regarded by British Columbians? We have in this province approximately 200,000 white people, and Asiatics. Of the items in the Nova Scotia list, there are three for which we have no corresponding product in this province, namely, pig iron, steel and steel rails and rods. These have only recently become prominent features of the produce of the Eastern province. We are without statistics of manufactures, ships and freights for British Columbia. All these items amount to nearly one-half the total produce of Nova Scotia, and they leave the yield of the forest, farms, mines and fisheries of that province, which are the items upon which we have estimates available in British Columbia at \$52. Nova Scotia, and they leave the Merco of the forest, farms, mines and fisheries of that province, which are the items upon which we have estimates available in British Columbia, at \$53, sounds, and this is substantially the value of the produce of those inlustries in this province as estimated by dominant and that national greatness the government officers. In other words, the products of British Columbia and that national greatness wealth alone."

In commenting upon the foregoing message the Ottawa Free Press (Lib.) says:

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not much smaller than Nova Scotia, including Cape Breton. The area of the eastern province is 21,000 square miles, whilethat of Vancouver Island way to the Pacific, which is formidationally only that province which this qualities have yet to be tested, and the province which this qualities have yet to be tested, and the province which this qualities have yet to be tested, and the province which this qualities have yet to be tested, and the province which the enjoyed by that province which this island does not possess. It has coal; so has Vancouver Island. It has fisheries; so has Vancouver island. It has forest wealth; so has Vancouver wer Island, although the forests of the latter are incalculably greater than those of the former. Nova Scotia has iron deposits; so has Vancouver Island, and apparently they are more extensive, than those of the eastern province. Neve Scotia has agricultationally and apparently they are more extensive, than those of the eastern province. Neve Scotia has agricultationally and the scotial has a narmy, which looks far more imposing on paper than it is in fact. On the other hand, Japan has a fleet, the fighting qualities have yet to be tested, and have been severely criticized by those who ought to be in a position to form an opinion of some value. It has an army, which looks far more imposing on paper than it is in fact. On the other hand, Japan has a fleet, the fighting qualities have been severely criticized by those who ought to be in a position to form an opinion of some value. It has an army, which looks far more imposing on paper than it is in fact. On the other hand, Japan has a fleet, the world for immediate use. Japan is short of money and has some pretty those of the former.

Those of the former is the world for more sextensive, than those of the eastern province. Neva Scotia has agricultural land and a very favorable climate for farming; so has Vancouver Island. We are unable to estimate the world for money than it needs for normal conditions. These things will work to gether for peace. The Pellow presson whardly think that anyone will deny that there is more than that acreage on Vancouver Island that can be profitably cultivated. Mr. J. H. Grey's way from Campbell river to Port Rupert, that is a part of the northerly third of the Island, was 140, 200 acres. Nova Scotia has a minimale geographical position of the continent, but it is certainly relative continent in the voor down the profit of the control of the con respect. Nova Scotia is in the track of travel that has been beaten during three centuries. Vancouver Island is on the threshold of what is about to become the greatest highway in the become the greatest highway in the

We ask Colonist readers to ponder We ask Colonist readers to ponder over these things. Nothing can be more eloquent than facts, for they must carry conviction with them Speaking at Halifax, Earl Grey said: Anyone making a fair and impartial

investigation of your material resources and able to form a correct estimate of the effect of climate and position on the life and character of people, can only rise from his investigation with one conviction, and that is, if you do not reach greatness you have only yourselves to blame.

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The Colonist heartily endorses this sentiment. It looks forward to a time when Nova Scotia will far surpass her present prosperity, when she can fairly lay a claim to what the Governor-General calls greatness. But do not his words apply to our own Island with equal force? We do not intend to pursue the thought or to present those considerations which come crowding in upon us as we think over sent those considerations which come crowding in upon us as we think over what is disclosed by the statements above set forth. We only ask Colonist readers to consider them. The immensity of British Columbia sometimes makes us unmindful of the vast possibilities near at hand. It also has a natural tendency to cause the people of other parts of the province to underestimate the importance of this Island. To Canadians as a whole, Vancouver Island is little more than a geographical expression. But what has been above set out shows that it has equal potentialities with

The SEM.-WEEKLY LOLONST than that it would be a pleasant thing to have at a season of the year when the minds of the people were taken a little out of the people were taken a little out of the people were taken a little out of the ordinary routine, and in responding to our request it was evident that Mr. Borden simply fell in with the motive prompting the request and expressed thoughts that animated him as a true Canadians. We supposed, and probably Mr. Borden did that the message would be an incident of a day, pleasantly remembered by many and inspiring them to higher ideals of citizenship. But we "builded wiser than we knew." Mr. Borden's wiser wiser at the prospect of extortion, has been courts of California, which had the effect of Californ

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INFLUENCES FOR PEACE

The United States has a fleet on its it. Such are some of the innuences that make for peace at the present time. There are others, but these seem to lie upon the very face of things.

Victoria holds both hands for more cruisers for the protection of our fisheries. And this is the place to build them too.

financial situation is improving is contained in the announcement that the Bank of England and the Bank of France are reducing their rates of

In issuing their annual statements, all the Canadian banks are able to show large net profits, and, in some instances, to declare bonuses to their employees. What a contrast with the record for the last few months in "the land of the free!"

It is very gratifying to be told from an authoritative source that there is absolutely no danger from a shortage of food supplies in the Bulkley Valley. At the same time, in view of the reports that were in circulation, the provincial government acted most commendably in taking immediate

one of the finest of Canadian provinces. Surely it is time that the people of the Island awoke to a realization of their limitless opportunities.

GOOD WORDS.

When the Colonist asked Mr. Borden to send a Christmas message to its readers, it had no other thought to be stampeded by the howls of an than that it would be a pleasant thing to the sightest impression on the government has government and the government has government has of certain classes who are enjoying the for certain classes who are enjoying the lawrance of the gravest problems in the history of the Empire.

A strong representation is to be sent to Ottawa in regard to the docking facilities at Esquimalt. This seems than that it would be a pleasant thing

which is undoubtedly a splendid total. The population of Nova Scotia is, in product averages approximately \$214 been touched by the lofty spirit perper head of the population, certainly a most gratifying showing. The estimates include the products of the farms, mines, fisheries and manufactors. The population of Nova Scotia is, in ably hardly an English reader in the equate protection from fire, the third the desirability of securing the constitute of the new fishery cruiers of the new fishery cruiers of the following from the standard products of the following from the standard products of the St. John Telegraph:

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As it is true that "the onlooker se most of the game" so it happens that strangers frequently find themselve couver island and the upbuilding of Victoria. Thus, in an interview, which Victoria. Thus, in an interview, which we had yesterday with Mr. F. Deane, been in the Orient, we find that gentle-man urging us to go in for the estab-lishment of paper mills here. He thought it quite extraordinary that a move in the direction of establishing

mission in the future was to be along the lines of a party organ.

British Columbia's difficulty in respect to Asiatic immigration is a mere bagatelle compared with the situation confronting the Transvaal. Can you imagine anything more ominous than the placing of British subjects in prison in a British colony because they refused to obey the order providing for their deportation? A cable from Johannesburg says that "seven Indian traders were sentenced to three months at hard labor at Pretoria for refusing to obey the law to leave the country on account of their failure to register." It requires no great stretch of the imagination to understand that when this incident shall have become known in India the masses of that great British dependency will experience a rude. India the masses of that great British India the masses of that great British eminent of Indian pro-consuls, is dead dependency will experience a rude in his 85th year.

timates include the products of the farms, mines, fishertes and manufactures, and the earnings of ships The largest single item in the list is under the heading "Manufactures, Ships and Freights," and is \$39,800,000. Next comes the produce of the farms, which is put at \$23,500,000. Pig from, seed and steel rails and rods make a total of \$13,635,000. Coal counts for \$1,225,000. Other minerals maks up \$1,550,000. Other minerals maks up \$1,550,000. There figures justify the claim of the Chronicle that Nova Scotia is a very prosperous province.

But if they are encouraging to the people of the far Eastern section of the sade of the manner in which they should be regarded by British Columbians? We have in this province approximately.

On this coast and the fourth the endargement of the dry dock. Mention of these matters shows how large amount of good work is done by an ective board of trade.

At the request of the Victoria Colonist Mr. R. L. Borden sent to that journal a Christmas message. His words are being quoted widely in the newspapers of several provinces, and many praise the breadth of view and the express, and steel rails and rods make a total of \$13,635,000. Coal counts for \$1,225,000. Other minerals maks up \$1,550,000. These figures justify the claim of the Chronic than the province of the province of the dry dock. Mention of these matters shows how large amount of good work is done by an ective board of trade.

Mr. Gauvreau will ask parliament to enact a measure similar to en

NOTE AND COMMENT

In these days of rumors of the re base and of the possibility of the Brit Point, any discussion of the question of Canada's ability to defend her ter The Winnipeg Telegram

cess of the "All-Red" project, we append the following editorial from the Toronto Globe, which will be conceded to be an eminently fair and reasonable view to take of the situation in respect to the great imperial fast steamship scheme:

hope, enthusiasm and broader outlook of the younger Dominion are suffi-

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as delightful to handle as to look at. Some bowls are as light in weight as old egg shell porcelain. The shapes are all made on the potter's wheel, and are such as grow out of the process under artistic ngs range from slightly broken single colors to combinations of colors, texture and patternings rivalling eastern cloisonne enamels, and suggestive of the rich hues seen in rock pools by the sea. The color effects are almost unlimited (an Oriental expert states that they are equal to those of the best period of the Chinese Myng Dynasty), and include well-known blues, greens, purples, clairde-lune, pink, crushed strawberry, yellow, turquois, and combinations of these colors, also others which are more difficult to produce, as a special greenish blue, robin's egg blue sang-de-boeuf, peach bloom, lustres, crystallines, shagreen, etc., many being unique specimens. The colorings harmonize with each other, and with flowers, fruit, silver and artistic furnishings. Many letters of congratulation and praise have been received from artists and collectors, and purchas-

of the pottery have been made for the principal Art Galleries and Museums.

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New York, Jan. 10.-went to their death sponded to a fire that 1 ker building, a twelv structure, occupying tween East 18th and urth avenue, tonig half the firemen of apparatus that blocked blocks, the flames we trolled, and only with trolled, and only with fined to the building originated. Floor after and dropped to the bas neath these and crum less than thirty fireme and either killed outrig injured.

When the fire had be and the firemen's roll of firemen failed to answer Thomas Phillips, Thomas Phillips,

Tim Hutchinson waing to a hospital. Ca Capt. Darvon, who we nally, were among the hurt. When the case Florence hotel, which ed building on 18th a temporary hospital a temporary hospital, department physician injured. The monetary loss \$1,500,000. The fire

most spectacular as we in recent years. From its course was marked flashes of heroism.
The building was oby publishing houses, of other businesses ha floor, in the office of I publishers, and before water had fallen upon through the elevator sently all of the upablaze. On the fifth watchmen discovered girls employed by the girls, employed by th down the stairs to th were at work. Their off and they fied to the had surrounded them and they were in it when rescued by mea from a mortar gun in and ladder company, the Florence Hotel, hotel is seven stories from its roof a rope the top of the burning it was seized by the and the free end was a chimney. Down this hand, dropped the six Meantime the Flore been emptied of its nearby houses vacated ran up to the fifth floo five-feet extension lad raised to the windows raised to the windows make possible the fit After a fruitless effor flames at the place of men were driven to the find that the tops of

to be dead in the refour were rescued by der crew, who, at the ilives, ran up scaling dragged the more or from the windows. These men had bare ground when the great ment which formed th ment which formed the steel frame work, go crashed through, carreverything from the Tom Fallen, Jim Hutol geant Kelly went down age. Fallen was I Hutchinson and Kelly, perately against the I ment, which threatener alive, managed to rement, which threatened alive, managed to rea though frightfully inju Hutchinson was able partner, Fallen, was in when he collapsed and a dying condition. Mor of firemen were workd walls or near enough when they collapsed. Shea was rendered un blow on the head, and in the cheek. Deputy and Captains Weldon

ward the saving of Shawl Making

also removed to the te

its own way, and the efighters were successful

The manufacture of I whitch fifty years ago whitch fifty years ago pation for whole villar ands of families in the Kashmir, is an almost formerly the possession the genuine Kashmir shall mark of nobility, high social status, amounted in the Punjab, a made article from Euranilies. aniline in striking hu are supplanting the of native workmansh order for a couple of si erate price, to satisf whim of a potentate, the Maharaja of Kash shawl tents which requenced the workman or the manufacture of the shawl is almost wholly cess. The material is the Tibetan goat. His used in the prelimina converting the wool weaving of the yarn tinimitable fineness is hand looms manipulat most dexterity; and then border is then in dress are natural and dyes are natural and