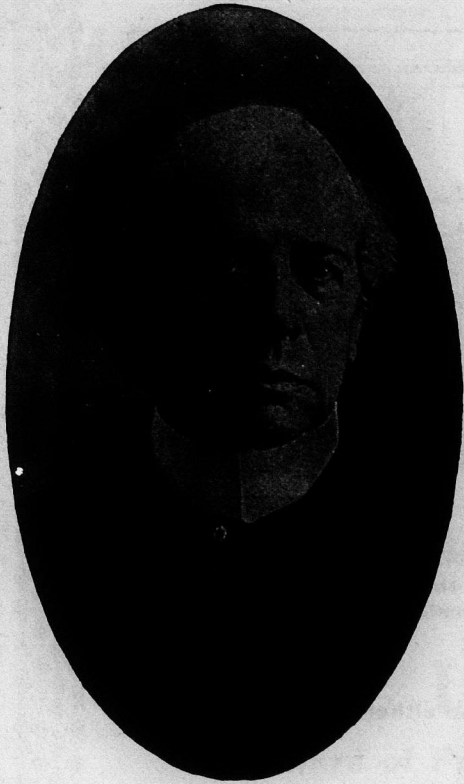


part in political controversies, though he is living retired. Sir Charles conducted a wonderfully active campaign in 1896, holding meetings far and wide, and tiring out many of his younger associates. But he had run counter to a large element in his party which was already gone to seed in a political sense, and the rising star of Liberalism, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, took office on the 9th of July, 1896.

The Confederation which in 1867 consisted of only four Provinces, Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, has since been increased



SIR WILFRED LAURIER.
Premier from July 9, 1896.

until nine sisters comprise the trans-continental confederation. In 1870 the Northwest Territories were transferred to the Dominion from the Hudson's Bay Company, and in the same year the Province of Manitoba entered Confederation. British Columbia came in in 1871, and Prince Edward Island in 1873. In 1905 Alberta and Saskatchewan were erected into Provinces, with a large measure of local government, as in the other sister departments of Confederation.

It is not necessary to recite at any great length the recent remarkable development of Canada. The trade of Canada which in 1868 was \$131,027,532, had by 1896 reached only \$239,025,360, whereas in ten years later, in 1906 it had reached the enormous total of \$546,947,437.

The population in 1871, the first census after Confederation was 3,485,761, and in 1901 it had reached 5,371,315. With an immigration of somewhere about 200,000 per year the population of Canada at the taking of the next census in 1910 will be over 7,000,000. In 1868 there were only 2,269 miles of railway in operation. In 1896 this had increased to 16,214 miles while at the present, viz. 1908 the total number of miles built is estimated at 23,000 miles.

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The red breast warbles in the leafless branches,
The first shy sparrow tries his tender trills,
And May, her girdle full of pallid blossoms,
Trails slow her faint-green robes across the hills.

And we rejoice; not with light words and laughter
We watch the soft relenting of the sky,
But with a touch of vague, unspoken heart-ache,
We say "The spring has come"—and smile—and sigh.

Yet we are glad. How is it that our gladness
Is thus sedate, and calm, and well controlled?
Is it that joy no longer craves expression,
Or can it be that we are growing old?

Have we so changed? Are sense and spirit duller
Than when our happy hearts made louder mirth?
Has it grown less, our fond and quick perception
Of all the lovely moods of sky and earth?

Once we exulted in the morning's crimson,
The evening's purple, and the sunset's gold;
And every gleam and cloud brought added rapture,
Ere we had thought or dreamed of growing old.

Yet still our grateful hearts leap up responsive
To the brave bluebird, laughing at the cold;
Our eyes note every tint of sky and ocean—
It cannot be that we are growing old.

No—while our nearness to the great All-mother
Preserves us humble, pure and tender-souled,
She gives us of her deathless youth and freshness,
And those who love her never can grow old.

The years may cheer or still our lighter laughter,
And hush our hearts with chidings manifold,
And spring may come and go, and find and leave us
Sobered, perhaps, but surely not grown old!

—Elizabeth Akers Allen.

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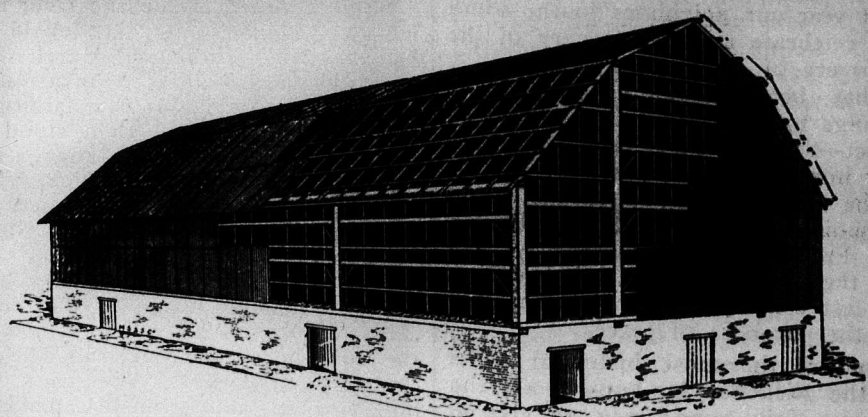
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