



The Dominion of Canada Then and Now

THE dream of the "Fathers of Confederation" was to unite the scattered provinces of British North America under one government and to connect the whole by means of a railway traversing the continent. The first object was realized on July 1st, 1867, and in November, 1885, the Canadian Pacific was an accomplished fact.

From the time that the several provinces were united until the present the possible future of Canada has fascinated the rulers and the people of the Dominion. There have been periods of depression and disappointment but the confidence of no citizen has failed him in the ultimate glorious destiny of this country. With intelligence and energy the work has been attempted. Canals have been constructed and waterways improved; railways have been extended and industries multiplied; exports and imports have increased in volume to a phenomenal degree while prosperous towns and cities have sprung up on every hand. The following statistics as to progress in trade and population will illustrate Canada's development:—

Population	1867.....	3,280,000
"	1901.....	5,371,315
"	1911.....	7,206,643
"	1920.....	8,500,000 (approx.)