

The people of British Columbia are deeply interested in this subject. I will not say that they are indignant, I will not picture them before you as boiling over with righteous wrath. But this I will say—that hope deferred maketh the heart sick. I appeal to the Government, and say to them with all earnestness, now is the time to enshrine themselves in the hearts of the people of British Columbia, a people as honest, as industrious, as good as may be found in any part of this magnificent land, this Canada. Answer us according to the desire of our hearts and we will make you a Province that will be the brightest gem in the coronet with which the fair brow of Canada is encircled to-day. We want to fill that land with honest men and bonnie lasses. We want to fill it with a people who have respect for our laws, who will become citizens of the country in which they live and who will be the strong support of Canadian and British institutions. Deny us and let these people come in, let them fill our industries in the future as they have done in the past, and you will give us such a condition of things as that which Goldsmith has painfully described in *The Deserted Village*. But answer us according to the desire of our hearts and we will give you a Province which will be as Robert Burns described his native Scotland :—

Beloved at home, revered abroad.

(Cheers).

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In the current issue of the “Presbyterian College Journal,” published in Montreal, there appears an article from the pen of Mr. George R. Maxwell, M. P., entitled *The Chinese Question*, and which has called forth considerable comment in the eastern press. As the subject is one of general interest to the people of British Columbia we herewith reproduce the text of the article for the perusal of our readers :

It is with considerable hesitation and trepidation that I send an article on this question to Montreal, and especially to a journal associated with the Presbyterian Church. I can remember that immediately after my bringing the views of my constituents before the House of Commons on this matter, that one of the few bodies which condemned my contentions was the learned Presbytery of Montreal. I have great respect for the fathers and brethren who compose that influential Presbytery, I admire the soundness of their theology, their theological attainments, and their good work, but it seems to me that they are hardly fitted to pronounce upon this vexed question, at least in the manner indicated. While it is true that this question is looming up in all our great industrial centres, yet it is only in British Columbia where you see it in all its repulsive features, and it is British Columbians who not only to be heard, but who ought practically to decide what should be done with the Chinese emigrants who are coming to our shores. I have, however, in this article no expectation of converting the old—they are always hard to convert—the reason is obvious, but the “hopefuls” of the church are more