbia. At another time there may, perhaps, be an opportunity to speak on the general question of immigration. No doubt it is a difficult question, because we do not now find it as easy to draw people to Canada from the United Kingdom as we did in years gone by. The fields have so extended and enlarged that people do not come to us in the numbers that they did years ago, but we must be gratified at the presence on our land of men of industry, of men of character, particularly of men who from whatever land they come, endeavour here to found happy homes and become permanent residents of the country, and we must also feel gratified that His Excellency saw proof of their fitness to be citizens of the Dominion.

There is a paragraph in the speech with reference to the display at Paris—that the people of Europe had an opportunity to see some of our manufactures, and also the fruits which we produce. Many of the hon. gentlemen here may never have had the opportunity of seeing some of the fruit-growing districts of Nova Scotia. There is no part of the world for its size, except it may be Tasmania, where such beautiful fruit is grown. It can be produced in unlimited quantities. The market for our fruit is being enlarged, and cold storage appliances have enabled us to carry our fruit to European markets much more easily than we did years ago, and we must all wish the greatest possible success to the efforts of the Minister of Agriculture to increase the establishment of cold storage facilities, so far at any rate as they apply to those products which we are able to sell abroad.

With regard to the improvement of the St. Lawrence canals, to which His Excellency referred, we all fully recognize the importance of that route. As the interior of the country is settled, as the population around the great lakes and upper regions of the St. Lawrence increases, the necessity is the greater for an increase also of the facilities to be given to the people to place their produce within easy reach of the buyer in the markets of the world. No doubt