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Finally, Mr. Alonzo Wright, M.P., who is, perhaps, more conversant with all these facts than any other gentleman in Canada, has stated his views very ably in respect of this northern region—indulging in no theories—in his speeches in Parliament; the honorable member distinctly says there is a territory there

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capable of affording homes for millions of people; and Thomas Keefer, Esq., C.E., gives it as his opinion that the mineral resources of the district as a whole are the most promising of any portion of Canada. Therefore under these and all the circumstances herein set forth, I respectfully submit the same for the earnest consideration of the Government, and in order that the extent and variety of the actual resources may be no longer in doubt, some appropriation be made to enable a thorough and practical exploratory survey to be undertaken without delay.

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