

CANADA'S RESOURCES.

THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Professor Saunders Addresses Ontario
Farmers on the Dominion's Extensive
Agricultural Resources—From Lake
Superior to the Pacific.

At the recent meeting of the Central
Farmers' Institute, held in Toronto, Prof.
Saunders delivered a very instructive ad-
dress on "The Northwest Territories and
British Columbia, and their Agricultural
Resources." A map of the country west of
Lake Superior was exhibited on the wall
behind the speaker. People he said were
very apt to think that Ontario was a very
large province, but when compared with
the country west of the Great Lakes, it
was but a small part of the Dominion.
The question arises, how much farther
Canadian farmers would go, and those who
have visited the farms in Great Britain
would readily understand that a great deal
could yet be done. It is not long since
farming was looked on as an insignificant
calling, but now it is generally admitted
that there is no calling that demands so
much as farming, which might very well
be called a profession of a very high sort.
Progress has been made in other parts of
the country, but in the Northwest Terri-
tories and British Columbia, the land
River had given its name to a great plain
known as the Red River valley, where the
soil was very rich, and the climate was
stagnant, and exceedingly fertile. That
district was known for its saline quality.
The lack of settlement in that district, com-
pared with other districts, had been the
subject of general remark. It was well
known that the failure of the Portage la
Prairie, where the plains most constan-
tly produce grain. Then there was the
great fertile belt, of which everybody
has heard, going 300 miles north from
Lake Manitoba. The soil is exceedingly
deep and fertile, while the rainfall is as fer-
tile as ordinary soil. This shows the im-
mense scope of fertility in those lands. They
have found in that district that it did not
do to go into grain and wheat growing on
a large scale. The large farms there were
in some cases successful, but where a far-
mer depends solely on a certain kind of
grain it was like gambling. Some accumu-
lated large sums of money, but others had
failed. The true system of farming
was mixed farming. In this way,
when there was a season for grain, the
farmer can fall back on stock, poultry, etc.
When mixed farming comes into practice
the farmer is not so liable to failure. The
land there was a deep, thick sandy
loam, adapted for growing wheat. Many
farmers on going in there had adopted the
old style of farming, the failure of which
was almost always the result. The best
way was to simply skim the land at first
and then next year plant corn, clover, or
other crops. In the southern part of
Manitoba, as far west as Indian Head, the
land is something like that in Manitoba.
Six years ago farmers would not even talk
of dairying, but now they saw there was
no difficulty in raising a cow, and they
expected the manufacture of butter
would be carried on to a large extent.
Farmers there had abundant pasture
land for their best creamery butter. West
of Indian Head, a sandy belt, and west of
that again a belt of clay land. This clay
land worked up becomes quite granular.
Within 20 or 30 miles of the Saskatchewan
river to the north there are another two
districts for ploughing and pasturing.
Beyond Moosejaw the country becomes
much drier, though the grasses are still
very nutritious. The Red River district
was where the large ranches are. The
horses are there often left out for the
winter, where they find abundant pasture
age for the greater part of the year. He
had received from Dunvegan, in the Peace
River district, samples that would weigh
62 pounds to the bushel. Near Calgary
the altitude is much greater. He had often
been asked about British Columbia, which
was a most perplexing country to give an
opinion on. The climate in some parts was
very like that of England. In other parts
there was about 62 inches last year, so that
the growing season was a very long one.
Apples, peaches, and other fruit would
be raised there, and that would be a
luxurious that can scarcely be believed.
The knowledge of fruit-growing was very
limited, but now it was changing. The
province must soon become a great fruit-
drying and canning district, or the fruit
will be shipped east. All kinds of fruit,
whether from the north or the south, grow
very abundantly. The question of growing
nuts there for commercial purposes was
also being examined. Although that coun-
try had immense resources in timber it had
no hard woods, but on the broken sides of
the hills the Dominion Government were ex-
perimenting on growing some of the hard
wood trees, and he hoped that would be
the means of introducing a new and suc-
cessful industry. In reply to a question as
to whether apples could be grown east of
the Rocky mountains, he said that Win-
nipeg was a good place for them, and that
though some varieties of small fruits had
been cultivated at Brandon. He thought
the best results would be obtained on the
light sandy soils. There was every reason
to expect immense fields of hard coal a
little west of Brandon. The great variety
of climate to be found from the western
base of the Rocky mountains to the Pacific.
Some of the valleys grow wheat, some
heavy grain, while others, where there is
little or no water, are only suited for ranch-
ing. In conclusion, he hoped that the in-
formation he had given would be of use to
those already had of the resources of that
great country, which is still very sparsely
settled. There they had a great saving
bank for the Dominion as it was developed.
He then described what Canada was ex-
posed to by her agricultural and mining
resources at the World's Fair, and said they
would have every reason to be proud of the
effects of the provincial commissioners in
this respect.

THE FATHER WENT

When He Learned That His Son (Charged
With Forgery).

When Mr. Carr, Mich., Feb. 17.—Alexander
Bremner of the firm of Bell & Bremner
of Tilsonburg, Ont., father of James
Bremner, the alleged forger of several notes,
in this city in response to a telegram, and
for the first time learned of the dis-
grace of his son. The old gentleman wept
when he was told the serious character of the
charges. He would willingly give
enough money to settle accounts and keep
his son from going to the penitentiary if he
had it, but it is not in his power.
The amounts owed the banks and others
were larger than anticipated. He has
wired a wealthy daughter in California,
asking for aid. If she refuses to advance
the necessary amount a complaint for for-
gery will undoubtedly be made against
Bremner. Mrs. Bremner, a most estimable
lady, knew nothing of her husband's op-
erations and is completely prostrated by the
affair.

It has been a long time since anything
has so stirred the business community of
the city as the Bremner case. He was
looked upon as being a fine Christian gen-
tleman. When it was proposed to start a
Y.M.C.A. in this city he was one of its
firmest supporters.

Before the Privy Council.
In answer to a message from City Solicitor
Caswell asking when the patent for the
water front extension would be issued,
Hon. Mr. Oulmont stated that the report is
now before the Privy Council waiting its
turn to be decided. Mr. Oulmont, who was
brought along by the trouble over moving
the houses, says the order will prob-
ably be issued next week.

Some what Previous.
The matter in which yesterday
dismissed a motion for judgment in the action
of Edward Foy against Richard Nagle for
\$7000 commission on timber limit sales
brought along by the trouble over moving
the houses, says the order will prob-
ably be issued next week.

The Boom in Lined Oil.
The Ontario Association has advanced
the price of lined oil 3 1/2 cents per gal-
lon. During the past two weeks quotations
have advanced six cents in England.
Canadian Pacific stock recovered at the close,
opening at 89 1/2 and closing at 90 1/2. Quota-
tions are as follows:

Lead and Color Combine.
At the meeting of the lead and color de-
alers of the Dominion held yesterday a com-
bination was formed which includes all the
white lead grinders in Canada.

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