

The American Invasion of Quebec.

Often a brief announcement means much.

One instance, multiplied to represent the whole country, means still more.

Three or four lines in the daily press stating that Messrs. Enter, Prise & Co., a United States firm, will establish a branch factory or office in Quebec, is significant.

A glance at the daily newspapers of this country will reveal such notes almost every day.

Singly, they denote a new industry for a Canadian city or town.

Collectively, they are what is commonly termed the "American Invasion."

It means active participation by the United States interests in the natural wealth, trade and commerce of Quebec.

A man in a United States city sees that gold has been discovered in Quebec. Immediately scenting possibilities, he takes a train for Montreal and gets information first hand. This refers not only to mining, but to all industrial development.

Mr. C. E. Smith, of New York, who has been associated with the Hon. Leslie M. Shaw, with a view to obtaining the controlling interest in several of the large industrial corporations in Canada, is one of the many to appreciate possibilities. He says that United States financial men are turning their attention to the north of the border, desiring to invest money here, so that they may participate in the general prosperity and expansion with remunerative results. They appreciate the fact that the Dominion is about to enter a period of greater prosperity in all departments. Capital is rapidly discerning Canada's wealth and Mr. Smith looks forward to a period of industrial expansion.

That Canadians are sharing the present era of prosperity is clearly reflected in reports that are coming to hand from that section of the country daily and weekly. As a result of the pronounced development in the Canadian territory, especially during the past few years, it has been necessary for her railroads to branch out and extend their lines to new sections, some of which, up to a comparatively short time ago, were not inhabited nor under cultivation. The Grand Trunk Pacific will have practically a double-track road from ocean to ocean, with a large number of important feeders, while the Canadian Pacific and "Soo" roads have likewise expanded materially during the past few years.

Last year the Canadians reaped record crops, the largest acreage of wheat on record having been sown last Spring, and reports up to the present time have been for the "bumper" yield.

At the present time prosperity abounds in every section of the Canadian territory, while the bumper crops give promise of still greater wealth and power in this section of the Continent.