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land; 1879, William Bennett Bond, 3rd Montreal; 1879, Arthur Sweatman, 3rd Toronto; 1879, William Ridley, 1st Caledonia; 1879, Acton Windeyer Sillitoe, 1st New Westminster; 1881 (coadjutor) Hollingworth Tully Kingdon, 2nd Fredericton; 1882, Edward Sullivan, 2nd Algoma; 1883, Maurice Scollard Baldwin, 3rd Huron; 1884, Adelbert J. Robert Anson, 1st Qu'Appelle; 1885, Charles Hamilton, 2nd Niagara; 1885, Richard Young, 2nd Athabasca; 1887, Cyprian Pinkham, 2nd Saskatchewan; 1888, Frederick Courtney, 5th Nova Scotia; 1891, William Day Reeve, 2nd Mackenzie River; 1892, Andrew Hunter Dunn, 5th Quebec.

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**O**UR Pacific Province has received in the last few years an amount of attention that may seem to some to be a little out of proportion to its importance; and yet the attention it has received has been due more to the published reports of travellers than to any immodest obtrusion of itself upon public notice. British Columbians are naturally and properly alive to the attractions and advantages of their adopted land, and gratified by every public appreciation of them, but, none the less, they are fully aware that from many of the higher points of view their land is

one of promise rather than possession, and they themselves but pioneers, into whose labours another generation will enter.

The recent census has revealed a fact, however, that, from a Church point of view, carries with it, at once, the keenest gratification and the gravest responsibility. It is, that of the total increase of population in British Columbia in ten years, the Church of England claims no less than thirty-one per cent.; and of all the Provinces of the Dominion the Church of England, *numerically, stands at the head* in British Columbia alone.

The numbers are: Church of England, 15,203; Presbyterians, 11,186; Methodists, 10,775; Roman Catholics, 10,324.

It is difficult to believe that Church people are more prone to emigration than other people, and it is equally difficult to believe that, as a Province, British Columbia offers special inducements to Church people, and it is not, therefore, an unfair conclusion that the character of the Churchmanship that generally prevails there, may have had to do with so conspicuous a growth, and, if so, it contains a moral for the Church in every other Province of the Dominion.

The increase of population, on the whole, is possibly not so great as might have been expected, and is certainly far behind what may be looked for during the next decade. Still, the growth of a single city like Vancouver