

place among the countries of the world as a place in which new people may settle and make for themselves a home and business success proportionate to their ability, capacity for work and capital invested.

The wealth of Canada's partially developed natural resources is practically incalculable. Probably no other of Canada's natural resources exceeds, or will exceed, its agricultural possibilities. The development of Canada's agricultural resources depends upon the carrying out of an aggressive and scientific immigration policy, while the development of other natural resources will depend largely upon a policy for the tariff commission to adopt that will have a tendency of assuring capital that its investment in establishing manufacturing plants will be safeguarded.

### **90 Per Cent. of the West Still Untouched**

With only ten per cent. of the vast stretches of the fertile lands of the West under crop, and with lumber, mineral and other natural resources, what a future there is for Canada! Eight millions population is a mere fraction of the people who will eventually find homes and good living in the Dominion. Some time, without doubt, Canada will be crowded, but between now and then there lies a long road hordered by countless opportunities, tapping the regions of success and wealth, driving straight into the heart of development that, already remarkable, will be the most tremendous made by any country occupying a like position with Canada to-day.

The marvellous growth of such cities as Winnipeg, Calgary, Vancouver, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Toronto, Hamilton and Montreal, shows the capacity of Canada for increase of population in civic centres. The increase of the Western wheat crops from fifty-four millions in 1904, to one hundred and seventy-five millions for the crop season of 1911, puts the growth of the farm population of Western Canada during the past few years into significant and convincing figures. Industrial output, banking figures, customs duties, statistics of export, immigration records and building figures go to prove growth and expansion so remarkable that the case of Canada as a headline attraction on the stage of the world's doings is made out and approved by the audience. But the time is ripe for the people of Canada to analyze what has been done, what is being done, and what ought to be done in the upbuilding and development of this heritage.

### **The Industrial Element of the West**

When the myriad millions of acres of fertile land, now unoccupied, shall have been turned to the fullest account it is capable of, there will be a large and influential agricultural population. But there will also be a large and influential population engaged in other pursuits, and this fact is one that the makers of Canada should look to with greater care than they have.

The soil of the West has produced crops of great value for the farmer almost without effort on his part, certainly without any such effort as is necessary to produce any such returns from the same