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to and fro from the Pacific to the Atlantic, the young giant railway has reached across the ocean and is bringing us the teas and silks from China and Japan in exchange for our own goods. The mountains did not stay its progress. Neither has the sea checked its path. Last year witnessed the inauguration of a steamship service on the Atlantic, between Canada and London, Liverpool, Bristol, and Antwerp. It is Canada's iron girdle that has sent the pulsations of com-

merce through her forests, across her prairies and down into her mines, till the country awakens, as scenting danger, when the Dominion Government lays a hand on the future of the education of these new provinces. It is in a large measure the "iron girdle" that has developed the modest colony into the strong young nation that has come to be counted an important factor in the commerce and civilization of the world.

Moreover, Canada is attracting the



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