

orous race who are peopling that great country. Let me take the liberty of saying that promising as that country is, it is not the only direction in which Canada has room to expand. The saying 'Go west, young man' must now alternate with the advice 'Go north, young man.' We are just awakening up to the fact that we have a country within easy reach to the north of us here teeming with mineral wealth and millions of acres of virgin soil equal to the best in Ontario, or even the Northwest. There is timber, silver in great quantities, nickel, iron and gold and this fertile land lies in a latitude more than a hundred miles south of Edmonton and a hundred miles south of Winnipeg and Peace River countries. This fertile belt stretches across a great part of Ontario and, I believe, some part of Quebec. There is enough already known in these two provinces to support in plenty double the population they now possess without crowding. I might speak of the magnificent water-powers in this district and its great possibilities when our railways shall have tapped Hudson Bay.

We will welcome with pleasure the additional representation from our new provinces. The men they will send from those vigorous young provinces will be, I am sure, an acquisition to parliament.

Whatever difference of opinion we may have on the question of customs tariff I think we are all agreed that a steady tariff has been of great advantage, and that this government has done the country great service in having made so little change in it since they revised it. Let us hope that when we have the promised revision it will be so efficiently done that further changes may not be necessary for many years to come.

We have confidence in our Finance Minister and his able colleagues who have been engaged with him in the preparation of this tariff, and who with him have so industriously gathered information throughout the length and breadth of the land. Let not the old adage be forgotten, 'Let well enough alone.' We never were doing so well; let us be slow to change.

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among the nations of the earth and with whom we must have extensive business relations, not only from our ports on the Pacific, but we should be able to have their highway from east to west across our country.

Taking over the dockyards of Halifax is adding another to our responsibilities, and I am sure the obligation will be discharged with benefit to the empire and credit to Canada.

The rapid and extraordinary increase in the revenue is a sure indication of the healthful expansion of the business of the country which necessarily brings with it increased expenditure, and while care must be taken that expenditure is wisely and economically made, the government must have the courage to meet the demands arising from the great and rapid growth of the country. I believe that this has been well and wisely done in the past and will be in the future.

There are many important Bills to come before us; none more important than the amendment to the Election Act, and it is to be hoped that all parties will approach it with a view to make it as perfect as legislation can be made. Corrupt practices cannot be stamped out by legislation alone; it can be done only by all parties resolving that it shall no longer disgrace our country.

The Insurance Commissioners report will be looked for with much expectation and confidence that men of their ability and experience, after so thorough an investigation, will make recommendations that will promote such legislation as will effectually put an end to the gross irregularities in dealing with trust funds that have been disclosed.

We have a great country with a great future before it. It calls for broad-minded able statesmen. Let us welcome and encourage them whether they be of our party or not. Let them be sincere and patriotic, striving for their country's good, and let our people have high ideals worthy of their great heritage.

We have to heartily congratulate Sir Wilfrid Laurier on having attained his sixty-fifth birthday and join cordially in endorsing the sentiments so happily expressed by the mover of the reply to the speech from the throne in the Commons: 'Long may he be spared in health and strength to serve