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The 20th Century is Ours

M^P F. W. THOMPSON, Vice-President and Managing Director of the Ogilvie Flour Mills Company, became very enthusiastic about Canada's wheat prospects a few days ago. Mr. Thompson was talking to some Montreal journalists and imparted some very interesting statistical information. He deplored the ignorance among Canadians of the wheat-growing capacities of the Dominion. A great many people, according to him, were not aware that the golden grain could spring up five hundred miles north of Edmonton; that the total area of the western trinity of provinces for cultivation was two hundred and fifty millions of acres of which only seven million have been so far touched by the plough. Last year this land produced 115,000,000 bushels of wheat. Mr. Thompson illustrated that at the apex of its development the Northwest should yield 1,600,000,000 bushels of wheat per annum. These are startling figures. They mean that Canada's wheat supply would satisfy three times over the demands of the British Empire; five times the requirements of those portions of it which hunt elsewhere than under the flag of Britain for their sustenance; and would equal one-half of the present wheat stores of the whole world. Mr. Thompson submitted that in consideration of these figures, no one could sympathise with those who feared the ability of the Empire to support herself.—Canadian Courier.

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