

## SOME STARTLING FACTS.

themselves to claim. The Government heartily endorses this sentiment. It looks forward to a time when Nova Scotia will far surpass or even present prosperity, when she can fairly lay a claim to what the Government can do for her. But do not let his words apply to our own Island with equal force? We do not intend to pursue the thought or to pretend to do so. We are glad when coming crowding in upon us as we find them. What is disclosed by the statements above set forth. We only ask the Government to consider them. The immensity of British Columbia's resources makes us unmindful of the vast possibilities near at hand. It is a natural tendency to cause the people of one province to over-estimate to underestimate the importance of this Island. To Canadians as a whole, Vancouver Island is little more than a name, a geographical name, but what has been above set out shows that it has equal potentialities with

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 Bukley Valley. At the same time, in view of the reports that were in circulation, the provincial government has acted most commendably in taking immediate steps to ascertain the exact situation and to see that relief could have been forwarded if found necessary.

Whatever may be Prince von Biew's other characteristics, it can now be said that he is not lacking in one of the first requisites for successful statesmanship—backbone. While he admits that the surfrage system rendered the normal election process a violent street campaign, he declares that violent

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