

God's successive ages, and like Niagara on a smaller scale, telling how old the world is and by comparisons of mountain chains how older is this so called "new world" of ours, than that which falsely bears the name of being so.

But if every thing here is grand in scale, we must not, by allowing ourselves to be forestalled by the inhabitants of another Country, in the accomplishment of that which I am here this evening to propose, allow it to be said and go abroad that Canada, America while grand and great in features of the land, are less so in those of their intelligence, in their inhabitants' conceptions of ways and means to utilize these God-given treasures in a way worthy of the great architect, the would be builder up of our fortunes, provided that as set forth in Holy Writ we put our own shoulders to the wheel.

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God moulds men's minds on a par with the scale of nature they have to do with : compare our canals, the largest in the world, with their locks and sluices to the tiny or mere miniature ones of Europe. See how we strive ahead of the old world in our gigantic bridges, the Niagara, the Victoria, the Brooklyn. The Firth of Forth of Scotland took a lesson from our cantilevers, and outstripped America in the finest bridge the world has ever seen : two spans of 1700 ft. built without scaffolding, by merely running the two halves out from each side of each pier and abutment, in a way to balance each the other, and until meeting at the centre ; but we Americans will shortly take the lead again with a bridge over the Hudson of far greater span, and Europe shall not catch up to us in engineering enterprise, not having the extent of land or continent whereon to build a C. P. R., a G. T. R. or even an I. C. R. ; and in the same way have we the talent and can we find the capital to reach Hudson Bay by rail, and if need be, build an iron road around it, be it even 5000 miles or more in circuit. But that will be for future generations