

consideration the construction of a line that will open up the agricultural, forest and mineral belts across northern Canada. And the increase has been mainly due to the development of the West as shown in the official statistical returns which give agricultural products a leading place in causing heavy trade returns.

The *Baltimore Sun*, a leading representative American newspaper, that circulates from ocean to ocean, and is a power in moulding public opinion throughout the South, has the following to say editorially of the prosperity of Canada:

"Combined imports and exports, which in 1871 were \$170,250,000, had increased in a few years to \$381,000,000, and in the last two, have grown from that figure to \$467,000,000. In five years the percentage of increase has been 65 per cent., which is twice that of the United States and nearly two and a half times that of Germany. This rapid growth is due to the development of hitherto neglected natural resources, agricultural and mineral, consequent upon the introduction of foreign capital. The chief means of promoting it has been the construction of railways and canals, upon which vast sums have been judiciously spent. The growth and prosperity of Canada are directly traced,

in fact, to improved means of transportation. In 1871 Canada's railroad mileage was but 2,500 miles. The completion of the Canadian Pacific, ten years later, brought it up to 14,000 miles, and at present it is about 20,000 miles. It is the story of our West and North-West all over again. The new mileage opens a way to the markets of Europe for the products of Canadian industry, and Canadian exports of grain, etc., multiply rapidly under the stimulus of a constant demand. As Canada has still immense areas of virgin soil of a productive character, vast forests of merchantable timber and great wealth of undeveloped mineral resources, the expansion of her industry and commerce may be expected to continue unchecked for many years."

And the Americans in the Western part of the United States, being in closer touch with their kinsmen across the border, are realizing the prosperity of the latter by demanding more reciprocal trade relations. The Minnesota branch of the National Reciprocity League has issued a circular which shows that the business men of that section intend to have a slice of Canada's trade if it is at all possible. Each interested State is urged to raise at least \$100,000 to attain the desired result.

HEARTS.

The heart of a child
Is a wond'rous place,
'Tis filled with a mild
And beautiful grace.

The heart of a man
Is sordid and vile,
'Tis the seat of lust,
'Tis the haunt of guile.

Though the heart of God
Is beyond our ken,
'Tis more like the hearts
Of children than men.

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