

There has been a great development of national sentiment in Canada in the past ten years. The older generation who remember the condition of things prior to confederation is passing away, and with it that provincial feeling that retarded our growth. Twenty years ago the great Northwest of Canada was an unknown wilderness. It has been opened up by means of railways and is rapidly filling up with an energetic population, whose one idea is the development of the country they live in. The growth of the west in the past five years has been one of the marvels of history, and we are only beginning to realize the great future of that country. But best of all is the fact that enough of this new population of the west is from the older provinces of Canada to perpetuate Canadian ideas and Canadian loyalty. Foreign immigration is rapidly assimilated in the western country and soon accustoms itself to the new conditions. It is well that this is so, or foreign ideas might make the government of a new country like our northwest difficult. The dangerous element avoids Canada, as punishment follows crime too quickly in this country to make it a popular place for any man who is too handy with his gun. Compare the condition of the Yukon with any mining camp in the United States. Law and order have always prevailed, since the first mad rush beyond the Arctic circle in pursuit of gold. The "bad man" tried it on but he found that he must respect the law or emigrate, and the "bad man" is more difficult to reform than to the chronic drunkard.

The growth of national sentiment is noticeable in the policy of the government. Every effort is being made to encourage inter-provincial trade and to develop the whole country. When the Canadian