on the map, and no allowance is made for curvature. To avoid mistakes we may say here that north of the area, which we are now describing as New Columbia, there are 160,000 square miles lying within the prov-ince, about which very much remains to be ascertained. We confine our remarks to the area crossed by the Grand Trunk Pacific, because the energy of the provincial government in pushing surveys and explorations, and the examination of the country by private individuals during the present year enable us to speak of it with greater certainty than has hitherto been possible. This is the region which Mr. McBride had in mind when he spoke of the great responsibility

It must be at least fifteen years ago, and is probably longer, that a provincial land surveyor, the late A. L. Poudrier, was sent in to examine this region. His report was exceedingly tavorable, so much so, indeed, that it was not believed. Men high in official positions discredited his statements, and the public were cautioned, at least semi-officially, not to be misled by it. Those who condemned the report knew nothing themselves about

that A. L. Pondrier was right and the rest of us wrong.

Here are some of the things about which we can speak with certainty, premising, however, that there is much yet to be learned, which will undoubtedly add to the high appreciation in which New British Columbia ought to be held. Moresby Island, of the Gueen Charlotte group, is known to be rich in minerals. How rich has yet to be demonstrated, but that it will be a great copper producer is certain. Graham Island, of the same group, is known to be rich in coal, timber and farming lands. Around these islands are the finest halibut banks in existence, and other fish are taken in profusion. The climate of the Queen Charlotte Islands closer to the Charlotte Islands closer to the continental shore line are heavily time continents and in the government could not be expected to deal with them as if they the absorbing excitement of lesser pursuits. The Empire is perhaps to prosperous at the present moment of lesser pursuits. The Empire is perhaps to prosperous at the present moment of lesser pursuits. The Empire is perhaps to prosperous at the present moment of lesser pursuits. The Empire is perhaps to prosperous at the present moment of lesser pursuits. The Empire is perhaps to prosperous at the present moment of lesser pursuits. The Empire is perhaps to prosperous at the present moment of lesser pursuits. The absorbing excitement of lesser pursuits. The Empire is perhaps to observe are apt to doz of an afternoon, to become fat and flaby, in chariotte Islands is favorable to setlement. The Islands closes to the
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wetter than Victoria or the eastern part of Vancouver Island. When the Coast range of mountains has been passed, the precipitation becomes less, although to render crigation unnecessary. From time to time reference has been made in these columns to the agricultural possibilities of the Naas, the Copper, the Kitsunkelum, the Kispiox, the Bulkeley, the Nechaco, the Ocotas and other valleys, so we shall not go over the ground again. Suffice it to say that there are herehundreds of thousands of acres of fertile land, enjoying a summer climate that permits the growth of all the provinces. The country are very extensive. They include coal, copper, gold, silver and iron. The timber is not as large as that found further south, but it forms a very valuable feature of the assets of this undeveloped region.

The settlement of this great and highly promising region has already begun, and next year it ought to be in full swing. The country is certain to attract very many people It will have mines of various descriptions, employing thousands of men. For diversified investment and industries it is perhaps the best part of North America open today for occupation, if we except Vancouver Island. The settlement and investment and industries it is perhaps the best part of North America open today for occupation, if we except Vancouver Island. The settlement and the development of this great region will have a profound sefect upon the future of the parts of British Columbia that are new occupied. Commerciance of the parts of British Columbia that are new occupied. Commerciance of the parts of British Columbia that are new occupied. Commerciance of the parts of British Columbia that are new occupied. Commerciance of the parts of British Columbia that are new occupied. Commerciance of the parts of British Columbia that are new occupied. Commerciance will be an organized to the parts of the second of the second of the second of

ern British Columbia has witnessed in the past fifteen years should not be exceeded by what will transpire in New British Columbia.

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west by the Pacific ocean. We include in it the islands of the Queen Chariotte group. This area is about 220 miles wide, measuring north and south on the mainland. Its extent east and west varies. Its area is upwards of 100,000 square miles, exclusive of water surfaces. The Grand Trunk Pacific railway will enter it at the sautheast carrer run porthwest. the southeast corner, run northwesterly 181 miles, then westerly 100
miles, then northwesterly 150 miles, or
to within 50 miles of the northern
boundary; then southwesterly to the
bocean. The distance first mentioned
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to the market. We have on former occasions spoken of the great area on
the Sanich Peninsula that can be proftably used in this industry, and now that the fruit-growers have got to-gether an exhibit which has been de-scribed as the finest in the world, we look forward more hopefully than ever to the time when the country for miles around Victoria will be little

steadfast refusal to buy approval or stifle opposition by the slightest con-cession to popular or particularist clamour, which he knew, by instinct

population of Britain was lost to the flag. Careless or incapable statesmen allowed whole provinces (as in Can-ada) to be filched by enterprising and

THE TIMBER PROBLEM.

The restoration of the timber of Canada is only second in importance to the preservation of existing forests a few days ago the great cost of reforestation, and have on several occa-sions referred to the necessity of co-operation between the governments of he spoke of the great responsibility forestation, and have on several occaresting upon the provincial adminissions referred to the necessity of coperation between the governments of the provinces and the owners of timber limits. The Toronto News thus discovered the provinces that the provinces are the provinces and the owners of timber limits. cusses one phase of the problem as it applies to Ontario:

the country, or that had been won by gallant men, in spite of an incompetent and venal government, either cut themselves adrift, as in the case of the thirteen States of America, or languished for want of nourishment and support. No effort was made to direct the stream of emigration from the Motherland into Imperial channels, and for more than a hundred years practically the whole of the surplus In Ontario the government is free to adopt modern methods in the large area that has not yet been licensed, and to cut over the area in such a way as to keep a crop of young timber growing. But what about the limits which have been licensed, and wherein at least semi-officially, not to be miseat least semi-officially, not to be misexpected by it. Those who condemned the
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the Nechaco rivers. When some years
later the unfortunate man, in a fit of
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the failure of the public to appreciate
this work, took his own life, the act
was cited by many people as conclusive evidence that his opinion as to
the adaptability of the country to setlement could not be relied upon. We
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the government of that country acquiesced in it. Nothing further was done until July 1896, when the Liberale had come in, and on the 29th day of that month, Sir Richard Cartwright, referring to a dispatch from Mr. Chamberlain, then Secretary of State, inquiring if Canada would adhere to the treaty, presented a report to the Cabinet in which he recommended that the treaty should be adhered to but said nothing whatever about the immigration of laborers or artizans. immigration of laborers or artizans. On September 18, 1896, Mr. Chamberlain notified the Canadian Governberlain notified the Canadian Govern-ment that Queensland had refused to accept the treaty unless given freedom of action as regards immigration, and to this Japan acceded, a protocol hav-ing been adopted providing that the treaty should not affect the immigra-tion of laborers or artizans into Queensland as it might be regulated or mobilitied by any laws then or Gueensland as it might be regulated or prohibited by any laws then or thereafter to come into force in that country. In 1905 the discussion of the treaty was again resumed, and we find among the papers submitted to parliament in connection therewith the following despatch to the Governor-General from Lord Lyttleton dated July 14:

"Referring to your confidential des-Imperial interests at stake. In all the work he has undertaken, in all the policies he has framed, he has tried to avoid the evils of opportunism and mere expediency, to look beyond the limited horizon of the present, and forestall the needs of the future. No man in his public capacity has been more bitterly or more unjustly criticised than Lord Milner because of his steadfast refusal to huy approval or

"Referring to your confidential despatch of 7th June, should Japanese Government be informed that your Government wishes to adhere to treaty of 1894 and supplementary convention of 1895 under the same terms and conditions as Queensland in 1897, which Japanese Government then agreed to extend to any other colonies adhering within prescribed period, namely (1) that stipulations contained in first and third articles of treaty shall not in any way affect laws, ordinances and regulations with regard to trade, immigration of laborers, artizans, police and public security, which are in force or hereafter may be enacted in Japan or in colony; (2) that treaty shall cease to be binding as between Japan and colony at excession to popular or particularist clamour, which he knew, by instinct or experience, would in the end, be harmful in their effect.

History alone, the history of generations still remote, will prove how wise and good was Lord Milner's work and how foolishly shortsighted were the politicians who have undone so much of it. One has only to turn to the history of the Empire during the last century and a half to note the disastrous effect of the influence of party politics, of political corruption and of narrow-minded, opportunist policy on Imperial development. So long as that system of wholesale corruption, under which political parties fought not for the honors, but the spoils of office, prevailed in England; so long as British statesmen thought less of the future well-being of their country than of the present advantage to their party of dishing an opponent and holding on to power, the Empire made no progress. The Colonies that the great Pitt had given to the country, or that had been won by gallant men, in spite of an incompetent and venal government. either as between Japan and colony at ex-piration of twelve months after notice has been given on either sides of desire to terminate same.

"Or are your Government prepared to adhere absolutely and without reserve as would appear to be the case from speech of Minister of Agri-culture in Canadian Parliament, June 22? Please telegraph reply."

Eight weeks after the receipt of this despatch the Governor-General telegraphed to the Colonial Secretary: 'My Prime Minister earnestly hopes that you will press the immediate entry of Canada into the Anglo-Jap-anese treaty."

On the following day the Colonial

Secretary telegraphed to ask what conclusion the Canadian Government had reached in reference to the question asked in his despatch of July 14, above quoted and the following

adhere to Japanese treaty of 1894 and supplementary convention of 1895, ab-solutely and without reserve." This is the official record. It shows that Canada might have retained absolute control of the right of Japanese to enter this country but preferred to surrender it. We can understand why Sir Wilfrid Laurier, apable understand why Sir Wilfrid Laurier, bolicy, who frankly atknowledges that he does not share the opinion of the people of British Columbia on this subject, should not have taken the precaution to preserve for Canada etimes, the same right, as Queensland preparty served for herself, but we cannot understand how Mr. Templeman could have sat in the Cabinet and given his assent to an arrangement so hostile. ambitious in the best sense, broadminded, far-seeing, practical, purposeful, and, above all things, unswervingly stable. The will to apply that policy
is there, but the means are sometimes,
acking. The exigencies of party
politics obtrude themselves, and make
it hard, very hard, for a statesman to
follow the strict path of Imperial duty,
there is a tendency amongst the peopies to forget their Imperial mission in
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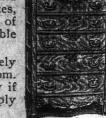
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