

advantageously opposite our western gate-ways and which the Panama canal has brought so much nearer our eastern ports.

They must study possibilities, not only from information gleaned for them by the Department of Trade and Commerce, but also on the spot and through clever representatives of their own. Other nations are awakening to these possibilities and we cannot afford to be behind the best in a far-seeing and systematic intelligent pursuit thereof. It is with a view to stimulate and direct thought in these directions that I commend a careful study of Mr. Grigg's report.

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