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The Progress of the New Dominion  
1883

development of the most important dependency of the empire. It is a country of whose progress every Englishman should be proud. We have seen that it is a country which is rapidly gaining national strength; but it is also a country rich in natural beauty. Where will we see a river which can rival the St. Lawrence at once for extent and grandeur—a river ever and anon expanding into great lakes, and broken into picturesque forms by impetuous rapids and cataracts? Where will we find such forests of tall pine as still darken the hills of the Laurentian range—these ancient hills which have existed amid all the earth's changes since times primeval? Where in Europe will we see lakes that may compare with the great inland waters which bathe the shores of the province of Ontario, with its flourishing towns and prosperous farms? The countries watered by these Western seas may have none of the rich historic memories that cling to the shores of the Mediterranean; but still Ontario, tame and uneventful as her history may be, will be always associated with the record of human endeavour and human happiness. Or where will we find a country offering to all the world so vast a territory of rich prairie-lands, purple with wild flowers and grasses, soon to give way to golden grain, to feed millions of people now struggling in the overcrowded Old World? Or where will we see such deep blue skies as canopy the vast region which Canadians call their own? So invigorating and bracing is the Canadian winter, that those who have once breathed its air can never find health or comfort amid the enervating influences of southern climates. The people who live in Canada are deeply attached to their own land. Indeed it is a trait of the people

born under northern skies that they can never find content elsewhere, but that their hearts, like the leaves of the little compass-flower found on the slopes of the Ozark Hills, ever turn towards the north. Canada is a north-land, not of perpetual glaciers; not of gloomy, solitary fjords; not of bleak, barren hills, where men slave and toil with little rewards; but it is a north-land whose bays teem with fish, whose hills are covered with the finest timber, whose soil is productive for a territory extending over 3000 miles. What the people of this country have already achieved, their present wealth abundantly shows when compared with that of countries which have played no insignificant part in the world's history. A century ago the greater part of Canada was but a remote and unexplored wilderness, and now we find seven provinces—one of them, Ontario, large enough for an empire—teeming with population, and prosperous in all the great concerns of life, in good government, the means of subsistence, and social happiness. The tide of population is overflowing the boundaries of the old provinces, and pressing further and further towards the west. No rivers, or mountains, or seas resist the progress of industry and enterprise. Ere long, from Halifax on the Atlantic to Victoria on the Pacific, for thousands of miles westward from the heights where Daniel Webster stood many years ago, we will find people from all the northern countries of Europe cultivating smiling fields, rearing towns and villages, and cherishing the blessings of those free institutions, under whose wise and fostering influence Canada has already attained so large a measure of happiness and prosperity.

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