

a rush. A million of American wheat farmers ought to be in this country inside of ten years, and I believe that within that time population will pour in and spread over these Canadian plains like a tide." Those people who expect a rush of American settlers during the next ten years are likely to be disappointed. It will probably be fifteen years before the movement attains sufficient magnitude to attract much attention. But, it may be asked, will not this multitude of Americans so control public sentiment as to bring about annexation? I do not think so. Had the rush of Americans begun ten years ago that would probably have been the result, but the pioneers are Canadians, Canadian laws and Canadian customs are established, Americans cannot vote until they become naturalized, and the extraordinary development of the country will excite Canadian pride and intensify the present opposition to annexation; for when the exodus to Canada begins, the period of extraordinary development in the American West will be over; the public lands having been mostly taken up the rate of increase in population will be about the same as that of the Eastern States at present, while the Canadian West, where millions of acres of cheap lands can be obtained, will be filling up in a most astonishing way. Moreover, it is probable that the majority of those who come from the United States to Canada will not be very enthusiastic Americans. These will stay at home, while millions of Canadians, Scotchmen and Englishmen now residing in the United States, will cross the boundary, bringing with them, of course, a great many who are Americans by birth. It is worthy of note that some of the most enthusiastic believers in the great commercial future of the Dominion are American-Canadians, natives of the United States, who have invested their capital in Canada and come to live here.

The Canadian provinces and the States adjoining them, having the same climate and the same class of productions, are competitors rather than customers of each other; but there is growing up in Australasia a great community of English-speaking people, citizens, like Canadians, of the British Empire, with whom we may have a profitable exchange of products, and just across the water, nearer to Canada than to any other civilized country, are the wonderful Japanese who have wakened up to civilization just at the time the Canadian Pacific railway is completed, and the Canadian people are ready to supply them with manufactured goods. All Canada will greatly benefit by this trade with the East, but Vancouver City will probably be the chief mart. The terminus of the greatest trans-continental railway, with cheap coal, iron, and timber, close at hand, a magnificent natural harbor, and a climate scarcely ever cold enough for