

The extent of Canada, and the abundance of its resources, entitle it to a place amongst the first nations of the globe. All that it wants to give it this position is a population to develop those resources, which Nature has so bountifully furnished. That this desideratum will be furnished before many years shall have elapsed, is evident to every person who considers the progress that the country has made during the past decade, and the still greater progress, both public and private, now in contemplation. Nor must it be lost sight of, that as a nation advances, it advances with accelerated speed. The improvements already effected, the state of progress already attained in Canada, required more energy and enterprise on the part of the few, who, with limited means and many discouragements, have hitherto borne the burden, than ten times the improvements will require after this, when a teeming population, together with increasing wealth and power, will enable public spirited and enterprising citizens, backed by free and enlightened government, to attempt and accomplish schemes of advancement which have up to the present been regarded as utopian.

It cannot be too strongly impressed upon the men entrusted with the public interests that by every improvement by which any one of the many resources of the country is developed, the welfare of the whole community is promoted. Every branch of industry which is introduced is a new mine of wealth, a sinew of power added to the nation; and every improvement effected not only suggests others still greater, but also provides means for their accomplishment.

I have already remarked that all Canada wants, to make it one of the greatest of nations, is an industrious, intelligent and enterprising population to develop her vast resources. That this desideratum will soon be supplied there is full assurance, but *how* soon, depends very much upon the present generation of Canadians and their rulers.

At the boundless resources of Canada I shall but glance; and a glance, I think will be sufficient to prove what I have advanced with reference to her prospects. The lines of sea coast on the Atlantic and the Pacific, including an area which stretches from Labrador to British Columbia, and measures nearly four millions of geographical square miles—present facilities for commerce, navigation and fisheries, unsurpassed by any other country. The numerous rivers and lakes which abound in the interior, when properly improved, will be as serviceable for internal communication as the former for commerce with foreign nations. Add