

ferry services across Lake Erie from the coal-mines and iron-works of Pennsylvania and Ohio to the rich district of Western Ontario. A harbor is approaching completion at Port Burwell, on the north shore of Lake Erie, which will afford deep water as well as excellent facilities for winter entrance at a point which geographically is most advantageous. A short line from this port connects with all the trunk lines of Ontario, and will not only furnish inward business, but will afford an outlet, summer and winter, by car ferriage, for the various Canadian products seeking exportation. In winter, these can be sent much more cheaply and expeditiously to Baltimore and Philadelphia than to Canadian points. This is one of many schemes for increased facilities of transportation, and is mentioned to illustrate the fact that the possibilities for development of intercommunication and for increase of business between the two countries are indefinite and well-nigh unlimited.

Intimate knowledge of the extent and resources of Canada is not as a rule possessed by the American people. Little is known of the country, of its future possibilities, of its area, and of its value as a customer at the very door of the United States. Even under the conditions that at the present moment govern trade, conditions which, as far as the fiscal policy of the United States is concerned, are repressive, Canada, with its 5,500,000 inhabitants, is a better customer to the United States than all of Spanish America, with a population of 55,000,000 and comprising Mexico, the Central American States, all of South America, and all of the West Indies, including Cuba and Porto Rico. For the year 1898, the total exports of the United States to this enormous region reached the sum of \$86,786,000, while the total exports of the United States to Canada for the same year were \$86,537,000. For the year 1899, the exports to Canada from the United States have largely increased, exceeding in amount the exports to Spanish America and the West Indies. This fact is indicative of the possibilities of trade between the United States and the northern half of the North American continent.

The total trade of Canada last year, exports and imports, was \$312,948,000, divided as follows:

Total trade with Great Britain.....	\$186,151,000
Total trade with the United States.....	138,140,000
Total trade with all other countries.....	38,657,000

Of this total trade the amount with Great Britain consisted chiefly