

## A Review and Answer to Mr. Maxwell.

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Ottawa, Sept. 12.—The following is a verbatim report of the important speech delivered by George R. Maxwell, M. P. for Burrard District, on Wednesday afternoon last:

Mr. Maxwell moved for :

Copies of all petitions or memorials presented to the Government on the subject of Chinese immigration.

He said: Mr. Speaker, I deeply regret that my first venture in addressing this House should be in connection with such a subject as this, but as I have received a mandate from my constituents I feel under obligation to bring it before this House for consideration and to press it as plainly and yet as strongly as I possibly can on the attention of the Government. One circumstance makes this question a little peculiar, and that is that it particularly belongs to the Province of British Columbia. I wish in some measure there were Chinese in all the provinces, because I am sure I would then speak to a more sympathetic audience than I do to-day, honorable members generally not knowing very much about this question. But in spite of this fact, though there is not a Chinese question in Ontario, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island or even in Quebec, though I notice from the Montreal "Gazette" a few days ago a great many of the citizens of that important City have begun to be alive to the fact that they have more than enough of those distinguished gentlemen, and that some restrictive measure must be brought into existence or there will be another British Columbia practically in the Province of Quebec. I think I may appeal to members of the Government, not to look at this question from their point of view but from the point of view of those concerned. We the citizens of that Western Province, notwithstanding our Province is

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perhaps far beyond the wildest dream of the wildest imagination, yet hope you will regard us out there as you are regarded, namely, that we are striving to the best of our efforts to make that portion of Canada a place that will be a home for a happy, contented and prosperous class of people. Sir, one thing encourages me in bringing this question before the House, and that is that it is not a party question; that is to say, there is nothing of the Conservative or what you may call the Liberal element in it whatever, but it is simply a question on which the large majority of the people of British Columbia are agreed. During the late contest both Conservative and Liberal candidates were pledged up to the hilt so far as this question is concerned, and I believe if my opponent had been elected in my place he would have done to-day what I am