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The increasing revenues of Canada likewise proclaim with emphasis a like growth. At the end of the last fiscal year our revenues has exceeded that of the preceding year by eighteen and a half millions of dollars and it is expected by the end of the present fiscal year the revenues will have exceeded by thirty odd millions of dollars that of the last fiscal year. For the months of the present year ending the 31st October, 1912, the revenue had reached the enormous sum of \$96,137,599, being an increase of \$19,846,400 over the corresponding seven months' period of the preceding year. I am sure my hon. friends on the opposite side of the House will be sufficiently patriotic in feeling a sense of satisfaction that, notwithstanding the change of government which took place over a year ago and the very grave doubts which they entertained as to the present government being able to administer successfully the affairs of Canada; the trade and revenues of Canada continue to grow even in an increased ratio to any previous period in the history of this country.

It is likewise satisfactory to know that the volume of immigration keeps pace with the growth of our trade and revenue. It is estimated that the volume of emigrants that will come to Canada during the present fiscal year will reach the enormous total of four hundred thousand people, and that the class of emigrant will be an improvement upon former years. It is estimated that during the present fiscal year one hundred and forty thousand settlers from the United States will have come into Canada, each one averaging in the capital which he brings into the country at least one thousand dollars. This section of immigration from the United States would thus represent a capital of one hundred and forty millions brought into this country by the settlers to the country south of us, an amount representing about ten times the paid up capital of our largest banking institution. Perhaps hon. gentlemen could grasp more readily the enormous volume of this immigration if I say the volume which it has already reached would represent annually the acquisi-

tion to Canada of a population equal to that to be found in the province of Nova Scotia, or of Manitoba, or of the province of Saskatchewan, a volume representing in numbers a population which would be entitled under a Redistribution Bill for representation in parliament, to at least thirteen members annually based on the Quebec unit of representation. When these figures both as to trade, revenue and immigration are considered and analysed and comparison made with the last five or ten year periods of our growth it will give hon. gentlemen some slight conception of the important destiny that awaits Canada in the near future. The growth of the United States in the nineteenth century was something that startled civilization, but we are warranted in the conclusion from the wonderful growth that has marked the development of Canada within the last ten years that the coming generation will see Canada the theatre of a growth and development without parallel in the history of the world.

A great national duty lies before the people of Canada in digesting and assimilating to proper national conditions the enormous foreign population coming into Canada not only at the present time but for many years to come. There is no more important duty cast upon our institutions in Canada, be they federal, provincial or municipal, than the assumption and discharge of this very important duty. The problem is one demanding the best attention which public thought can give to it. The influence and the national strength of Canada will depend largely if not altogether upon the solution of this problem. To build up from the heterogeneous peoples that are coming from all parts of the world and settling in our country and to make of them one homogeneous whole nationality adapting and assimilating themselves to our governmental, public, social and religious institutions is a task for the highest statesmanship and the greatest public service that can be rendered to the State. With the development, growth and prosperity of our country great public tasks are cast not only upon the government but upon every public minded citizen in the community, and the hope is to be expressed that the people

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