

ten? The date of his birth takes us back to the close of the reign of George the Third, and he came to Canada in the year after Queen Victoria ascended the throne. At the public meeting which the citizens of Montreal held at the Board of Trade in 1900, and which resulted in the erection of the Strathcona monument in Dominion Square, he told us that he could then look back on more than sixty years of work in Canada. Already for some time past, he had held his high office as the nation's representative in London—an office which would have sufficed in itself, even apart from his great personality, to mark him out as one of the most distinguished citizens of the Empire. But it was easy to see that at the root and foundation of the high position he had won lay the long years of preparation for it. From his native Scotland he had taken to the Labrador all the best results of a careful home training, which revealed itself in the remarkable rapidity with which he rose to the very top in the service of the Hudson Bay Company; and when the call for action came to him in connexion with the troubles in the Northwest, it found him a resolute and experienced man of affairs, who knew the hearts of others as they knew his. Then came the period of service at Ottawa and Montreal, which completed his preparation, and gave him such a place in the esteem and affection of his fellow-countrymen that none but he could be looked to when there was a need for some one to take up the rôle of Canadian representative in London.

I pass lightly by the historical aspects of the various stages of his long and honourable career. In conversation, what he liked most to dwell upon was his experiences as trader, factor, and commissioner of the Hudson Bay Company. Of that connexion he was very proud, believing as he did that the wise rule of the Company had much to do with the possession by Canada of the Great Lone Land, Prince Rupert's Land. And he used to refer with very special satisfaction to the services which he had been privileged to render in the way of obtaining what he called a "proper and moderate solution" of the difficulties resulting from the first Riel rebellion. As to the Canadian Pacific Railway, in con-