

That British Columbia, the outpost of our great Empire in North America, the gateway of the Pacific, is well worthy of the attention of the business men and capitalists of Great Britain, is very evident from the fact of what has already been accomplished there by a small population. To clearly show this, I think it is only necessary to state the actual amount of business, as indicated by its imports and exports. The exports in 1881 were \$2,255,753, in 1891 they were \$6,199,280, and in 1901 \$21,645,000. The imports in the same years were respectively \$2,489,246, \$5,477,411, and \$11,137,436. Thus it will be seen that the joint trade of 1901 amounted to \$32,782,436 for a population of only 200,000.

The internal revenue of the Province has gone up from under half a million in 1881 to \$2,140,000 in 1902. Indicating the great productive wealth of the Province is the fact that since Confederation it has paid to the Dominion Government for all its expenditure that the Government has made in the Province, including the cost of the Canadian Pacific Railway, within its borders; and has a considerable balance to its credit in addition.

Taking all these facts into consideration, it is evident that this great western country, with its beautiful and wonderfully healthful climate, its magnificent scenery, its well administered laws, its free, non-sectarian education, is eminently the land for the capitalist, the gentleman of leisure, the sportsman, the farmer and the working man, and is a most desirable place to make a home.

[Sixty views of British Columbia were shown after the lecture.]

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