

to prove that development, far from exhausting resources, commonly means their multiplication. When our own country had 3,000,000 people, they were all poor;

now that it has 110,000,000, they are the richest in the world.

*This makes sense.*

From all this you will gather, and quite correctly, that I do not fear that present development is liable to impoverish us in the future. The precise contrary, according to every historical analogy, is what will take place. Why, you all remember that a quarter century ago so wise a man as James J. Hill was warning us that within fifteen years this country would have to import wheat! Twice that period