

fact and means, calculated to better the condition of the human race. I hope that ample occasion may be given the distinguished visitors not only to gain a knowledge of our educational institutions, and their value; but that they may have an opportunity of seeing how our people live, how we are housed, clothed and fed, and of becoming acquainted with the laws by which we are governed. Much as we may desire to have our guests see all they possibly can we know that they at best, can only gain a limited knowledge of what we possess. We can only tell them that we own three million five hundred thousand square miles of territory; that we have one million three hundred thousand square miles of wheat growing country, an area capable of giving homes to fifty million farmers.

I sincerely hope that they may be able to gain a knowledge of our great rivers, our forests, our water falls, our mountains, our inland seas, our prairies, and our mineral deposits. We have also any kind of climate the heart of man could wish for. Five million souls comprise our present population. Commencing at the Atlantic we follow the sun to the Pacific, upon our own magnificent railway, across a continent of unknown wealth and happy homes. In this country we give to every man the fruit of his labour. This is a country of freehold farms. The avenues of distinction are open to all. The man possessed of ability and industry may climb to the highest position. This is a country of great possibilities; our present Premier is a lawyer, our late Premier a doctor, his immediate predecessor a printer, while a few years ago we had a stone-mason holding the position of Prime Minister, each of them loyal and patriotic, reflecting honour upon himself and his country. I trust that the members of the British Medical Association may be impressed with what we offer to men of industry, in the wheat fields, or the mines, the shops or the professions. I cannot but feel that the knowledge obtained during their visit will result in a large increase in immigration, and that we will ere long find thousands of British subjects flocking to Canada, where they may under their own flag hew out happy homes for themselves and their families.