

but illimitable. It is estimated that the total area of arable land in Canada is 300,000,000 acres, of which amount 141,000,000 acres have been taken up, and of the latter amount but 71,000,000 acres have been improved. It is estimated by the Bureau of Statistics that the total forest area of Canada comprises 1,200,000 acres, of which 40 per cent is covered with merchantable timber. This forest area gives Canada the second greatest timber reserve in the world, Russia and Siberia only having a greater forest area. Our highly mineralized areas are so extensive as to make impossible any trustworthy estimate of our mineral wealth. Sixteen per cent of the world's known bituminous, sub-bituminous and lignite coal is to be found in the four western provinces of Canada. The Hollinger gold mine is now the second greatest gold producing mine in the world. It is the centre of a great mining district which at the beginning of this century was unknown. These are only suggestions of what may be expected from mineral development. With regard to fisheries, it may be said that next to the North Sea, Canada possesses the best fishing area in the world, both as to size and as to variety and excellence of products.

Our resources being what they are is why we are optimistic about the solution of the problem that confronts us, why we believe in a great future for our country, why, in a word, we feel certain

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