

joyed all over the Dominion. "No other country has made the same relative progress since 1900. No country has so big a credit in the London money market. The development of east and west transportation has been the chief factor in the great headway that we have made. Without tariff separation from the United States, the Canadian Pacific and Intercolonial Railways would never have been built, and we should not now be building the Canadian Northern and the Grand Trunk Pacific railways. Without these Confederation would never have hung together, and our great centres of industry would have no existence."

"Under the National Policy of Sir John Macdonald, perpetuated by the Laurier Government, the values of western farm lands have risen from 50 cents and \$1 or \$2 an acre, to \$30, \$40, and \$50 an acre. Under this policy, in those years, we have borrowed from Great Britain \$550,000,000 for national, provincial, municipal, and railway purposes. C. P. R. stock is one of the world's premier securities, and every day, for ten years past, Sir Wm. Mackenzie has built one mile of railway. We are spending \$200,000,000 on the National Transcontinental Railway. Montreal is the second greatest ocean port in America. Men now in middle age will see it with a million population."

"The Dominion has the greatest potentialities of any country on earth if we stick to the national internal lines of trade, and avoid becoming involved in those financial and commercial panics to which the United States, more than any other nation, is subject."

"If we part with our heritage we shall be worse than Esau, because instead of being hungry we wax fat on unprecedented prosperity. The general effect of the proposed agreement would be to strip this country of its raw material, as the tendency would be to have our raw products manufactured in the United States."

Mr. Arthur Hawkes said he spoke for those who had the double fortune of being born in the old land, and making their fortunes in the new land across the sea. He believed there were about 750,000 of them.

"Where's your mandate?" cried one of the audience.

"These listening people," flashed back the speaker.

"We knew there were greater opportunities here for us than in the land of our birth, and there will be more opportunities after this agreement is defeated."

Mr. Hawkes then dealt with the important part transportation had played in the development of the country. He said that through its railways Canada had become the economic marvel of the modern world. The great movement of traffic from east to west must be maintained. On the maintenance of interprovincial trade depended the loyalty of the provinces