

institutions, with high civilization and entire freedom of speech and thought,—with its face to the south and its back to the pole, with its right and left resting on the Atlantic and the Pacific, and with the telegraph and the iron-road connecting the two oceans!

Such is the vision which passed before Victoria, when she said to the Commons of England:

“Her Majesty hopes that this new colony in the Pacific may be but one step in the career of steady progress by which Her Majesty’s dominions in North America may ultimately be peopled, in an unbroken chain from the Atlantic to the Pacific, by a loyal and industrious population of subjects of the British Crown.”

Such was the patriotic vision that passed before the mind of Roebuck, when, on the shores of Galway, he exclaimed: “We lost the United Provinces of New England; we lost them, but our good fortune enabled us to make a Northern America. Our great North American Colony stretches now from Halifax to Vancouver’s Island. Up the St. Lawrence, along the lakes, through the Saskatchewan, across the Rocky Mountains, the flag of England is predominant. The language of England goes