

This vast extent of territory, containing at present a population of hardly 1,700,000 souls, will nevertheless in the near future attract the attention of all civilized nations and of capitalists in particular, as the natural conditions of the country are such that human activity will here find an admirable field for the development of the very largest modern industries.

The Province of Quebec contains the largest city and does the greatest amount of external trade. Her ports and her great river are the gateway to all that portion of Canada that lies beyond the provinces by the sea and extends westward to the Rocky Mountains and the Pacific Ocean. In natural resources, also, Quebec stands in the front rank of the Canadian Confederation. Her soil for the most part is exceedingly fertile and well adapted to the most profitable kinds of farming; her forests are comparatively boundless in extent, and contain the most valuable varieties of timber; her mineral wealth is still largely undeveloped, but already exceedingly valuable deposits of iron are being worked, and many others are known to exist. Useful structural material abounds in almost every district, limestone, marble, granite and sandstone; gold has been found in paying quantities in several localities, and copper is being mined. Her fisheries are among the most extensive and the most productive of any in the world, and give employment to a large number of people living in the eastern part of the province. The inland waters are well stocked and thousands of sportsmen seek them each season.

One of the oldest of all crafts, that of the trapper, has still a wide field for its exercise in those vast tracts which lie to the north and west, and still await the axe of the pioneer. Quebec is a province that possesses great possibilities of future growth.

Her position in the Canadian Confederation, and in fact her position on this continent, is unique. Her laws, her language, her traditions, are not those of the other provinces with which she is linked in national