

Geographically Their Neighbours Will be the People to the South in the American Republic.

Already we see the most active efforts being made by the enterprising citizens of that country to divert the commerce of our western territories into United States channels.

Between Old Canada and New Canada,

Between the west and the east to-day, there lies extending from the city of Quebec to the city of Winnipeg, a territory nearly 1,300 miles in length, and averaging nearly 300 miles in width, and having an acreage of no less than **240,000,000 acres**—240,000,000 acres of land rich in undeveloped agricultural, mineral and various other kinds of wealth, and ready to yield up this wealth to man if only we will put transportation facilities within its reach. A slight examination of the maps of Europe and America will give some idea of the area of this vast country. It exceeds by 175,000 square miles the area of Germany, with its 56,000,000 population. It exceeds by 180,000 square miles the area of France, with her 39,000,000 population. It is 250 per cent bigger than Italy, with her 33,000,000 population. It is larger than thirty Belgiums. It is many times the size of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, with its 41,000,000 people. It exceeds by 25,000 square miles the total area of the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Alabama; being the whole of the Atlantic coast states of the United States extending from the state of Maine, within a few miles of our own river St. Lawrence down to the coast of Florida and around to the Gulf of Mexico.

That Vast Solitude is Lying To-day as a Wedge of Separation Between Old Canada and New Canada.

Patriotism and Nationality.

For my part, I am unable to understand how the millions of people who are to settle in our great North-west

Many of Them Citizens of Foreign Countries,

Are going to have implanted in their hearts the feeling that they are living in a united Canada; I fail to understand how we are going to cultivate in them a love for Canada, a determination to stand for all Canada, and to die, if need be, for all Canada, if there is to be continued commercial and social separation between the east and the west. In my opinion,

The National Life of Canada is Involved in This Enterprise.

We see in the east the consequences of separation. We all deplore, every day of our lives, the circumstances that the state of Maine projects into Canada to a large extent, separating the maritime provinces from their sister provinces in the west, and yet

This Land of Solitude, Unpeopled and Undeveloped,

Between Quebec and Winnipeg, is larger in area than a dozen states of Maine. The Question Before us is, Whether we are Going to Have One Canada or