

plains being shipped in this way than by the Hudson Bay route.

Building operations have shown considerable activity throughout the year. Building in Montreal is rapidly returning to normal, and permits to the extent of \$21,000,000 were issued in that city during last season. In the city of Toronto more than \$35,000,000 of buildings were put up. Montreal's boom period in 1912-13 only showed \$25,000,000 a year of building operations. This activity has helped to reduce unemployment to a considerable degree in those two cities. In Winnipeg, also, conditions are improving, and building was quite active last summer.

The removal of the embargo on cattle has come at a favourable time, when the hostile American tariff was checking our exports of live stock to that country. We may find a profitable market in Great Britain, and, in spite of the high tariff, our sales to the republic to the south of us will continue to be large.

My honourable friend criticized the Prime Minister for having stated, at the beginning of this year, that Canada should congratulate itself upon the removal of the embargo. If my honourable friend will again read the article which he read to us, he will find that the Prime Minister did not say that the Government should be congratulated, but that Canada should be congratulated, and that there was no very great boasting upon the part of the Prime Minister.

Our foreign trade has improved to an appreciable extent, which has doubtless helped to bring our dollar back to a parity with the American dollar. Our exports during the twelve months of 1921 amounted to \$802,699,000; in 1922 they went up to \$884,362,000. Our imports from the United Kingdom have increased from \$123,149,000 in 1921 to \$136,866,000 in 1922, while our imports from the United States during the same period have decreased from \$555,091,000 to \$509,823,000.

Our exports to the United Kingdom not only increased over those of 1921 but over those of 1920 as well. The figures for those years are as follows: 1920, \$341,168,000; 1921, \$308,866,000; 1922, \$374,751,000.

In spite of the Fordney tariff, there has been an increase in exports to the United States during the past year over those of 1921. In 1921 our exports to that country amounted to \$325,651,000, whereas in 1922 they amounted to \$340,156,000. This is not a very large increase, but it is a move in the right direction.

We have also increased our exports to Australia, Hong Kong, New Zealand, and other parts of the British Empire, as well as to the

Argentine, China, Cuba, France Germany, Japan and Switzerland. On the whole, Canadian trade appears to be in a very healthy condition.

We need increased production, and we can only accomplish it by stimulated immigration and larger foreign markets. The Government is very active in its efforts to open up new channels of trade. We have succeeded in making Treaties with France and Italy, which I hope will stimulate trade with those two countries. Negotiations which have been carried on with Australia, but which have been suspended, will, I think, be concluded to the satisfaction of both Dominions. It is true that some difficulty has been met in the negotiations with Australia; we have been able to enter that market to a considerable extent, but Australia has found very little opportunity of increasing its trade in Canada.

The Government has not neglected, as my honourable friend seems to think, the question of immigration. He, like all good Canadians, regrets that from 1911 to 1921 we have been losing more population than we have obtained through immigration; but surely my honourable friend, in the face of this result, will not throw stones at the present Government. I think he was an ornament to the Cabinet that reigned supreme between 1911 and 1921; so he will have to take his share of responsibility for the acts of omission or commission of that Government. We are now entering the year 1923. My honourable friend has given us no figures, but he might have stressed the point that in 1922 fewer immigrants came to our shores than in 1921. That is quite true. But again I would ask him to go slow in charging the present Administration with the responsibility for those results. No one knows better than my honourable friend that the immigration of 1922 was the result of the activities or inactivities of 1921. The ground must be prepared, and the work must be done during the preceding winter and autumn; then we reap the fruit the following year. In view of this, I refuse to accept for the present Administration any large degree of responsibility for the unsatisfactory results that have been shown during the last year.

Since the beginning of last Session the Immigration Department has not been inactive. A sub-committee of Council was appointed which has been in constant contact with the various officers of the Department. My honourable friend made a broad statement when he said that the organization which had been established and was in its place ready to function had been thrown to