

The Climate of Canada is severe, especially in the far north. But it is health-giving, and fitted to the development of energy and enterprise.

The Population of Canada is yet scanty. Our country has ample room and means of living for many more millions of inhabitants. Many of our people who had gone abroad to seek their fortunes are returning, and the Old World's overflow of people is now setting in with full current to our shores. Some of these people come to Canada because of the generosity of its soil in yielding abundance of food; others come because of the freedom that they may here enjoy.

The Government of Canada is in the hands of its own people. Our rulers are of our own choosing. In no country in the world can a people more justly claim the possession of self-government. It is well, however, for us to remember that this privilege may be a blessing or a curse according to the character of the people who possess it. If a people are ignorant, they may easily become the dupes of clever but unscrupulous leaders; if they lack moral principle and patriotism, they are ever ready to barter the welfare of their country to secure some selfish advantage. We need wise and honest men for law-makers and rulers. The privilege of choosing these men, which belongs to every elector, should be used as a sacred trust and under a deep sense of responsibility. The man who sells his vote is unworthy of citizenship, and he should be deprived of the privilege which he so shamefully abuses.

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY.

1. How many miles of railway were there in the Dominion at the time of Confederation? How many are there now?
2. What is the total value of Canada's imports from Great Britain? What is the value of those from the United States?
3. Name in order the different Premiers of the Dominion.
4. Name the men who have held the office of Governor-General since Confederation.