

Canadian Atlantic Steamship Service.

If Canada would make good the promise of her past record for future greatness, she must see to it that her forest, agricultural and mineral resources are rapidly developed.

If her almost unlimited virgin lands shall be filled up with industrious farmers, the working of her mines and forests will follow as a consequence. The secret of Canada's success is in the cultivation of her soil. By large expenditures the way has been opened for the development of this vital industry. The vast reaches of rich lands have been, by railroads, put within easy access of the immigrant.

Had there not been at the South a competing neighbor, Canada's extensive prairies would now be dotted with farmhouses, having thriving cities and towns for their centres. Immigration, however, goes largely to the United States. The greater part of the overflow from the Old World is contributed for the enlargement of that country.

So far as making adequate efforts to secure large immigration we have remained comparatively inactive for nearly half a century. It is now time that active, heroic measures were adopted to retrieve our lost fortunes and to secure success in the future.

Among the influences long at work and still working to produce this result, are the speed and conveniences of ocean travel. This can be made apparent by a statistical review of the past.

By a succession of leaps and bounds the population of the United States has gone up to 70,000,000. Canada stands to-day between 5 and 6 millions. How much of her increase in population does the Republic owe to her extra provisions for travel by sea from the Old to the New World? There may be at least, a partial solution of this question in a comparative statement of the statistics of the ocean travel of the two countries in the last sixty years. Both the character and extent of the accommodation and the speed must be taken into the account.

When the timber ships of England and Quebec stood first in their quick voyages and conveniences for passengers, Old Canada was far ahead of the United States in attracting emigrants. In