

And in the event of the adoption of the Hewson location, and the removal of this national work from the political arena to the safe guard of a joint Imperial and Canadian Commission, then indeed may Imperial co-operation be earnestly solicited, and with confidence—a matter of vital importance when it is considered, that \$180,000,000 are at stake. The Imperial interests in the Pacific Ocean make of British Columbia a strategical position of the first-class, and of this railway a matter of necessity as a line of communication thereto. \$20,000,000 were invested to procure the control of the Suez Canal: a similar sum—nay \$40,000,000—in this case would be, to say the least, an equally good investment. And this co-operation cannot, and will not, be refused unless indeed England voluntarily abdicating her high estate, openly declines her fair share of the responsibilities involved in the consolidation of her vast empire, and avows her utter indifference as to whether, or not, her surplus population shall go forth to build up foreign and hostile nations.