

adjoining Provinces, its meridian glory will dispense its cheering rays on Canada, and venting its evening song as it bids adieu to British Columbia and Vancouver's Island, it will pass over the Pacific, and greet again the morning ray as it approaches the auriferous regions of Australia, or the glories of Britain's Indian Empire. There resting its opposite pier, a commercial arch is completed, embracing in its span more than one half the globe, each portion enabled by one government to effect a free interchange of their various products to the enriching of every division, and contributing to the comforts of all. And of this arch of commerce, so promising of wealth and happiness to the nations comprised in its semi-circular orbit, the bow of hope and beauty to all beneath its rays, the Keystone of its strength is Canada! I may not live to see it perfected, "for age with stealing steps has clawed me in its clutch," but most of you will hail the perfecting of this grand scheme of national aggrandisement, and rejoice in its consummation. I, like Moses on the Mount of Horeb, must be content to view the land of promise which shall bring blessings to our descendants; and at all events, I shall close my eyes, as I now do my book, with the fervent prayer:

GOD BLESS THE QUEEN AND THE BRITISH AMERICAN EMPIRE.

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