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## THE POSITION OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

The South African war gives for all time the integrity of the British empire, and henceforth British dominion, wherever it extends in all parts of the world, must be respected.

Hands off the British empire! was the message which the sons of Britain gathered from every corner of the earth and mustered in the array on the velvet-thundered forth to the nations.

Despite the report that Premier Bond of Newfoundland has chosen closer trade relations with the United States in preference to political federation with Canada, we may assert right here that the American Republic will not be permitted to get any hold on the ancient colony.

Newfoundland, as the key of the St. Lawrence, is especially important to the Canadian portion of the empire, and must not be allowed to drift into league with the United States.

But even leaving politics out of the question, Premier Bond makes a mistake if he thinks he can obtain any trade advantages from the United States.

Uncle Sam never makes a deal unless he secures by far the bigger end of the bargain, and Newfoundland will get the worst of it if she does business with him.

The long and short of it is that Newfoundland must be prevailed upon to come into the Canadian federation, and Canada is now big enough and rich enough to offer her sufficiently attractive terms to win her easy consent.

## PROSPERITY AND POLITICS.

The financial announcement from Ottawa that Canada's total foreign trade for the fiscal year 1901-02 totalled \$423,010,444, an increase of \$37,007,287 over that of the preceding year, and an increase of \$184,885,084 over that of 1896, proves most delightful reading to the patriotic Canadian.

Nor less pleasing is the more detailed information that our total imports for the past year were \$212,270,158, a gain of \$21,854,083 over the year previous, and an excess of \$94,286,050 over 1896; and that our total exports for the same period were valued at \$211,640,298, an excess of \$15,122,054 over the preceding year, and of \$90,620,434 over 1896.

We refuse, however, to follow The Globe in crediting this remarkable trade development to the beneficent influence of a Liberal regime. Canada has under the bounty of Providence shared in an era of prosperity which has been practically world-wide in extent, and if we look for immediate reasons for the fine showing recently recorded we shall find them in the South African war, which absorbed vast quantities of our live stock, foodstuffs and fodder at high prices; in the enormous harvests with which the country has been blessed, and in the accompanying great industrial activity, which latter may be fairly regarded as one of the excellent cumulative results of the National Policy inaugurated and carried out for years by the Liberal-Conservative party.

## MOVING THE CROPS.

In both Canada and the United States this season of the year regularly witnesses a heavy transfer of money from the financial centres of the east to the grain centres of the west.

As the harvest progresses and the grain starts to move the west calls upon the east for the means of commerce, and this removal of funds has in the past frequently caused a decided financial stringency upon the West.

It is said, however, that, despite the heavy crops to be moved this season no shortage of funds will likely be experienced in the Eastern States. And, as far as Canada is concerned, the Canadian banks have strengthened their position during the past year or two by large additions to their capital. In fact, the Canadian banks feel themselves to be in such a good position that, after providing for Canada, have already placed several large blocks of Canadian funds in the North-western States for crop moving purposes.

## TO EXTEND UNITED STATES.

The construction of the Isthmian Canal will give the possession of the principal West India Islands by the United States an importance which it did not have a few years ago. In the immediate future the march of American empire is to be southward instead of, as heretofore, westward.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Here is a frank open declaration of national policy by an influential United States newspaper. The acquisition of the Philippines has only whetted Uncle Sam's appetite, and not altogether Oliver Twist-like he cries for "more!" The refusal of Congress to grant Cuba reciprocal trade treatment, and the consequent hard times there may result in the absorption of that island, and thus constitute the first step of "American empire southward." Next in order come the numerous islands belonging to European nations, and we may expect in the next few years some remarkable amplifications of the Monroe doctrine.

## RIFLE RANGES DELAY.

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## FAST STEAMSHIP SERVICE.

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CONTRADICTS A PRESS REPORT.

In the New Project the Government Should Effectually Safeguard the Country's Interests.

Montreal, Aug. 24.—In the matter of a fast steamship service, I do not think the government would overlook Montreal, where the conditions both as regards freight and passengers are much superior to any other St. Lawrence port," was one of the remarks made today by Charles M. Hays, who has just returned from Great Britain. He declared that the present condition of Grand Trunk affairs gives the greatest satisfaction at home, and don't you think they have good reason to be satisfied?" asked the general manager.

He said that there were no further Grand Trunk projects on the tapis, except those already known on this side the water, and did not know of any early contemplated change in the existing line.

"I saw in the papers," he said, "that I had been appointed to the presidency of the Grand Trunk company, and that the newspapers sometimes make mistakes."

Returning to the terminal question, Mr. Hays pointed out that this port had railway facilities, hotel accommodations, and other accessories which Quebec possessed only in a relative degree, and which the Ancient Capital might lack in the future.

He was not inclined to think that the Canadian government would sacrifice the existing line for a new one, and saying that the Grand Trunk being amongst the largest taxpayers of the country, it would be very much interested in the contract.

If it were given, he held, to one of the present individual steamship companies, it was difficult to see how any such an arrangement would not be detrimental to the others, and as such reasoning would also apply to the situation created by the government, he was of the opinion that the railway companies, as a matter of course, he said, the first consideration of the government would be to effectually safeguard the interests of the public.

The 25-knot service across the Atlantic all the year around, Mr. Hays said, would be a weekly service complete with three or four fast steamers leaving New York weekly.

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