

and as his intimate friend, Sir William Gregory informs us, continued to hold that language in private to the end of his life. The only possession for which he cared was gorgeous India, which impressed his oriental imagination. Nor was the Colonial policy of our party a fiasco, as its critics assume; it brought about an extension of Colonial self-government and the withdrawal of the troops, with which ended the long, costly and scandalous series of Maori and Kaffir wars. The party of Imperial Federation is now going to try its hand, with every possible advantage, having a Colonial Office impregnated with its views; an access of Imperialism brought on by the South African war; and a general tendency to territorial aggrandizement and agglomeration. We are looking with interest to see what they will do.



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WHAT is the best that Canada can do for the Empire and through the Empire for the world?

If the Pacific Ocean is to be the world's Mediterranean for the next century as the North Atlantic has been for the past, then Western Canada must be one of the Empire's forefront positions. From our Pacific coast the Empire will look westward as from Australia it will look eastward, and from these two points it can command the world's new life to the highest advantage. The United States has gained a similar footing in its Pacific coast and the Philippines and the Sandwich Islands. Our position is stronger and more perfectly provided with all the needed resources. We have the shortest line to China and Japan. We have unlimited coal supplies. We have the only great timber area looking out on this great sea. The supplies of wheat and cattle for food for a great industrial population on the Pacific may be increased to an almost unlimited extent. The wealth of resources which Canada may in this way furnish to the Empire, and the vantage point which she will hold can scarcely be estimated. These considerations give the Alaska boundary question no little measure of importance. They make the Pacific cable and Pacific steamship line and our transcontinental railways of immense importance.

The real growth of the Empire in Anglo-Saxon population, with its energy and dominating qualities, must take place at three great centres. Canada is one and the largest, Australia and South Africa are the other two. Of these three Canada offers the best field for the Anglo-Saxon race. Our Pacific coast is almost a duplicate on a larger and richer scale of the original home of the race in both its Norse and Saxon elements, and we might add in its Celtic as well. We may also add the further advantage of being nearest the centre. It was long since pointed out by Guyot that Britain is nearly the centre of the land areas of the world. Canada, South Africa and Australia through Egypt and India form great radial projections. The Pacific and Indian oceans are the connecting highway by which these extremities meet each other, and so belt the globe, grasping it as in mighty arms. In Saxon energy and enterprise Canada should be the strongest of these, as nearest the heart. Thus for the