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THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

The situation in commercial circles is not full of sunshine, or rather quite a number of dark colored clouds are in the sky.

What then is the outlook. The outlook is encouraging. There is a decided change in the weather, we must have spring, before any silver lining can be seen to the clouds.

A large immigration, a Northwest boom, an extensive trade on the upper lakes via Thunder Bay, considerable activity in railway building, mining speculation about the Lake of the Woods, easier money, and our farmers enjoying a fair degree of prosperity.

At the opening of the present parliament the leaders of both political parties were careful to pose as Canadians.

Now if we are all true Canadians and love our country, do we not want something to symbolize that country? Hereafter there were Canadians in all parts of the world except Canada.

It is true there is a dominion flag now, but it is a mere nondescript. It is neither English nor Canadian.

There is another point upon which we all agree, and that is that it is wholesome and beneficial to foster Canadian national sentiment.

Under the auspices of the present government the 1st day of July was made a holiday, the Royal Canadian society was inaugurated by the present governor-general.

There is one thing that would encourage and entice that feeling more than to see a Canadian flag flying over our heads?

It may be said that no flag would be allowed to a dependency. But it is allowed, and a more distinctive symbol is allowed and used among the dominion colonies of Australia than we have in confederation.

Canada, Sweden and Norway, though under one government have separate flags, Belgium has a flag, though it is only a quarter neutral ground, and Egypt, though only a province of Turkey before the late war, had a flag of its own.

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By the Editor of the World.

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