

What an inspiring subject is the Geography of Canada when regarded from this point of view. An American writer, to give some idea of the extent of his country, says: "Take five of the first-class powers of Europe, Great Britain and Ireland, France, Germany, Austria and Italy, then add Spain, Portugal, Switzerland, Denmark and Greece. Let some greater than Napoleon weld them into one mighty empire and you could lay it down in the United States west of the Hudson, once and again and again, three times." We can use this illustration and say that the Great Republic itself could be placed within our Dominion, and still there would be left uncovered a respectable margin of more than half a million of square miles.

In minerals it is unsurpassed by any country in the world. From Cape Breton to the Yukon mineral wealth abounds. Coal and iron in inexhaustible quantities, and lying in such proximity as to give promise of our country becoming the greatest iron-producing country on the face of the earth, and, therefore, the most powerful. Copper and nickel and gold and the lesser metals are already attracting capital, and some hundreds of thousands of people will find employment in dragging these from the earth and sending them to the marts of all nations.

* Forests of lumber we have to a greater extent than any other people, and not many years will elapse before Canada will have a monopoly of the lumber trade of this continent.

In agricultural products our country stands unrivalled. Fruits of various kinds and vegetables flourish in the Maritime Provinces, while the wheat fields of the prairie region produce cereals in such abundance as to exceed belief.

Our bays and rivers and lakes and estuaries teem with food-fishes of the best varieties.

Our climate stands unrivalled for the production of healthy, stalwart races of men. Our soil, though fertile, needs cultivation, and this insures the requisite exercise for the highest physical development of our agricultural populations. The well-known morality of all classes of our people guarantees the healthiest of offspring. The regularity and frugality of the lives of our people preserve that initial health, and the games and recreation of our youth of both sexes, both winter and summer, contribute their influence in making our people the healthiest and sturdiest and best on the face of the habitable globe.

Let us treat all the other colonies and dependencies in the same way as our own beloved Canada, and our pupils will have a better ap-