

settlement in districts not yet opened up and for trade with other markets than we now enjoy. Our increased bank deposits, clearings and circulation, the amount of public and private building evidenced in municipal and business structures, extensions to manufacturing plants and residences in almost every part of the country, all attest that the general prosperity of Canada at the present time is very great.

"Our Dominion continues to be the land of hope and promise to the home seeker. During the last year, as before shown, our immigration from Europe and the United States reached an average of nearly a thousand a day bringing their capital, their intelligence, their energy to assist in the great task of developing the resources of Canada and building up her nationality. Much has been said in the past with which I am in accord as to the selection of immigration as far as possible with an eye to the quality and character of our future citizenship. Not

withstanding the large stream of immigration, labour conditions are good and extreme poverty, from any reason other than incapacity or direct misfortune, is hardly known.

"Under the favourable conditions which I have described, and with every prospect of their continuance, the future of Canada looks bright indeed. In the enjoyment of peace, plenty and prosperity her energetic loyal and patriotic people look forward with hope and expectation to an ever great and greater future."

The foregoing statements have undoubtedly a roseate hue, but not more so than the actual facts warrant.

The Next Election.

After fifteen years of successful administration, the Liberal Government was defeated in 1911, and the indications are that at the next election the Liberals will be returned to power to renew, enlarge and develop the record of progress and prosperity inaugurated shortly after 1896.

ENGLAND WAS NEVER GREATER THAN AT THIS MOMENT.

On May 28th, 1917, on the floor of the Canadian House of Commons, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, at the welcome extended to Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, formerly Prime Minister of Great Britain, in the course of an eloquent address said:—

"England, great at all times, was never greater than at this moment; never was greater, I repeat, and because of what? Because to-day England is the home of civilization and the terror

of the enemies of civilization. In Germany to-day the cry is, 'Gott straffe England.' But everywhere else, on the seven seas, throughout the five continents, in the mansions of the great, and in the cottages of the lowly, there rises every day the fervent and ever more fervent prayer, 'God bless England.' God bless England for all the sacrifices she has made, for the duties she has undertaken, for the risks she has assumed."