

International Prediction by Former Duluthian.

"Duluth people that think their town has not progressed much during the past 10 years should look at the place through my eyes," said Henry F. Leopold of Philadelphia yesterday.

Mr. Leopold is well known to the pioneer residents of Duluth. He started in business at the head of the lakes in an Indian wigwam on Minnesota point. Mr. Leopold came here in 1853 on the steamer Norman. His stock of general merchandise was landed at Superior, and was transferred to the Minnesota side of the bay in the schooner Charlie. When town lots were staked out on Superior street Mr. Leopold and his brother Asa established a general store between Lake avenue and First avenue west. After the failure of Jay Cooke, Leopold Brothers removed from Duluth, but returned again in 1881, and remained here till 1888.

"Duluth has grown considerably, and, on the whole, has improved wonderfully since I was here 10 years ago," said Henry F. Leopold yesterday. "The city will always seem more or less like home to me, for I lived here during a period and under circumstances when men form attachments for communities that cannot be easily broken. I was here when the city first struggled into being, and was here during all the excitement of the boom days. It is only natural that I should feel more than an ordinary attachment for the Zenith city.

"I anticipate that Duluth will very shortly experience an era of rapid growth. All lines of business are looking up, and the benefits of the general revival will be felt here not later than the spring of 1899. Your next great period of development will come in the shape of iron manufacturing and other branches of industrial development. It is the history of the country that the points for manufacturing are moving steadily toward the raw material. I have great faith in the future of Duluth, and have no hesitation in expressing the opinion that it will come to the front when the general revival of business can make its influences felt here. In the East the impression is widespread that after the war is over this country will enter on a period of unexampled prosperity. I share in the opinion, and believe that Duluth will be conspicuous among the growing cities of the Northwest during that period."

Henry F. Leopold is a son of the late Louis Leopold, the founder of the Lake Michigan & Lake Superior Transportation company. Mr. Leopold and family left for the East last night on the Anchor line boat Japan.