

Politically speaking I have a large share in, and am proud of, the glorious old flag which waves over New Zealand, Australia, Gibraltar, Malta, Hong Kong, West Africa, Ceylon, St. Helena, Natal, British Honduras, Dominica, the Bahamas, Grenada, Barbadoes and India. I need no other passport to the rights of a British subject and the citizen of a great realm, comprising sixty-five territories and islands than my Canadian birthright. I do not measure my national boundary from the Atlantic to the Pacific, but from the Pacific to the Caribbean Sea. Under the reign of Victoria no Canadian need be ashamed to belong to, an empire which embraces a fifth of the habitable globe, and to know that his own Dominion forms nearly a half of the whole; an empire five times as large as that which was under Darius; four times the size of that under ancient Rome; sixteen times greater than France; forty times greater than United Germany; three times larger than the United States, Australia alone being nearly as big as the States; India, nearly a million and a quarter of square miles; Canada six hundred thousand square miles larger than the States without Alaska, and eighteen thousand square miles larger with it! An empire nearly nine millions of square miles, with a population of three hundred and ten millions."

I cannot close this volume without casting a thought into the future, as men drop pebbles into deep wells to see what echo they return. I behold, in imagination, a grand confederation of provinces, each large as a kingdom, stretching from ocean to ocean, traversed by the grandest lake and river system in the world, and presided over, it may be, by a descendant of the august Lady who to-day graces the most stable throne on earth.

"I hear the tread of pioneers
Of nations yet to be,
The first low wash of waves where yet
Shall roll the human sea."

At the present rate of increase, within a century a hundred millions of inhabitants shall occupy these lands. The Canadian Pacific Railway opens a passage from Europe to "gorgeous Inde and far Cathay," seven hundred miles shorter than any