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BRANTFORD IS GLAD

BRANTFORD is still rejoicing, and Brantford has good cause. For many years that city has been side-tracked in the matter of railway facilities, the main line of the Grand Trunk not touching Brantford at all. Now it is all changed. The main line has been run through Brantford, and added impetus has been given to the varied industries of that progressive city. Brantford is one of the busiest manufacturing centres of Canada. Her business men had long complained of the lack of railway facilities. But now the needed line is built, and Brantford, the Busy, will go ahead with still greater strides in industrial and general commercial development.

It seems strange that so prosperous a community as Brantford should have been neglected by the Grand Trunk. But the ways of railway men are strange and beyond finding out.

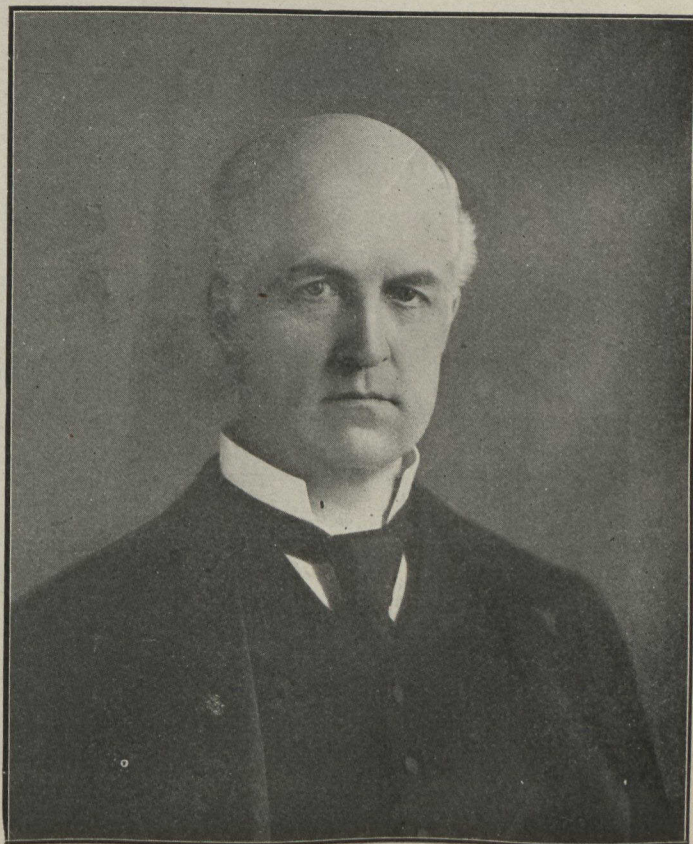
OUR WHEAT EXPORTS

OWING to increased home consumption and the introduction of other crops in former wheat-producing areas, American exports of wheat are gradually dwindling. The rapid development of our Canadian west seems destined to take from the United States her position as a wheat exporting nation. W. B. Snow, the leading wheat expert in the United States, who knows the situation as perhaps no other man on this continent knows it, says: "In all my experience, I do not know any other country or land on the face of the globe, of the same extent, containing as large a percentage of high-class wheat land as lies between Winnipeg and the Rockies. This is a big statement, but it is absolutely true and correct. I have watched the development of this new country for some

years past, and I believe it is a matter of a very few years until what we in the States call Northwestern Canada will produce a larger surplus of wheat for the world's market than is now produced in any country. Western Canada inside of ten years will be the principal source of European wheat supplies, and will have the position occupied by the United States for a quarter of a century. The United States has practically reached and passed its wheat exporting days. The national wheat lands of the Republic are all taken, and the natural increase through improved culture will hardly keep pace with the increase in population. On this account Canada will have the market for her produce, expanding as rapidly as the production can be increased, and will meet with decreasing competition from the States." This testimony from such an authoritative American source should convince any doubters of the future of the West, in helping to put the balance of trade on the right side of the ledger.

CANADIAN MANUFACTURES

WE have compiled the following information from Volume III of the Census, just issued by the Government. Our manufacturing interests employ a third of a million workers, upon whom depend for their living not fewer than 800,000 people. That is a large proportion out of a population of about 6,000,000. The census (1901) reports 14,650 establishments, representing 264 varieties of industries. The total capital employed is about \$447,000,000. They distribute in salaries and wages almost \$114,000,000 annually. The annual production is valued at over 481,000,000. The increase since 1891 has been, in employees, over 72,000, or 26%; in wages and salaries, \$34,000,000, or 43%; in output, \$130,000,000, or about 30%. These are figures to make Canadians real-



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