

ments of fishing and agriculture there are opportunities for colonisation which, if prudently carried out, will be productive of the happiest results; and I am sure that patriotism, philanthropy, and cold capital, with an eye to dividends, can safely join hands in furthering these truly Imperial interests. It has been my good fortune, under the guidance of our Chairman, the High Commissioner for Canada, to follow closely in recent years matters relating to the colonisation and development of the Dominion, and in working out these interesting and important problems, and I am proud to recall the fact that it has been my privilege to serve under such a master.

DR. RANKINE DAWSON: I fear that I am not qualified to add anything of value to what has been already so well said, as regards the mineral wealth of British Columbia. As, however, the discussion has not been confined to this point, I may perhaps be allowed to say something of another characteristic of this great province for which, I venture to think, it will in future be as famous as it will undoubtedly be for its mineral wealth—I refer to its scenery. We have been told, as regards its mineral wealth, that much of it is at present inaccessible. The same is true of its scenery. Two sections of the country are, however, easily reached at the present time by the ordinary traveller, and of these only I shall speak. One is the line of the Canadian Pacific Railroad, which crosses at right angles three distinct mountain ranges on its way to the coast: the other is the coast itself, which extends some 500 miles from the international boundary on the south to Alaska. The mountain scenery is as fine as any to be found on the continent of America, and, so far as I know, is excelled only in grandeur and impressiveness by that of the Himalayas as seen from the neighbourhood of Darjeeling. The Canadian Pacific, with the foresight and enterprise for which that company is justly famous, has provided hotels at different points of exceptional beauty or interest, where artists, tourists, or sportsmen can obtain comfortable accommodation. Such are to be found at Banff and at Field in the Rocky Mountains, at Glacier, at the summit of the Selkirks, and at North Bend in the Coast Range. The scenery along the coast is of a different kind; there, long fjords and inlets cut up the coast-line in the most fantastic way, whilst innumerable islands extend along its length, and form in many places natural channels, through which the traveller can pass for many miles without catching any glimpse of the open sea, whilst on either hand pine-covered mountains rise, almost precipitously, to a great height. In two other parts of the