

happy augury for its successful issue that the man who carried through the railway scheme has been the chief promoter of the cable. After nearly twenty years devoted to the project, there is every prospect that Mr Sandford Fleming will see his second great public undertaking successfully inaugurated.

A well-known writer who resides in Canada has said, "Whenever the word empire is spoken, it creates a thrill in every British heart." The following extract from a speech by a prominent Canadian will show the sentiment of his countrymen in this connection. Speaking of Great Britain, he said:—

"Never since the world's history began has there been such an example of a country which has ex-

pendent blood and treasure to establish and strengthen her colonies, and then hand the heirship of them over to their inhabitants. To Canada Great Britain handed over the fortresses and Crown lands and all the money she had expended for a hundred years, without asking one penny in return; and quite recently she handed over to a mere handful the colony of Western Australia—a country which may be valued by millions. . . . My own impression is that there is not a man in Canada to-day who would not be prepared to spend his life and fortune to maintain the honour and dignity of this great empire."

Imperial Parliament, let us hope, will prove that England heartily reciprocates this generous sentiment, by readily accepting her share of an undertaking which will do more than anything else to strengthen the bonds uniting Great Britain and her colonies.