

We have this evening been taking, as it were, a Pisgah view of this great land of promise. Spies have been sent out and have from time to time returned with stories of giant difficulties in the way of settlement, but the best evidences are the facts of progress which have to-night been laid before you. This review must have convinced you of the importance to us of this vast colony as a field for the population which our economy has as yet devised no scheme to enable us adequately and comfortably to support—as a field for the employment of our superabundant capital, which surveys the world from China to Peru in search of opportunities of gain—as a field for the best and noblest expansion of the British race, and wealth, and power. It is no extreme thing to say that the time may come when the Canadian people will take their share in bearing the burdens of empire. When one looks out over the continent of Europe and sees the uneasiness which is prevailing amongst the nations—the huge armaments and military levies which threaten to convert half the population into unproductive bandits, looking for opportunities of violence—we cannot but feel, amidst our anxieties for the future of England, that a time may come when we shall congratulate ourselves that, in facing vast international disturbances on this side of the water, we have at our back the assured loyalty and the infinite resources of our Great Canadian Empire.

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