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CANADA'S GROWING TIME

Sir Wilfrid Laurier well said that "the twentieth century is Canada's," the period when this fair Dominion is emerging from its swaddling clothes to the splendid maturity of nationhood.

The Governor-General, who shares all the Premier's optimism, in a recent utterance, declared his belief that before the century closes, Canada will have a population of eighty millions, or as many people as the United States now contain.

It was a bold prophecy, but has every prospect of fulfilment.

The evidence of stupendous growth and abounding prosperity is evident on every hand. It may be true that down here in the Maritime Provinces, our progress is slow, but we are having the experience that the New England States passed through when the great west of the neighboring republic was opened up.

We, like they, are furnishing the bulk of the men who are rolling back the frontier, the pioneers of the north-west, which, when peopled with its many millions, will look to the older eastern provinces, is looking now for the manufactured products of our higher mechanical development, and already are absorbing all we can produce.

We in the east, have been raising men to push the development of the great west, but it is only a question of time when the tide will turn in our direction; it is indeed turning now.

The progress of our great eastern cities in recent years has been marvellous. In a little more than a decade Toronto has doubled its population, and Montreal is adding at the rate of 20,000 a year, and the problem of housing the increase in both cities is one that engages the earnest consideration of the authorities.

In the west the older cities are expanding with perfectly marvelous rapidity, and new ones are springing up on every hand. Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver, and dozens of others, a few years ago a mere place on the map, their names practically unknown in eastern Canada, are claiming and receiving recognition as populous and progressive centres. Think of over a quarter of a million new settlers added to Canada's population last year, and the flood tide of immigration not yet nearly at its height.

One of the chief demands of this great influx of population is for greater transportation facilities and these the Liberal government is furnishing as fast as possible.

It was the late Hon. A. G. Blair who said that not one, but a half-dozen transcontinental railways would be necessary to carry the products of Canada, and the youth of today will live to see the truth of these words realized.

It's Canada's great growing time, and the pessimist and the growler, the blue ruin orator, are an extinct species, crowded into silence and obscurity by the triumphant march of Canada's hopeful, active sons, who are hewing the country's way to a front rank among the nations of the world.

In the face of such progress and prosperity, with the knowledge that the practical beginning of Canada's real develop-

ment was coincident with the inauguration of Liberal rule, is there a man of intelligence and discernment in the whole country, who is bold enough to hazard the prophecy that the people of Canada are so blind to their own interests and to those of the land they love so well, as to dismiss from the government seats at Ottawa, the party that is making such a grand record of achievement, and substitute for them another party, under whose misrule there was nothing but stagnation, even decay?

TURN DOWN FOR BOURASSA

It was proposed to have Mr. Bourassa speak at the Labor Day demonstration at Hull, Quebec, but the labor organization in charge of the celebration has finally decided that "it would not be in the interest of organized labor to endorse Mr. Bourassa's political manoeuvres by making him the hero of the day." The invitation to Mr. Bourassa was therefore cancelled and a message was sent to him requesting him to stay away.

It is a bad turn down for Mr. Bourassa, who must soon reach the conclusion that Canada and Canadians are not thirsting for his political advice, and leadership.

VALUE OF CHARACTER

A new Liberal daily paper is to be started at Campbellton with strong financial backing.

The lawyers must have all of that \$1,000 and more, long before this. It is a difficult and expensive thing to fight a big corporation in the courts.

Among those who met Mr. Borden and Mr. Bergeron on their arrival at Glace Bay was a clergyman. That man knows where to place his missionary efforts.

The Irishmen of Ottawa district are to present Hon. Edward Blake with a testimonial in recognition of his services to the Home Rule cause in the Imperial Parliament.

Down at Glace Bay, where Mr. Borden spoke Thursday night, the population in ten years has grown from 1,200 to 20,000, under Liberal rule. The development of the great coal and steel industries in Cape Breton are the direct results of Liberal rule.

The Intercolonial Railway was never in better shape than it is today, is the testimony of Deputy Minister Butler, who has recently made a complete inspection of the road, and he adds, the receipts for July were larger than at any time in the history of the road.

Mr. Borden is to speak at St. John and Newcastle next week, but gives Fredericton the go-by. It is said he did not care to come into close contact with the scavenging department of the Tory party in New Brunswick.

It is said that a wonderful discovery of gold is reported at Night Hawk Lake in New Ontario. Two Swedes are said to have found a gold bearing vein two miles long and 130 feet wide. Somebody ought to dig up the yellow stuff at once, and pass it over to the banks which are said to be so stingy in circulating their money.

The Chatham World is mistaken, on the wrong tack, as Commodore Stewart would say if he were discussing his favorite pastime—yachting. The Herald did not particularly advise Mr. Borden not to take Mr. Foster stumping. It was that good Tory paper, the Montreal Star. The Herald doesn't care a button where Mr. Foster stumps—the more the better for the government. The man's political force in

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