

and the opportunity was thus given of seeing the variety of Canada's undeveloped wealth as well as in observing its unprecedented progress and judging of its manifest destiny. The transmission of these views and impressions by the leading journals of Great Britain through the European channels of the London press will place Canada's possibilities more prominently than ever before the people of Europe. Their Royal Highnesses in addition to the very great pleasure which their visit gave to the different provinces of Canada, have placed Canada under an obligation to them for the valuable publicity which their visit has given to our country throughout the empire, as well as different parts of Europe.

I feel reasonably confident in saying that both sides of the Chamber will join in the satisfaction expressed in the address as to the general prosperity in which Canada is now and has been participating.

It has been well said that the twentieth century belongs to Canada. I may be expressing myself in too optimistic a view when I say I feel reasonably confident that Canada is on the threshold of an area of prosperity and development that has not hitherto been paralleled. People of Canada fail to properly grasp and realize the enormous wealth of which we are possessed. We have so familiarized ourselves to such an extent with what might be regarded as the slow growth of Canada in the past as not to realize that a point has been reached when knowledge of the enormous wealth and resources of which we are possessed has impressed itself upon the outsider. Capitalists coming from the United States and Europe, in travelling through the different sections of Canada have been amazed at the wealth of natural resources awaiting development. Foreign capital is now coming into Canada in an extraordinary volume, to be expended in the acquirement and development of our resources, and this to such an extent that Canadians who do not wake up will find themselves to a very large extent excluded from participating in the greater advantages which are to be derived from the progress and prosperity of our own country. Canadians as a class have never realized the advantages to be found in their own

country to the extent the people of the United States have realized and taken advantage of the wealth of their country. To a very large extent we are standing to one side and permitting the outsider to take the benefit of the discovery which he has made and which we have failed to make. I do not say this in a critical or fault finding way of my countrymen, but the time has arrived when the people of Canada have to become more deeply impressed with the greatness of their country and its manifest destiny. The almost illimitable areas of Canada's territory to-day present a field for progress, development, prosperity and success beyond that of any country in the world, and apart from the material benefits which Canadians should realize in appreciating to the full the wealth of their country there is the greater and more patriotic question of working out the manifest and magnificent future which awaits us.

Reference is made in the speech to the rapidly increasing trade of the Dominion. Probably there is no criterion by which we can so safely judge of the growth and prosperity of the country as by the trade returns. I think it may be safely said that by the end of the present fiscal year the volume of trade will have passed the billion dollar mark. When we take into consideration the fact that the entire trade of the United States for 1911 so far as is shown in the *Statesman's Year Book* for the year 1912, is only three and three-quarters billions of dollars, it speaks volumes for the extraordinary growth of the trade of the Dominion. The population of the United States may be estimated at one hundred millions, that of Canada at eight millions. The population of the United States to Canada is that of about twelve to one, and yet our trade returns will almost be one-third of the entire trade volume of the United States. This growing volume of trade, advancing by leaps and bounds, as shown by trade statistics, has exceeded the most sanguine expectations of the most optimistic of our people and fully warrants the assertion that there is going on within the boundaries of Canada to-day a progressive development which may be said to