

States, and which in volume and in quality of resources equals and, in some respects, surpasses your own, a country which lies there for us to conquer, the last great temperate zone area to be filled up, flooded with humanity and made to blossom under our management into peace, happiness and boundless prosperity.

The struggle for expansion has gone on there most successfully. Today we have in Canada thirty-eight thousand six-hundred miles of railway, three lines piercing the Rocky Mountains and seeking the Pacific Ocean on the west, a railway system which measured by so many miles to the inhabitant, or rather so many inhabitants to the mile surpasses that of any country in the world. And if you want to see a railway system really well managed, come up and visit Canada and run through on one of the great Canadian roads.

Of late we have had a development in the way of government-owned railways and just at this moment the railways in Canada are fairly evenly divided between the Canadian Pacific and all the others, aggregated into one system under Canadian government control. We own about an equal number of miles each way, government and private. We can test out the efficacy of the two systems and it is going to be interesting to see how they will work out.

We have gone into steel shipbuilding since the War came on and in the midst of all our other expenditures we are putting into ships seventy millions of dollars, and already have fifty-five either on the stocks, or which have taken the water and are now carrying our produce overseas.

We have developed and expanded our country as I told you. The field crops of Canada now amount to a yearly value of sixteen hundred millions of dollars. I am going to ask you to take your pencils, consider our population of eight millions of people and find out what our aggregate production is per head. Then look to your own and make the comparison.

Today, manufactured products of our country run up to about four billions of dollars for the year. Do the same with reference to that and then throw away from you the preconceived idea that Canada has made no industrial progress since you left it. She has gone ahead