

were taken to the value of \$1,867,000. One particular property in this territory is said to contain 20,000,000 tons of copper ore valued at \$180,000,000.

PRODUCE AND BUY AT HOME

From the United States we import wool to the value of \$46,000,000, meat to the value of \$20,000,000, hides to the value of \$18,000,000, chemicals to the value of \$15,000,000 and breadstuffs to the value of \$19,000,000. But all these could be produced in Canada where the dollar is worth a hundred cents to the common advantage of all classes and to the relief of taxpayers whose burdens have become very heavy. Hon. C. A. Dunning, Minister of Agriculture for Saskatchewan, told the Legislature a few weeks ago of the discovery of a bed of sodium sulphite in the Province which it is estimated by engineers contains 6,000,000 tons. "It is," he says, "96.36 per cent. pure, probably the highest in purity in the world." Sodium sulphite is used with wood pulp in the manufacture of paper and Mr. Dunning reports that every pulp mill in the country is writing for information and that some mills have placed orders. But this is the significant statement in Mr. Dunning's report: "The Government views that deposit from the standpoint of the industrial development of the Province, not from the point of view of shipping it out of the Province but from the point of view of establishing the industry in the Province itself." He adds that those interested will be invited to establish an industry in Saskatchewan to develop this particular natural resource. The minister also makes the practical suggestion that owing to the increasing cost of lumber the clay deposits of the Province should be investigated in order that brick may be substituted for wooden buildings. In 1919 the 80,000 acres around Lethbridge in Southern

Alberta now watered by irrigation produced an average yield of \$55 an acre. The gross value of the crop from this area was \$4,498,542. Two million five hundred thousand acres were under crop in the Lethbridge railway division and had that whole area had irrigation or an adequate rainfall the total return would have been \$150,000,000. But during last year between 1,200 and 1,500 carloads of hay were carried from east of Montreal to Alberta to save the stock of the farmers from starvation. One large area on the banks of the Saskatchewan River last year yielded 9,000 tons of hay which was shipped to farmers in Alberta and a district of Saskatchewan where the hay crop failed. What greater public service could the Dominion and Provincial Governments in association with private capital render than to extend irrigation in Southern Alberta?

"WAKE UP, CANADIANS"

In face of all this, and the story could be greatly elaborated in detail and emphasized in national significance, who suggests that the natural resources of Canada are exhausted or that the country is bankrupt? But these resources should be conserved for Canada and manufacture carried to the last processes in Canadian factories. At the Industrial Conference at Calgary last summer Capt. Robert Dollar of the Dollar Steamship Company said: "My ships are continually plying in and out of Vancouver, but only one-tenth of what they bring in stays in Canada. The balance goes to Seattle and Chicago and Detroit and later finds its way back across the line to Canada in the form of manufactured goods. Wake up, you Canadians. You should be ready to take that raw material and turn it into the finished product for your own use, instead of paying all those profits to your competitors across the line." Those who have