

To this may be added the carrying out of extensive public works, the construction of canals and railways which will make Canada the great route for the products of North America to the markets of Europe, so that we may feel confident that Canada will attain to a high destiny—that it will continue to be as it now is, one of the most prosperous countries of the world.

The Senate will continue to actively cooperate in this work of progress, of national development. In spite of those who ask that it be suppressed, the Senate will continue to exist in the interests of the very men who desire its abolition; it will continue to exist to correct their errors and protect society against their laws, which are often dangerous, and against pernicious theories. It will continue to exist in order to enlighten them, and even to receive them, when, having become wiser, they feel disposed to retrieve the errors of their past life by coming into its precincts to share in a work more modest perhaps, but more useful than their declamations against the Senate which are as futile as they are sonorous.

Hon. Mr. DERBYSHIRE—I want to thank the members of this hon. House for their kind reception, also my leader for asking me to second the address in reply to the speech from the Throne. My hon. friend from Mille Isles has gone over the ground in such a thorough manner, and so eloquently, that it will not be necessary for me to take much of your valuable time. I am sure we can all join heartily with His Excellency in his expressions of gratitude for the abundant harvest with which our Dominion has been blessed. Agriculture must continue to be the greatest of all our interests in this country, because if our farms produce abundantly, every industry in this young nation must flourish. We produced from our farms, last year, in field crops alone, four hundred and thirty-two million dollars, which means prosperity to all our interests. I consider this to be rather an under estimate. One hundred million dollars were produced by our dairymen, and we should do a great deal better. With our refrigerator car service and cold storage, our own ships, with the dairy education which is being carried on

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by our government, and also by the several provinces, we expect to make finer dairy goods and in greater quantities. Our home market is becoming an important factor, and is growing each year, so I look with hopefulness to a great expansion in this important branch. We point with pride to the wheat fields of the west. We must remember that the total area under wheat last year was 6,000,000 acres, out of an acreage already surveyed in the three prairie provinces, of 134,000,000 acres. The total area under grain of all kinds was only 9,600,000 acres. It is calculated that the wheat alone produced was 105,000,000 bushels, the value of all grain \$143,000,000, with unquestioned superiority in quality, particularly in wheat, due to soil and climate, and in view of the remarkable development, very largely within the last six years, of those western provinces, who can venture to set a limit on the wealth to be produced in the future? North of the settled area, on the line of the new Hudson Bay railway, north of Manitoba, in Saskatchewan between the Saskatchewan and Churchill rivers and in Northern Alberta, and beyond in the Great Mackenzie Basin are vast tracts of fertile land, much of it not yet explored, but known to be of great fertility. Wheat has been grown with some success at a great many scattered points north and south throughout this area; barley, potatoes, and most garden vegetables are grown with assured success at almost every point where attempts have been made. When means of access to this vast country are furnished, by the extension of existing railways, there is no reasonable doubt that great agricultural development will result. Who will say that in the next decade we shall not produce five hundred millions bushels of wheat, and that our total grain products will not be at least \$700,000,000? All we have to do is let the good men continue to come to our shores, select the good seed, and give our land intense cultivation, and we shall see prosperity such as we do not dream of now.

I am glad that His Excellency has referred to the tercentenary festivities. I am sure nothing has taken place in our time of such vast importance as this notable celebration. Then we saw our federal government ably assisted by provincial legisla-