

them he might prejudice the claims of his tribe for lands which they believed had been unjustly taken from them and sold by the Local Government; and one of his Klootchmen knocked a cigar out of his hand, which he had accepted, and crushed it with her foot. To plunder such people of their land, village sites, fishing stations, burial grounds, or favourite resorts, would be a blunder as well as a crime. The policy that has succeeded in all the other Provinces and Territories of the Dominion must be applied to British Columbia, and in no Province are we likely to see more splendid results.

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The colonization of the North-west, and the construction of the work that is to bind all Canada together with links of steel from Ocean to Ocean, are enterprises which—in the minds of Canadians who believe in the future of their country—transcend all ordinary political questions. Such enterprises do not belong to the region of party politics. They are not for men whose vision is bounded by the present hour and by their own locality. Statesmen understand their transcendent importance; for statesmen are those who divine the instincts of the people they govern.

The brief review that has been given in this Appendix shows that progress has been made in the course of the past four years. We can see that not only have we been moving, but that certain great aims have been as steadily kept in view as if one mind had controlled the work from the beginning. These are—(1) the shortest and best line between the prairie region and the navigation of Lake Superior; (2) the shortest and best line from Ottawa to the Pacific; (3) preparations for general and extensive colonization of the fertile interior. In connection with these aims—which are really one, for they all go together, the one depending upon and helping the other—the rate of progress has been rapid enough to satisfy reasonable ex-