

We have seen in every case, where vexatious and onerous terms were imposed, mineral enterprise languish and die, but as soon as these were relaxed, and a liberal policy inaugurated, the products of the mines rapidly increase, commerce stimulated, population increase, and general prosperity ensue.

In conclusion we have much pleasure in acknowledging our indebtedness for much of the information contained in this *compilation* to the works of Murchison, Whitney and Ure, Logan and Dawson and to the very interesting brochures of Dr. Hunt and the Revd. Mr. Douglas; we have also quoted largely from Hittel. We concur in opinion with Mr. Douglas whose intimate acquaintance with all past operations on the Chaudière entitles him to speak, that Canada will not likely turn out an Australia or California, but we do believe that by judicious management, it will gradually but surely, somewhat like Nova Scotia, take its rank as an important gold producing country.

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NOTE.—The gold fields of British Columbia are reported of great extent and richness both in alluvials and quartz rocks, and do not differ in any material point from the other great gold regions.

The gold fields of New Zealand are of great importance, and are “placer diggings” only, and Sir R. Murchison has informed the Royal Geographical Society, that the summits of the adjoining ridges are not now denuded, *but covered to the depth of many feet with soil.*