

There is every probability that the American invasion will continue. It is to be noted that this invasion is of capital as well as people. The almost certain abrogation of the duty on Canadian wheat into the United States will lead to greater wheat acreage. Granting that the population of the North-West is sure to increase, Canada will be able to give herself to a greater agricultural specialism. Unlike the United States, she must confine herself to the products of temperate climes, and her greatest reliance for exchange in the future, as in the past, must, it would seem, be upon the products of extractive industries and among these the raising of food-products must occupy a high place.

Considering the vast area of North-West Canada—more than four and three-quarter times the area of the United Kingdom—and making allowance for the area under water, it is evident that there is a vast amount of land that could be put under wheat. Much of this area is as yet virtually unexplored, and the potentialities of that which has been explored can only be approximately estimated. Nevertheless, the statement may safely be made that the possibilities are great. Climate and soil are known to be favourable in many parts, transportation and storage facilities are being rapidly developed, and, if the necessary population were there, factors indicate the prosperity of the region.

The extension of the Canadian wheat lands in a northerly direction has engaged the attention of the Dominion authorities for some years past, but the work has never been of a very scientific character. Probably, when the wheat lands to the south have been taken up,