

race is superior to all the other races on the face of the earth. The Saxon race, taking the British Empire at large, including the colonies, is doubling every 53 years, while, taking all the others, they are only doubling in every 95 years; so that in 100 years this Saxon element will tower up as the *eder* (tower), and will stand out prominently on the face of the earth; so that, upon her very prestige of population, Britain will hold the sceptre of supreme rule.

Then another factor in national growth is territory. Those that have territory can naturally invite and retain within their bounds the surplus of the multiplying millions of earth. We have 1,400,000,000 now, and these are going to double upon our hands in another 125 years, for that is the time we take to double as a whole. Now, where are you going to put the extra 1,400,000,000 of population? Do you not see how territory rises in magnitude and importance? Those that have the spare lands of the earth are the nations that will increase in power. Russia understands this, for she is getting all the land she can. England also understands it, for she too is getting all the land she can; so that national pre-eminence is contained in the vastness of the British Empire, which is already one-fourth of the whole world.

Another factor is language, and of course language is a power, and this question has been settled on this continent finally. French, beautiful and fluent, is perishing; and one hates to see it die, yet this is not the soil for it to live on. It cannot prevail in the future legislation of any part of this country. It was the purpose of the early settlers of Manitoba to introduce French into the Legislature, and to introduce a certain kind of religion; but that could not be in the British Empire, and we will have to speak its language, whether we like it or not, and it is the language I am speaking now. And in this very language there is power; for a nation that is divided up in language cannot be as strong as a nation that has its unity cemented in one common tongue.

Commercially, we have another factor of national importance. A grand basis we have indeed for our commerce in this vast Dominion. Is there anything like it on the face of the earth? Take the territory bounded 1,200 miles by 700 miles; you cannot find an equal amount of territory so fertile in the whole earth as you find in the North-West country. And bear in mind that agricultural resources are the basis of commerce; and if you get a good broad platform for agricultural pursuits, you can start your commerce also on a broad basis. What nation has a broader basis than we? So that commercially we have a grand opportunity.

But this is the sore point; this is the weak point; this is the point that will puzzle the politicians and change votes, because England is yet a little adrift as to her next great mart. She wants to employ her millions and find remuneration for their labor; and she can do it. Where is her mart? Her next mart is Africa. That is the country that will employ all her spindles and all her gins, all the engines and all the wheels and factories that she can build for fifty years to come; that is the land where the people are half-naked; that is the land where the people live in bushes,