

"west; fighting ground to curb and control an ambitious and
 "haughty rival; a growing nation of children as customers; a
 "home for surplus population; a new sanctuary for the free insti-
 "tutions of the old world; a fresh field for practical arts; another
 "and a living reflex of the laws, literature, science, and discoveries
 "with which our ancestors have illustrated the past brilliant his-
 "tory, and adorned the present condition of Europe; and on the
 "other, the protection and security of the British flag, sympathy
 "with British interests, the glorious inheritance of British freedom
 "—the life and impetus of her inimitable constitution; a preference
 "in the British markets; and a friendly brotherhood and relation-
 "ship in all she is yet to achieve." Further, let us trust that
 Queen Victoria in her next speech from the Throne will not
 fail to re-echo the noble eulogium of her representative already
 cited in the ears of both branches of the imperial Legislature;
 on the ground that, taking the period at and the circumstances
 under which we now live into account, this joint RAILWAY AND
 COLONISATION PROJECT is second in its importance to none that
 has ever occupied the attention of the Imperial Legislature, or
 claimed the support of a great, free, wealthy, intelligent Christian
 nation. *And why so?* Because, as a frontier means of defence
 against republican tendencies and aggression in the western hemi-
 sphere, the right construction of this main trunk railway from the
 Atlantic to the Pacific will prove a more enduring and impregnable
 rampart than was in days of old against hostile inroads the great
 Chinese wall. Because, as a commercial-nexus, it will bind up in-
 dissolubly in ONE mighty Monarchical State the scattered compo-
 nent parts of maritime BRITAIN on both sides of the Atlantic.
 Because, as a colonisation-lever, it may be so wielded on the broadest
 platform of the new world as to raise to comfort and independ-
 ence the million masses of the poor and idle whose condition alike
 weighs down and dishonours the old. Because, as a pauper-farm-
 ing and convict-employing expedient, it may be so prosecuted as not
 only to write up "*Delenda est Inopia et Inertia*" upon the door-
 posts of every workhouse, jail, and penitentiary in the land, but to
 extirpate causes which are militant against order, against industry,
 against morality, such as silently but certainly are effecting *that*
 within the bounds of the British Islands which Europe armed and
 at our gates would fail to accomplish. And finally, because by
 giving free scope to the expansive energies of a RACE yet destined
 by Providence so to obey the Divine commandment "Be fruitful
 and multiply—replenish the earth and subdue it," as to make obe-
 dience to the injunction a blessing instead of a curse, it will prove
 the handmaiden to, and harbinger of, that coming reign of goodwill
 and peace which is to exalt the closing eras of mankind in that
 transition stage between time and eternity which it is less our doom
 than our destiny to overpass.

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