

When Kipling wrote, "My Lady of the Snows", he had for his purpose singing the praise of Canada that western bastion of Great Britain. It bommeranged because it played up the cold too much for Canadians, who want their country to be known for its wealth and accomplishments. Canada, however, is cold and only a portion of it is available for growing crops. The two World Wars have hit it hard, in the number of its fine young men who have died in foreign fields, in the sacrifices it has made in money, and in the depletion of its great forests, which probably will never be restored.

However, all has not been on the wrong side of the ledger, for the building of the Alaskan highway and the opening of new oil fields may play quite a part in the future of the country.

The escape of General MacArthur from the Philippines to Australia saved that dominion from being devastated. It has suffered the loss of many brave men, but has otherwise not been badly damaged. While Canadian development is restricted by cold and snow, that of Australia is limited by the vast amount of arid land, which so far has produced little of value.

I speak with less knowledge concerning South Africa. We are all aware of the great help that has been given the United Nations by gallant and capable General Jan Christiaan Smuts, and by South African contingents, but we do not have a clear idea of the relative amount of food or material produced by this southern colony. Perhaps Great Britain has purposely played down what it gets from this source, in order not to encourage greater efforts on the part of German underseas craft.