

with trans-Pacific trade; the heavy prices of land; the high prices of all labour; the complexity of its coloured labour supply; the great cost and wide area of railway construction to serve a comparatively small producing population; and the concentration of population in coast cities, combine to distinguish the province from every other in the Dominion, and to make the immigration of producing white people to it of double fundamental importance.

The pouring of capital into the province for real estate investment is inseparable from railway construction. A reasonable check on speculation will keep perpetual obligations to pay interest fairly down to the speed of increased production in tributary territory on which alone the permanent prosperity of cities depends.

Need for limiting  
land speculative  
element in new  
territory.

British Columbia needs people for the cultivable valleys, who will, among other things, prevent the transference to foreign countries of capital on which British Columbia must pay interest, for food which should be grown in the province. This need must be met by the limitation of the land speculative element in the placing of immigration.

This is specially true of the northwestern part of the province, shortly to be served by the Grand Trunk Pacific railway. Agriculturally, this territory offers a unique field for immigration on scientific lines, with such government assurance of underlying economic conditions as will make the proposition really attractive to the discriminating settler.

The province has an office in London, in the financial district, with a wide range of British Columbian products. It is in charge of the Hon. J. H. Turner, agent-general, whose immigration propaganda is limited by circumstances.

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