

## Canada Today

Confederation was the beginning of greatness for Canada. It was the basis of a new citizenship animating the souls of the population of half a continent. Fifty years ago the people of Nova Scotia were as little known to the people of British Columbia as the people of New Guinea are to both today.

The vast territory from Lake Superior to the Rocky Mountains was in a state of feudalism to the Gentlemen Adventurers of the Hudson's Bay Company.

Today three great railways span the country from the Atlantic to the Pacific and Vancouver is as accessible to the Nova Scotian of today as the country town was to his grandfather half a century ago.

Hundreds of daily newspapers and thousands of weeklies are read in Western Canada by the people who have settled here from the cities and townships of the East.

Millions of bushels of the finest wheat in the world are carried eastward through the lake ports for distribution in the cities and towns of Eastern Canada or to the ocean ports for transport to England.

These conditions reflect the material benefits of union which came with Confederation, and which may be further emphasized by the following statistics:

### Statement to Illustrate Material Development of Canada Since First Census of 1871 to Present

ITEM	CENSUS 1871	CENSUS 1911	CANADA YEAR BOOK 1915
Area.....	662,148 Sq. Miles.	3,729,665 Sq. Miles.	
Population.....	3,689,257	7,206,643	8,075,000
Railway Mileage.....	2,695	25,400	35,582
Freight Tonnage.....	*5,679,836	79,884,282	101,000,000
Debt.....	\$115,492,68	\$474,941,487	†\$700,473,814
Assets.....	37,286,165	134,899,435	251,097,731
Revenue.....	19,375,037	117,780,409	133,073,482
Expenditure.....	19,293,478	122,861,250	248,098,526
Assets of Banks.....	125,273,631	1,303,131,206	1,596,424,643
Dominion Notes in Circulation.....	7,367,353	99,308,945	152,120,735
Exports.....	74,173,618	315,317,250	490,000,000
Imports.....	96,092,971	472,247,540	630,000,000

\* Figures for 1875.

† Canada's net national debt to date is over \$900,000,000; while the total war expenditure is approximately \$600,000,000.