

the Atlantic. Amongst the numerous advantages which will result from this new line, the principal will be: cheaper freight rates, better service, and a much faster transportation than exists at present. A competition will arise with the C. P. R., which is something the Western people have ardently desired for years.

With such good routes at her disposal, Canada ought to experience no difficulty in bringing the rapidly increasing amount of Western products to a Canadian port for shipment. And, since, in our day the shipping of a country is taken as one of the best criteria of the prosperity of that country, Canada has excellent prospects of occupying a high place among the commercial countries of the world before the twentieth century shall have passed.

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The Mormons.

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I.—IN THE UNITED STATES.



HE sect of the Latter Day Saints, or Mormons, was founded by Joseph Smith, who is considered a great prophet in the eyes of this small Church. His father moved into Ontario County (New York) in 1816. His fourth son Joseph who was born in Sharon, on December 23, 1805 was considered rather half-witted by all who came in contact with him and received very little education, as is shown plainly by even his Mormon biographers. Orson Pratt, who puts the best possible front to the public, says: "He could read without very much difficulty, and write a very imperfect hand; he also had a very limited understanding of the elementary rules of arithmetic. These were his highest and only attainments. The rest of the branches so universally taught in the common schools, throughout the United States, were entirely unknown to him."

The famous dream which Joseph dreamed, the result of which was the birth of the Mormon Church, is supposed to have taken place on the night of September 21, 1823. He dreamed that the angel Moroni appeared to him three times successively, to inform him that God had work for him to do, and that a record written upon golden