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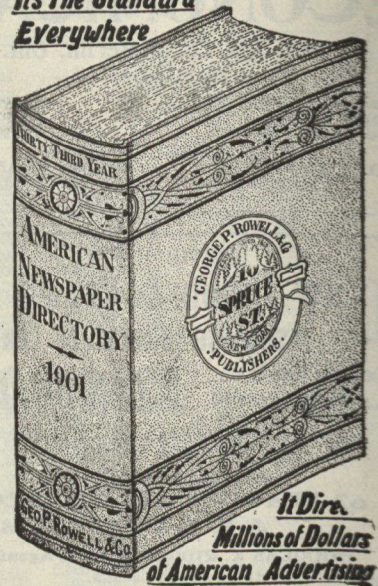
CANADA'S PROGRESS.

Reference was made in last week's issue to the address of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the premier of the Dominion, to the rapidly developing external trade of Canada. We now reproduce that portion of his speech in which he predicts the great future before this country, as a producer of cereals, dairy products, pig iron and other things.

England is to-day the great commercial nation as she was fifty or sixty years ago. Her trade is \$97 per head of her population. The trade of the United States is, how much?—only \$30 per head of her population. (Loud cheers). And I may ask you the question, what is the trade of Canada to-day, per head? Of course if you compare the bulk of the trade of the United States with the bulk of the trade of Canada the comparison will not stand. But the trade of a population of 5,000,000 cannot compare with the trade of a population of 75,000,000. However, if we take it man for man per head of population, the trade of the United States is \$30 per head and the trade of Canada is \$70 per head. (Applause). Of course in this I do not speak of the internal trade. I speak only of the external trade; that is, the importation and exportation. The internal trade is a very great figure in the United States. But, sir, no nation to-day can live within its own self. An oyster can live within its own shell, but a nation cannot do it. And even the United States to-day find that they must extend their market of trade. So long as the United States keep their pure revenue tariff, so long as they want to sell to other nations, but will not buy from other nations, and the other nations will have to pay them in gold—I say that the time cannot be very far distant when we shall meet American competition abroad and drive it away from the field. (Cheers). How may that be done? The American nation will take nothing for what they sell but gold. If we can sell to the nations of Europe whatever they get from the United States, and if we are willing to take, not gold, but exchanges, our products every time will displace the American products and take their positions. (Cheers). This is as true as the laws of nature. This is as true as the coming and going of the seasons. This is as true as the rising and setting of the sun. It stands to reason. To-day we can produce almost everything—not in the same quantity to be sure—that is produced by the American people.

Already we are following very close on their tracks in wheat production. The Americans to-day are still the great wheat producers of the world, but the time is not very far distant, fifteen years at the utmost, perhaps ten years will see the day, when Canada shall take the front rank as the wheat-producing nation of the world. (Cheers). To-day the Americans are the great iron and steel producers of the world—I think they are taking the place of England in that respect—but the day is not far distant when the works at Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, and of Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, will rival Pittsburg, and perhaps outrival that place. Whatever can be produced by the United States can be produced by Canada. We can produce wheat, cheese, butter, iron implements—everything that they produce we can produce—and if we are willing to trade with the nations of Europe, upon the broad principles of exchange, buying and selling, I have no doubt as to the future of Canada's trade. (Cheers). We have all this in view in the new policy which we are venturing to propose to the Canadian people.

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