

advantage of having 100 years of your history to guide and direct us along the path of greatness in the attainment of our Canadian ideal—an ideal practically the same as yours.

The population of Canada is well nigh 7,000,000 of people, a very small fraction of the multitudes for whom she can provide happy and prosperous homes. Immigration will come to us, I suppose, from the same sources as have come the various elements from which your country has succeeded in building up the greatest democracy that the world has ever seen. And it would seem that, as in years gone by, Canada has given you valuable assistance in the development of your country, by sending you $3\frac{1}{4}$ millions of her subjects, you are now about to repay us, by aiding us, in a similar manner, in the operation of our mineral wealth, and particularly in the colonization of four new provinces. Already 300,000 native born Americans have come to our land. They have proved themselves, with their experience, money, and sympathy for our Canadian institutions, to be by far the most desirable element of immigration that we are receiving, and therefore we welcome them.

There is one word in our language, which, although we are two different nations, is seldom used, when Americans refer to Canadians, or Canadians to Americans, that is the word foreign. I hope we will never consider one another but as parts of a divided family, as it were. And I feel safe in saying had England listened to the wise counsels of Edmund Burke and governed itself accordingly the greatest republic of to-day, together with ourselves, would be honoured the world over as New England.

Why, then, gentlemen, if we Americans and Canadians, who, for the most part, are from a common stock, with a common language and a common destiny, alike in ideals and aspirations, why should we not foster a feeling of the most friendly relationship. This is being aimed at by the leading men and clubs of both countries; and the success with which their efforts are being attended is exceedingly gratifying.

That Canada is to become a great nation is not to be doubted for a moment. But must our greatness consist in our wheat fields, our streams, forests, mountains and manufactures alone? Never. Our greatness must consist in our ideals. And let us hope that our ideals will always be the loftiest. Let our government maintain its wise laws, and let it use that judgment which it has already shown in expending the public moneys on railway and canal systems, that will develop our limitless natural resources. Let it do its utmost to