

Montreal were buried in repose, thousands of tons of freight glided swiftly and silently over the running ice, and, by the great connecting link brought into use, caused a pulsation to be felt in all the veins and arteries of commerce throughout the land.

In speaking of its future success, who can estimate it, being intimately connected with the prosperity of Canada! We have endeavoured to sketch this, in dwelling on the country's rapid progress in material wealth, during the past few years, and may well form sanguine anticipations of its future; indeed, but few minds are capable of estimating the enormous increase of population and wealth yet to be in our Western World, when Canada will extend to the confines of the Pacific Ocean and be covered with a net work of railways all converging to this point of crossing the St Lawrence. Then, and not till then, must be left—to the yet unborn millions,—the rendering of the verdict as to the full measure of success which will attend the Victoria Bridge.

A few months more and the Prince of Wales will behold for the first time, our noble Province, the brightest jewel in his future diadem; and as he gazes on the wondrous structure which is destined to carry the name of his revered parent and sovereign down to the latest time, may we not anticipate a thrill of pride and joy in the contemplation of the splendid future yet in store for his Western Empire; and will not thousands unite with him in wishing God-speed to the march of this young Northern Giant in the van of enterprise, liberty and happiness on the western continent, emulating the noble example of its mother in the eastern world!