A VALUABLE DOMAIN

The party of eastern men, who visit-

such an area. Meanwhile people from

with numerous arms of the sea, and along all of them there are resources

of great extent and variety. One of the visiting party said that the natural

wealth lying at the door of Prince Ru-pert is greater than that at any place

extended his observations further he doubtless would have reached the con-

anywhere. Forest, farm, fishing and mineral wealth combine with a benefi-

cent climate and a matchless geo-

graphical position to make this a sin-gularly favored region. If you have any doubt on the point look to the

North and compare it with Alaska.

Alaska is not lacking in splendid potentialities, but they cannot be

compared with what we have to offer.

house. The value of our coast domain

The Colonist.

THE IRRIGATION REPORT:

The report submitted to the legislature by Mr. Fulton, Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, on irri-gation, is made up principally of the nclusions and recommendations of Professor Louis G. Carpenter, of Fort Collins, Colorado, one of the best authorities on irrigation in America. It is an able presentation of an important subject. The details with which Mr. Carpenter deals cannot be presented any more succinctly than he sets them forth, and we shall only speak of some of his general conclusions. He tells us that "British Columbia is destined to be an extensive area of irrigated land of high price, which will be divided into small holdings and thus maintain a large population." This is a very promising out-look and justifies the inauguration of an irrigation policy on a very com- wastefulness is probably go prehensive scale. He tells us that day in hundreds of places. "undoubtedly all the valleys and the benches at an elevation of less than 2,000 feet may be turned into productive land of high value; certainly if water can be obtained," and he is of the opinion that it can be. estimates that several hundred thousand acres in southern British Columbia can be utilized in a short time. and he expresses his surprise at the character of the crops that can be euccessfully grown in this province.
Professor Carpenter says that the
physical conformation of the country prevents the utilization of the larger rivers to any considerable extent, and hence we must depend for water upon the smaller tributary streams. It will also, for the same reason, be impossible to construct any system of We must therefore contemplate the erection of reservoirs. The question of proprietary rights arising out of water records will present some difficulty, but Mr. Car-

penter thinks not as much as arose

Colorado. He points out that dur-

ing the year there is ample water

in the streams for all purposes, but

most of it runs away when it is not wanted. Therefore he thinks that

ministration of water, and he thinks the officer in charge of it should be

says that formerly he was opposed to the right of transfer, but lately has reached the conclusion that it

might be permitted, wihin certain re-

strictions. On the whole, he approves of British Columbia's law on the sub-fect of water rights. We quote the

closing paragraphs of his report:
In closing, the province should be congratulated upon the great natural resources. While they are evidently great in many lines, there is no question of their greatness in the lines of agriculture and fruit raising, and that this greatness and the difficulties Lieutenant-Governor, without the adof the future will be materially affected by the wisdom of the legislation of this and succeeding parlia-

It is the evidence of history that a country once irrigated always continues to irrigate and the practice extends; it is the support of dense populations; it is the principal wealth of a prosperous and contented community, and though governments rise to which the Lieutenant-Governor forthwith gave his assent. and fall, even though civilization perish or change, that small and apparently ephemeral structure of irrigaall the changes.

A GREAT ASSET.

The people of Canada are only beginning to appreciate the value of one of the great assets of their country, namely, its forest wealth. It is being brought prominently forward at the present time because of the discussion in the United States over future sources of pulp wood. Canadians even now are disposed to undervalue some of their forest growth. The spruce forests of Quebec and the Maritime provinces, the pine woods of the Ottawa river system and the great trees of British Columbia naturally incline lumbermen to look with something akin to contempt upon other The people of Canada are only bething akin to contempt upon other But the time is not very far distant when trees that are now very little esteemed will be recognized as of value. It is said that the forest supply of the United States will be exhausted in thirty systems. exhausted in thirty-five years. This

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THE SEM.-WEEKLY COLONST One year \$100 Nost months \$100 Nost mont no one as to how he dealt with the will not submit to be tyrannized over meaning of words to say that to

the effect of their work upon future business. Their interests call for con-sideration and it would be folly to atsideration and it would be folly to attempt to carry out any plan which would unduly antagonize these, but the future of Canada's position as the world's greatest supplier of timber world's greatest supplier of timber ought not be lost sight of. Every effort ought to be made to prevent a ferror to the cought to be made to prevent a they have said, for which readers are fine actern Canada of what has taken place in the United States and has to a certain extent happened in many parts of our own country. There are in eastern Canada hundreds and thouse and so for province and the place in the United States and has to a certain extent happened in many parts of our own country. There are in eastern Canada hundreds and thouse and so for province that other trees have long prostrate that other trees have long prostrate that other trees have long prostrate that other trees have long the province of the province referred to looking trees at one time, but when a singular thing that it has remained for people from the United States to make known to the world the nature and extent of the resources of the provincial blue books have content of the provincial blue books have conferred by the Bill was for first-class timber, and they have laided a great deal of information on the ground ever since. In many places such logs have been removed, but in others they lie where they fell, covered with mose, but sound enough a few inches below the surface. This wastefulness is probably going on to to the world of the way corners until they set to day in hundreds of places. The destruction of young growth is as bad as endeavored to interest Eastern Canada and preds a policy not only of reforestation, but of forest protection. tempt to carry out any plan which of forest protection.

work. Speaking in Seattle one of the members of the party mentioned said that the Grand Trunk Pacific might AN INTERESTING PROJECT The Montreal Witness is under the find it advantageous to buy out their interests in the Queen Charlotte allway company is about to make a Islands for the purpose of protecting Railway company is about to make a has been so much spoken of under the name "All-Red Route." It believes the the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and he speaks accordingly. facts indicate that the great Canadian railway. But the Queen Charlotte group company will place steamers upon the is quite a long way off, and the means at lattice that will equal in speed and of getting there are not of the best, and the great canadian railway. But the Queen Charlotte group die in the law allows. If his energy had been directed accommodations and the great canadian railway. But the Queen Charlotte group die in the law allows. If his energy had been directed accommodations anything afloat, and that these steamers will make Halifax which was the plan adopted by the their winter terminus and Quebec party mentioned. There are other lotheir summer terminus. Then the C. calities nearer at hand, quite as rich was short on cash, but long on ideas, tracked. When the new steamers have been built the Atlantic Empresses will be brought to this coast and be increased by two so as to double the number of sailings to the Orient. This is all very attractive to the people of Canada, and to none more so than to the people of Victoria, for we are very confident that the Atlantic Empresses will never go any further from the ocean than this city, from which point swift steamers will transfer mails and passengers to the rails on the Mainland. The Empresses now running out of this port will be placed on the Austracked. When the new steamers have the most important question. He considered is that of storage. He suggests that the province requires a suggests that the province requires a special office charged with the adspaceage of the storage of the constant of the of this port will be placed on the Ausinvested with large powers. He distralian run. There is nothing exactly cusses whether water should be renew in this, for we have heard somecusses whether water should be regarded as appurtenant to land, or if the owner of a water right ought to be at liberty to sever it from the land and transfer it to another tract. He trailian run. There is nothing exactly new in this, for we have heard sometime of the same kind from both Sir William Van Horne and Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, but the circumstantial statements made by the Witness indicate that the proposed changes are very near at hand.

THE RULE ESTABLISHED.

The Vanvouver World fears that the eservation of the Bowser Bill may be There is no such danger. If assent is given to the Immigration Bill today he case will then stand in the follow ing position for the guidance of future lieutenant-governors: vice of his ministers, and without instructions from the Governor-General, reserved assent, because he beileved it was contrary to the settled policy of the Dominion government.

This is very far from being a dangerous precedent. It is a most excellent and wholesome precedent. If the Look at the coast line of Washington, Oregon, California and Mexico. and Bill had not been passed, or if, They present an inhospitable front having been passed, assent should be reserved, without instructions, the precedent would be a dangerous one. good like those of our great treasure As the matter stands, we are safe in

cept in the case of urgent necessity, reserve a Bill without instructions certain railways from taxation for a from the Dominion government. Both these propositions may now be regarded as placed beyond any doubt.

regarded as placed beyond any doubt, insulated in thirty-five years. This exhibition is correctly reported in thirty-five years. This exhibition is correctly reported in a Paris interview, there is forestation may be carried on, in that forestation may be carried on, in the correct of that country, and or matter how energetic a policy of reforestation may be carried on, in the correct of the country, and or matter how energetic a policy of reforestation may be carried on, in the complished in the ways of the many of the correct of the country and the complished in the ways of the many of the correct of the country and the correct of the correct of the country and the correct of the country and the correct of the correct o INVITING A DELUGE.



legislative vote. We can readily sup-pose the case of a company, which during a legislative recess has made its plans to go ahead, and one of the

PARKIN, IMPERIALIST. Mr G R Parkin a Canadian whose Rhodes scholarships, is an Imperialist of vigorous type. He is of an impathing he thinks it at high pressure, R. between Montreal and Quebec as that group and possibly richer, and and with the latter he combined a boundless enthusiasm. He engaged in acked. When the new steamers have Canadian capitalists to think seriously educational work, but it was not long boundless enthusiasm. He engaged in educational work, but it was not long scholarships were established he was chosen for the work of organization, the United States have come into the country and picked up a lot of very valuable things. This island and the Queen Charlotte group are far from constituting the whole of the British Columbia Northwest Coast. There are scores of other islands, large and small, and scarcely one of them, that is anything more than a rocky islet, is not valuable in some way. In addition there is the coast line, indented with numerous arms of the sea and draw our imminute is source from which to draw our imminute is made to produce the strong-est people in the world. He also told them that Canada was being appreciated more and more in the United Kingdom. He said that Great Britain was the best source from which to was the best source from which to draw our immigrants, and that the Empire offers within its borders the best opportunities in all the world for educated, energetic young men. He said some things about our duties as Canadians, and here we will quote between Mexico and Nome. If he had his own words

There never was a nation that startalong British Columbia's six degrees of coast line cannot be duplicated in any other part of the world in a similar area. There is nothing like the which had such great responsibilities resting on it. I look upon Canada as nothing more or less than the keystone in the arch of the British Empire. The relationship to Great Britain will determine the fate of the Empire, for all watching Canada and will follow her lead. You see the importance, there fore, of clean politics. Oh, if we onl had that! It is Canada's greatest need. And it depends on the people or not. It is no use blaming the lead. ers. The people themselves must realize the great responsibilities resting upon them This has the right ring about it.

There is a lot of wisdom in these few sentences. A great destiny is ours, but this implies great responsibilities. We are setting the example to the Hence we must keep our politics pure, and the way to do it is for the people to keep themselves pure. Mr. Parkin has no sympathy with those who keep out of public life for fear that their holiness may be defiled by contact with the great un-washed. He would have our Empire He would have our based not alone upon material greatness, but upon a sound national con science. He would have the people think aright, for then their thoughts limited period was well taken. The Leader of the Opposition argued that the right to exempt could not be dis-Leader of the Opposition argued that the right to exempt could not be distinguished in principle from the right to expend taxation; but we think this an erroneous view of the matter. If

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British Columbia's I in force. The measure that no Asiatic save lan educational test, mathe province, formal vesterday when His H Governor James Dunsn his secretaries, Messr Bromley, entered the ber, seated himself in the speaker vacated a sent to the enactment was the first upon t bills which were read by the clerk of the hou was the ceremon members hardly real cance of the ceremony His honor was in th than five minutes and

the title of each bill, head was inclined. the precincts of the bernatorial signature the measures were law first will last is the ge The sitting of the he ccupied by the ame forward by the opposition with the third and the bill amending the

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ment act. That of Stuart Hend effect that the exemp J. A. Macdonald's am the nature of a vote the government for place in the hands of governor in council th ed by the bill.

Hon. Richard McBride ed out that the oppos seeking to have these in the votes and pro hope that they might tical capital later on. Oliver, several allusion arrangement which h ernment of British made. These elicited from the premier that t expected a telegram from nost hourly announci

most hourly announcing P. were prepared to do not the government.

The bills to which as yesterday were as follow (No. 2) An Act to I gration into British Co. (No. 5) An Act to An act.

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(No. 27) An Act to ation of the City of Vic. (No. 53) An Act to I City of Chilliwhack. The speaker took the o'clock.

Prayers by Rev. Jose Stands Ove On Mr. Hawthornthy re. Coal Mines Regular reached, Hon. Mr. McB hon. gentleman allow stand till tomorrow in may secure some further particular in regard to of Asiatics that are em

mines. I will be prepa

omorrow.
The motion stood. Railway Assess On the bill to amend Assessment act being Henderson moved in am neither directly nor inc any person of Oriental traction be employed, eith construction of the said (b) on the exempted rathe life of the exemptio

He said that when thi troduced the hon. gentled the house that negotiati foot for the early construction ways in the province, but that the whole scope and bill was in reality to favo company. Further, the ethe C. P. R. was to supplement as for set this way. man as far as this was Orientals, and it was evi 2,000 Japanese which under contract in the su were to be used on the the E. & N. railway. He the E. & N. railway. He rel with the giving of a in these cases, but he did way in which it was done was to be carried out they were to know noth of these transactions un concluded.

He quoted legislation r Chas. Fitzpatrick, Justice, in 1902, wh hem to make arrangem employment of labor in tions, and held that this p redly include the de the kind of labor employ reason why the governm his amendment was become way company did not ap Cannot Be Taken

Hon. Mr. McBride: I note the very carefully ument of my hon. friend not be fair to ask either the country to take v what he has said in regally which will be pursue