

shall grant running rights to any other railway wishing to use the Crow's Nest Pass. The same safeguard should be extended to all the passes when new transcontinental railways get far enough advanced to take up the question of entrance to British Columbia. It is worth considering whether a step in advance should not be taken. Might not the Government survey the passes and plan, build, and retain the roadway through them, granting running rights to all railways needing them? By such a course the route could be laid out so as ultimately to accommodate the heaviest possible traffic, and the rights of the late-coming railway would not be prejudiced by the engineering methods of the pioneer.—*The News, Toronto.*

World Growing Very Small

THE British cable between Canada and Australia has been completed, and Marconi thinks he will soon open regular communication through the air between Nova Scotia and England. So the world grows smaller, in effect, and the brotherhood of the nations is brought nearer from out the dim future where poets have seen it in their dreams.—*Chicago Record-Herald.*

Canada is our Oyster

BUT WE WILL NOT OPEN HER UNTIL SHE BEHAVES HERSELF.

THE Dominion of Canada has over 17,000 miles of railroad, the cost of which was upward of \$900,000,000. She has also seventy miles of canals, 30,000 miles of telegraph lines, a river over 2,000 miles long, 10,000 post offices, 18,000 public schools, and only 15 per cent. of illiterates in a total population of 6,000,000. In the production of gold she ranks fourth among the countries of the world, her beds of coal are practically inexhaustible, she employs 60,000 men in her lumber camps, and has approximately a million square miles of unexplored and, of course, undeveloped territory.

This is, in outline, the sort of a country through which it is now proposed to construct another line of transcontinental railway. Whereat our Detroit contemporary, the *Journal*, waxes enthusiastic, and, after painting the possibilities of the great Canadian North-West in the most glowing colors and predicting for it a population of 50,000,000, declares that Canada's manifest destiny is to help the United States in "feeding and clothing the world" and to develop "her tremendous natural resources with the help of American millions in new and transplanted industries."

The United States, says the *Journal*, is "not precisely an effete country as yet. But the surprises in discoveries of vast mineral wealth, in natural deposits of coal, iron, copper, silver and gold are of our past mainly. In Canada they are only beginning. Merely the fringe of that vast territory north of us has been examined closely. It is the greatest oyster remaining in the world, barring only Russia, and Americans are to have a large share in prying off the upper shell and partaking of the meat beneath."

Thanks for permitting the United States to keep above the sod and off the effete list for a while yet! And Canada is really a something that is worth keeping our eye on. But a few things have got to happen before a thousandth part of the *Journal's* prediction will come true.

Canada has got to improve her brand of statesmen.

She must drop that absurd claim of hers about the Alaska boundary.

She must offer a *quid pro quo* if she wants trade reciprocity.

And she must quit making threats of tariff "retaliation" at regular intervals—like that of a few days ago to clap an import duty of 25 per cent. on American cotton duck.

Canada is "our oyster" all right, but we won't open her up until she behaves herself.—*New York Commercial.*