

and in regard to the general policy of the Government, it has been a thoroughly progressive one, and in point of public improvements, educational and social advancement, political institutions and the administration of justice, the Province has been brought up to the level of, if in some respects it does not excel, any other province in the Dominion. It has made remarkable progress, and that, too, in face of physical obstacles greater than any other province has had to overcome.

On the whole, the moral of the British Columbia elections is one which will be of interest everywhere in the Dominion, and its influence should not stop even there. The time is approaching when broad issues of Government on well-understood lines of public policy, will be swept away and obliterated in the interests of "tyrannical minorities," each for its own purpose opposed to existing governments, no matter how good or capable, and the stability of which is

everywhere endangered; and the issue must perforce be between those who desire a truly representative and constitutional administration of affairs, and those who in political squads put the muzzle of their peculiar institutions, associations, clubs and organizations of whatever sort, to the heads of administrations, and demand satisfaction or threaten defeat—those who, if by combining, they achieved the latter, would succeed only to find a chaos of conflicting ideas out of which to evolve some uncertain and unsettled mode of government.

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The example of the government of the day, in appealing to the strong common sense of the people, which is, after all, the predominant source of strength of our British institutions and British people, to maintain sound and well-defined methods of administration, might well be followed in every portion of Her Majesty's dominions.

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