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discussed at Length by Hon. Mr.

The Railway Belt and the Basis of Negotiations Which Are

On his arrival at Ottawa a sub-committee of the Executive was appointed to confer with him on the matters to be taken up. "We discussed British Columbia questions together for parts of three days," said J. Davie to a COLONIST reporter last

750,000 to 1,000,000 acres of land. This land has to be administered for the benefit of the public in any event whether by the Dominion or the Provincial Government does not signify much. The basis of the area-

Hon. Mr. Daly, the new minister of the Interior, was absent when I was in Ottawa, but I had Sir John Thompson's assurance that so soon as a full meeting of the Executive could be had the question would be taken up, and an answer in writing would be given.

While I was in Ottawa a report was received from Capt. Devereaux, Capt. Clarke and one of the officers of H.M.S. Warspite, specially deputed by Admiral Hotham, B., to make an examination. Their report was that the head was a case of

"Then again, for the purposes of inspection of Puget Sound vessels which do not report at the quarantine station, it has been arranged that the local health officers at Vancouver, Nanaimo and Victoria shall be clothed with the powers of Dominion quarantine officers. That order I understand

stations were generally used for people arriving here for the other side, and did not serve the purpose of settling people upon their own lands in the province. However, the executive received assurances that the executive could deal with the matter and return an answer."

"I found on arriving in New York that Bakerman had introduced us to the [redacted] financial houses and the [redacted]

are looked for, and that Mr. Baker's backers will not talk business except on that footing. The long and short of the matter is, so far as the Canada West prospects, at present, are concerned, that if the Provincial Government and City of Victoria are prepared to back the enterprise with entering guarantees, sufficient to cover the cost of the proposed

er people, Mr. Erastus Wiman, who
ertained Attorney-General Longley of
va Scotia and himself at dinner. Mr.
iman expressed himself as particularly
erested in British Columbia, and especi-
y in the opening up of the Northern part
the province by the Canada Western

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