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## Canada's Manifest Destiny.

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HE tend towards an exclusive, or excessive industrialism in any country, does, therefore, depend on, no less certainly than it may be said to cause, density of population in definite localities, both the density itself, and the num-

bers of centres in which it is to be found, being determined, primarily, by the supply of population available. The point here insisted on, then, to which all that has hitherto been said may be taken as introductory, is, simply, that Canada is, and must for many years remain, too thinly-populated a country to meet the demands of both industrialism and agriculture, or to become, advantageously to herself, an industrial, rather than, chiefly, an agricultural community. Her true and manifest destiny, in a word, is in the direction of the latter, not of the former. She needs, that is to say, many farms and many farmers, not a few crowded cities and "prosperous" factories. All, therefore, that tends in this true direction, and, principally, all increase, simplification, and cheapening of the means of transport, whether by road, rail, or water, no matter what the initial cost, is to be considered as furthering the real interest, welfare, and prosperity of the country as a whole.

Nor does the further objection, namely, that the mineral and power resources of Canada, both practically limitless, point, unmis-