

PARALLEL HISTORY

SEMI-CENTENNIAL IN CANADA AND ALASKA.

United States Began to Work With Their Northern Possession About the Time That the Great Development of the Resources of the Dominion Got Under Way.

DURING the first half of 1917 occur two half-centuries which have an evident relationship. It is fifty years since Alaska passed from Russia to the United States; it is just that time since Canadian delegates in London, by drafting the British North American Act and obtaining its approval by Parliament and Queen, laid the foundation of modern Canada. The parts of Canada nearest Alaska were not at once received into the federation. But within five years the Northwest was taken over from the Hudson Bay Company, and Manitoba carved from it, and British Columbia had joined the East; while one of the direct results of the federation was the building of railways for the integration of Canada, and for exploration and development of its new parts. The North America Act and the purchase of Alaska must have been perceived by shrewd men to presage together the opening of the North. After fifty years this northern development seems in many respects slow. Alaska has now but sixteen incorporated towns and a

white population of 5,000. Canada, with the area of Europe, has still a population less than that of New York State. But the end of the half-century is felt by competent observers to mark the beginning of a time when colonization of these great areas will be rapid.

Assurance of a great future for the North rises from the triple fact that at last its resources and opportunities are understood, the rival ones to the south have been largely exploited, and physical preparation for opening up the new country have been pushed well forward. We are likely to give too old a date to our present sophistication on the subject of the wealth of Canada and Alaska. We know that north of the Minnesota-Dakota line lies a wheat area as good as the Red River Valley, so wide that one might travel as far as from Paris to Petrograd through its fields, and of unknown extent north and south. We know that the estimate of a Canadian scientist in 1904 that wheat grown on one-fourth of the suitable land in the western provinces would produce 800,000,000 bushels, or enough for 150,000,000 people, while the rest could be used for general cropping, is moderate. Yet not many decades ago the Hudson Bay Company affirmed that the North-West was agriculturally useless; even in the eighties and nineties many scoffed at the idea of wheat harvests; and not till fifteen years ago did the truth begin to be known. The mineral resources of Canada are so ill-tapped that the largest asbestos deposits in the world, the silver and lead of Cobalt, and the nickel of Sudbury were discovered only when railway cuttings were made through them.

What has been done to offer physical facilities for these untouched empires illustrates the advantages of governmental over private enterprise. Canada a half-century ago had no transcontinental line, no Pacific coast, no real canal system, no markets for crops. Now the Dominion is traversed by three trans-continental lines, and in the last twenty years millions have been rising above the sea. In 1915 the Canadian Northern completed a \$400,000,000 construction, with hotels and elevators, that welds Quebec and Vancouver together and serves every city of importance in the Dominion; and the same year the Grand Trunk Pacific opened full local and through service from Prince Rupert to Winnipeg, thence connecting with all Dominion cities. The Canadian Pacific, with its ocean lines and land domain, is a powerful arm in Dominion development. All this has been brought about by Government encouragement. Five years ago an Edmonton official pointed to the north of the city and told an English traveller that "that is all a sealed book. We know that it has a splendid climate and that millions of acres are underlain with coal. But the whole of that country is unexplored and practically the whole unprospected and unexplored. You want to know about it? Ah, so do we!" Now Edmonton is the hub of a whole wheel of lines, and trains that soon be taken from it even to Hudson Bay. In Alaska the American Government is operating the Alaska Northern from Seward and is building as fast as possible from Anchorage to the Matanuska coal fields.

During twenty dark years when fat American lands were being opened, Canada lost nearly a quarter of her population to the United States. Thanks to the filling of the American West and the hundreds of millions our Government has spent to make immigration easy, we have lately regained much of it and two million Americans as well. During even the first year of the war nearly 150,000 settlers crossed 60,000 from the United States, and occupied 4,000,000 acres of land. In Alaska the population of the Pacific coast some years ago began growing steadily, and the Government now reports that though railway construction "has only fairly begun, there has been a large influx of people, many with the purpose of becoming permanent settlers."

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"The glory of the Canadian fight at Ypres salient has been too little appreciated on our side of the northern frontier. Rarely in history have troops, volunteer troops, suddenly exposed to a flank attack through no fault of their own, but by the collapse of their neighbors, had to bear a more terrific blow than that which followed the first gas attack. Yet in the midst of confusion, assailed by the appalling poison of German mustard, the Canadian volunteers stood and died as the British regulars had stood and died in the greater battle of Ypres of 1914."

"And now the Canadians have swept up the famous Vimy Ridge, which halted the French veterans of Foch and proved too great an obstacle for the genius of the greatest offensive fighter France has yet produced in the war. After long months of waiting, the Canadians have had their hour. They have had a chance to avenge their comrades, crucified by German brutes in Flanders; they have had the opportunity to write the name of Canada upon the war map of Europe, and their imprint will be remembered in Germany quite as much as in America."

"We shall know later at what price this achievement was accomplished, but no price will be too high, and for Canada this day of victory will have a lasting value. For Canada, too, its value will be no less than for the British Empire."

"Nearly three-quarters of a million of Canadian and Australian troops have responded to the call of the British Empire, more than half of them wearing the Canadian maple leaf. German plotting, German scheming, the plans of the professors on paper and of the German soldiers on the map, have been answered in the only fashion in which it is possible to speak to Germans now."

"Americans will feel a certain envy in the thought that Canada has out-distanced us in reaching the battle line, which is the frontier of our common civilization. We shall take what comfort we may from the knowledge that among the Canadian forces are a small contingent of citizens of the United States, an unofficial vanguard, we shall trust, of that American army which is, in due course, to take its place upon the French front. They are serving in worthy company."

"No praise of Canadian achievement can be excessive. From the plains and from the mountains, from the cities and from the prairie, Canada has poured out her thousands and her hundreds of thousands; she has sent across the ocean an army greater than Napoleon ever commanded on any battlefield; her volunteer regiments have shown the same stubborn and tenacious quality which is the glory of the British army."

"Canada's sons have won for liberty not merely a few square miles of French territory, but a victory which makes answer to the German idea that the world can be reconstructed without regard to the spirit of man; merely by material force."

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" " " " Bag	4.80
" " " 1-4 " "	2.40
" " " 1-8 " "	1.25
Quaker, Purity and Robin Hood Packages	25 cents
Corn Flakes	10 cents each
Kellogg's Krumbles	Package 10 cents
Shredded Wheat	" 14 cents
Grape Nut	" 15 cents

Canned Goods

Tomatoes	20 cents a Can	\$2.35 a Dozen	\$4.65 a Case
Corn	15 " "	1.75 " "	3.45 " "
Peas	12 " "	1.40 " "	2.75 " "
Peaches	28 17 " "	38 " "	30 cents a Can
Pears	28 20 " "	38 " "	30 " "
Pumpkin	38 15 " "	38 " "	12 " "
Baked Beans	9 cents	12 cents	and 20 cents a Can
Blueberries	12 1-2 cents a Can		Pineapple 22 " "
Salmon	15 cents		Shrimps 23 " "
Lobster	30 cents a Can		28 " "
Oysters	15 cents		Asparagus Tips 30 " "
Clams	12 cents a Can		and 17 cents a Tin
Sardines	15 cents		7 cents
Corn Syrup	20 cents a Can		Peanut Butter 25 cents a Can
Pure Spices	12 cents	18 cents	25 cents and 28 cents a Bottle
Pickles in Gallon Kegs	\$1.25		Pickles per 5 Gallon Keg \$4.00
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PICKLING REQUIREMENTS

Mixed Pickle spice	25c lb	Whole allspice	3c oz
Whole cinnamon	5c pkg	Whole ginger	5c oz
Pure mace	10c pkg	Mustard seed	5c oz
Whole cloves	5c oz	Whole pepper	5c oz
Curry powder	5c oz	Turner	5c oz
Vinegar	32c gal	Celery seed	5c oz

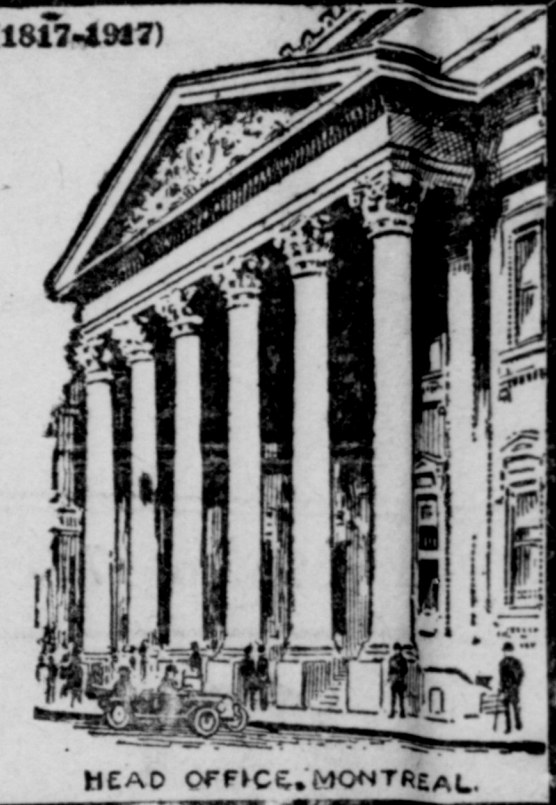
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