

That the countries bordering the Pacific Ocean are more than likely, within the next generation, to witness in that area a phenomenal cultural and commercial development is an accepted commonplace among those who have lived and studied in the Far East. In that development China, with her immense natural resources, the industry and ability of her people, and her rich traditional culture, is destined probably to play the leading part. Is the Dominion of Canada to have a share in this development? The answer to that question depends upon the action and attitude that Canada and her people take now. So far as commerce is concerned, Canada's trade with China has during the past ten years shown marked progress;* so much so, in fact, that the Dominion Government now finds it to be in Canada's interest to maintain

* In 1937 the total value of Canadian exports to China was Chinese Standard \$ 7,091,186 — an increase of three million dollars over the 1935 figure. Chinese exports to Canada in 1935 reached a total value of Chinese Standard \$ 10,985,479. Owing to the unsettled conditions brought about by the hostilities between Japan and China the figure for 1937 fell to \$ 7,515,044.