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THE GROWING TIME. The most remarkable thing about Canada's growing time is the enlarged idea we all feel justified in holding concerning the adaptability of the Dominion for settlement. Some few Colonist readers may recall the report of the committee of the Senate, of which Dr. Schultz, of Winnipeg, was chairman, issued, if we remen aright, in 1888. This report contained some statements about the Mackenzie River basin, which were regarded at the time as fanciful in the ex-treme. The general public looked upon the members of the Senate, who prepared it, as a lot of well-meaning old fellows, who had allowed them-selves to be misled by the optimism of some over-enthusiastic explorers or some over-entusiastic explicite and misguided residents of the Canadian hinterland. There was a general hurry to get the report out of sight as soon as possible, and if any credulous person quoted from it, his quotation was met with a smile of derision tempered with airs. In the derision tempered with pity. In the course of his evidence given before that committee by Professor Macoun, of the Geological Survey, that gentleman said substantially that he ex-pected his opinions of the capacity of the great north land to be regarded ith doubt, for he said that, when had stated some years before that we vegetation in and about Calgary, speech to the Legislative Assembly, stated that the net income of the vegetation in and about Calgary, and the fact that great herds of buffalo lived there showed the country to be fit for cattle-raising, the members of the committee of the House of Commons, whom he was addressing, received his statement with laughter. He was not disappointed as to the reception of his statement with the reception of his statement of the Senate Committee. They were received with something very much stronger than doubt. Well, today the newspapers are publishing as news, ranger striking head-lines, statement with acould have been found any time within twenty years in the pages of the bulbe book containing the Senate committee's report. But people are proverbially slow to learn and slow to believe what others say they have others say they have been say they have been say they have others say they have to there say they have others say they within twenty years in the pages of the blue book containing the Senate committee's report. But people are proverbially slow to learn and slow to 610. committee's report. But people are proverbially slow to learn and slow to believe what others say they have learned. Of course, there are reasons why Eastern Canadians should look upon northern Canada as a waste land. The forty-ninth parallel of latitude, which crosses Vancouver Island somewhere about Duncan's and in a locality where peaches and grapes thrive in the open air, and there is rarely snow enough for solelighing, comes out to the Atlantic grapes thrive in the open air, and ture for the same period is \$3,026,311, there is rarely snow enough for so that in the ordinary course of sleighing, comes out to the Atlantic events there will be a further considcountry marked by very severe winters and late and early frosts. The fifty-fifth parallel, which comes out to the Pacific coast about Pert Simpson, and in a locality where climatic conditions are favorable to all the vegetation of the North Temperate Zone, crosses the Atlantic coast on families. The total estimated value winters and late and early frosts. The fifty-fifth parallel, which comes out to the Pacific coast about Pert Simpson, and in a locality where climatic conditions are favorable to all the vegetation of the North Temperate Zone, crosses the Atlantic coast on the shores of Labrador, after traversing a region, which for purposes of agriculture is valueless, as far as any one knows. The sixtleth parallel which forms the northern boundary of British Columbia and traverses a region in Cassiar, where horses live out the whole winter, and on the plains a vast area on which such few plains a vast area on which such few trils as have been made of agriculture. ture have been successful, reaches the Atlantic coast at the southern shore of the entrance to Hudson's Straits, in a land where white coloniwould never be seriously pro-Great trees grow on the Mackenzie Delta, which corresponds in is at the present time producing over latitude with Baffin's land, with its \$200 per annum for every man, woman vast ice-fields, and Greenland, where the whole region is an unchanging waste of snow. Small wonder, therefore, that the East refused to believe that the truth had been told about day north as any rallway ought to be built. Marcus Smith said otherwise, but he was in the minority, and minorities are always wrong until afterwards. After a little the Canadian Northern and the Grand Trunk Pacific began to open the region lying further north, and other enterprises are proposed to cross the, content still further north, and all the transcontinental companies are content such as been able to say about our proteins dayn of the associated well. In addition to what he has been able to say about our proteins dayn of the associated well. In addition to what he has been able to say about our proteins dayn of the expectation of the first of the first of the first of the first of the same time to Canadian sa a land of appreciate the conditions existing in a country where law is well administ province should have been placed be available. At one time the Canadian Pacific was thought to lie about as far north as any rallway ought to be built. Marcus Smith said otherwise, but he was in the minority, and minorities are always wrong until afterwards. 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you happen to know where Slave Lake is? If you do not, look it up on the map. It is a little southwest of Great Slave Lake, and look it up on the map. It is a little southwest of Great Slave Lake, and you cannot miss that. We say a little southwest, and that is what it seems to be on the map. Yet around Lesser Slave Lake as a centre there lies a region as large as the province of New Brunswick, which seems likely to prove to be quite as capable of supporting a considerable population as the eastern province is. Practically no one lives there now. The Colonist had a caller a few days ago, who said that he and some friends were going in there to take up land, for he believed it was the best part of the whole Northwest. You remember that Mr. Edward Hake called British Columbia "a sea of mountains." Some one has said that it is "a world of valleys," and they are valleys which will serve to make this province with Order of the province of British Columbia and integrity while he remained in his judical office, and carrying these qualities into his retirement. There must be many thousands of Victorians to whom he was personconfined to the Opposition in Parliament, for the most that the great maintained its dignity without ostentially of the government supporters could do was to hope that a mistake was not being made. Sir Wikird Laurier talked eloquently community. His family inherit from about the country, but he was very him an honored name; Victoria will long remember him as one of those may not have been exactly gressing, who contributed to make this city

but he was taking a good deal on trust. We know now that the region is very likely to prove exceedingly valuable. And so it goes on. We cannot hope to broaden Canada much more than it has been broaden ed, and for the future we must expect details rather than large state-ments, but we will learn very many things. We will find new sources prosperity constantly being made known, and from year to year have new evidence that Canada is fitted to be the home of the greatest nation

JOINED THE MAJORITY.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman has passed away. The Colonist so very re-cently reviewed the career of this distinguished gentleman that it is not necessary to speak of it again today. le was personally very greatly es-eemed. Possibly he was a little too breme in some of his views as to the ecessity for reform legislation to suit

able notice in England. One of the most comprehensive references to it appeared in the London Morning Post, which was so excellent a summary that we quote it for the benefit of Colonist readers:

The Hon. R. G. Tatlow, the Minister of Finance, in his recent budget speech to the Legislative Assembly, stated that the net income of the province for the past year was \$4,396, 1632, and the net expenditure \$3,194.

183. Part traditions as to law and government as we ourselves hold, and if sometimes they may be a little difficult to get along with at first, there is no doubt whatever that they make the best possible settlers. No man in Canada lives in any fear of his neighbors if they are Englishmen, Irishmen or Scotchmen. The same is largely true of people who come into the country from the United States. It is also true of those who come from Denmark and the Scandinavian t through the northern part of crable surplus. Mr. Tatlow, in the Gaspe peninsula, which is a course of his speech, dealt with the \$25,738,983, as compared with \$24,980,-546 in 1906. The total production of the agricultural, fishing, lumber, and mining industries of the province in the year was \$5,000,000. As the popu-lation is only about 250,000 it means that the province of British Columbia

mer day has scarcely ended before the dawn of the next appears in the eastern sky. Every year we change the map of Canada by marking upon it, as useful, areas which we had supposed were of little value. day has scarcely ended before at Ottawa or any of the other provin-

that it is "a world of valleys," and they are valleys which will serve to make this province "the Orchard of the Empire." A few people have known this always, but most people have only got to know it very recently. When a few years ago the construction of the National Transcontinental Railway across the region north of Lake Superior was proposed, there were many dubious thatings of the head as to the probable value of the region that would be epened. This was by no means confined to the Opposition in Parliament, for the most that the great

teemed. Possibly he was a little too exercised. Possibly he was a little too exercised. Possibly he was a little too exercised. Possibly he was as to the necessity for reform legislation to suit many excellent people, but no one doubted his patriotism or questioned his sincerity. His career shows how needless bitterness is in political life. He had many political opponents, but no personal enemies. Possibly his usefulness had ended when his public life closed, for conditions in the United Kingdom are so shaping themselves that a man of a somewhat different type was needed at the helm. He will be remembered, not as one of Britain's great premiers, but as one of her truest and most progressive sons.

B. C. IN ENGLAND.

Capt. Tatlow's Budget speech has received very general and very favorable notice in England. One of the most comprehensive references to it and it is specified by the same general traditions as to law and governable notice in England. One of the most comprehensive references to it and it is specified by the same general traditions as to law and governable notice in England. One of the most comprehensive references to it and it is specified by the same general traditions as to law and governable notice in England. One of the most comprehensive references to it and it is specified by the same general traditions as to law and governable notice in England. One of the most comprehensive references to it and it is specified by the same general traditions as to law and governable notice in England. One of the most comprehensive references to it and it is specified by the same general traditions as to law and governable proposed amendment to the franchise proposed amendment to the franchise and it is determination to proceed with the proposed amendment to the franchise and it is a largely increased acreage over last year. They are in a characteristic proposed acreage over last with ideas foreign to ours. They are in a characteristic proposed acreage over last with ideas foreign to ours. They are in a chara

least as many of the population at that date will be from Central Europe as are natives of Canada. Let us make ourselves clear on this point. We would welcome colonists from Central

ways, his children will make good canadians. But the off-scourings of European cities are not needed in Canada and they should be kept out. There appears to be a probability it that very many people will in the furture come into the country from the United States. We must expect this We have a great vacant area adjoining a country with a rapidly growing population which is now eighty millions. While regarded from the European point of view the United States cannot be said to be crowded, we must keep in mind that the best people in that country is very been accustomed to alave a good wall of elbow room. They will come to Until very recently the press of the Corrections of the country is the property of the control of the control of the country is the property of the control of the control of the control of the country is the latter are anxious to secure the services of more of them. The entire situation in respect to the agricultural industry in the province is eminently satisfactory. This reference to the province is eminently satisfactory. The services of more of them. The emitted that the latter are anxious to secure the services of more of them. The emitted that the latter are anxious to secure the services of more of them. The services of more of them. The services of more of t

possible. If the country has any money to spend in fostering immigration, we should greatly prefer to see it spent in the United Kingdom.

CEDAR HILL

Sufficient stress is not laid upon the MR. JUSTICE DRAKE.

We chronicle with great regret the death of Montague W. Tyrwhitt-Drake, for many years one of the Justices of the Justices of the Superpass Court of this province. from it, and at all times the islands of the Georgian Archipelago, the Strait of Georgia, the curving shore of Vancouver Island, the city and the beautiful farming section surrounding it lie spread out like a great panorama. Comparatively-few people ascend the hill, but it is not a very difficult climb. There are several ways of getting to the summit but the constant of developing coal mines and extending railwads to them. of getting to the summit, but the one and extending railroads to them.

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Undoubtedly the time has come when Canada must look the immigration question firmly in the face and the longer, route is by a beautiful foreign made year have its fitted to test nation

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proposed amendment to the franchise act providing for the revision of elec-toral lists in British Columbia, Manitoba and portions of Quebec and Onterio. In this attitude they will be supported by public opinion through-out the country. The measure is an infamous one, in justification for which we have not seen a single logi-

The Laurier government has just made an appointment which will be heartily endorsed by all newspaper-men in Canada, irrespective of party affiliations. We refer to the selection of Mr. William Mackenzie, for many years in the press gallery at Ottawa, for the newly-created post of Can-adlan secretary for imperial and for-eign correspondence. Mr. Mackenzie has been in harness for more years than most of his friends can remem-ber, and during the whole of this long career has so faithfully maintained the high standards of the profession that he enjoys the esteem of all newspaper-men who have had the pleasure of his

is no more competent authority in the province, after having completed an official tour of the interior districts is of the opinion that it will only be a short time before British Columbia is shipping double the quantity of fruit that she now does. This is a showing as amazing as it is gratifying. We are pleased to note in this connection that Mr. Palmer finds that the Salva

ment in respect to the development of Alaska. It declares that "there is no reason to suppose that there is no reason to suppose that the scheme for a railway to Hudson Bay is not prac-ticable," and continues: The Cana-dian government is exhibiting wisdom in opening this country to ment which contrasts somew the unwillingness displayed congress of the United States to aid largely in the development of the enormously greater and in every re-spect riched territory of Alaska. In WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A CARLOAD OF NEW STYLES IN

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