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advantage of their greatly improved local markets and the greater facilities for export. We have wandered something from the conventional path of history in this closing chapter, and this brief glance at a few of those the leading causes, which have contributed to the making of current history such as it is in Canada to-day. The atmosphere of Canada is not conducive, perhaps, to retrospection, of the kind at least to which this book invites. But not every new country—grafted as this is upon an older one—throws its roots back over so long, so chequered, and so picturesque a past, of which the half-century here dealt with is beyond doubt the most continuously stimulating portion.