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find a ready market in the middle west. There would seem to be a future along these lines. We have also brought into the country seeds of New Zealand hemp and experts claim that this can be grown in British Columbia as it requires a rich damp soil, and it is possible that the establishment of the cordage industry might be looked to as a future development.

In speaking of agriculture, I might have mentioned the woollen industry, under this head. At present two attempts have been made to establish the woollen industry, both meeting with considerable success in appeals to the public. Every mountainous country in the world is concerned in sheep raising, and wool is not at present being sufficiently utilized in British Columbia. In addition to this we are just half the distance between Great Britain and the big wool supply of the world—that is Australia. Experts state that British Columbia is the logical place for the establishment of this industry and for its development.

The past has seen the establishment of settled industries in British Columbia, and there are indications that the immediate future holds great opportunities for the province. Great interest is being shown by Europe in the Pacific Coast, this is indicated by the transfer of the American Navy to Pacific ports. The war held up the development of the Canadian Navy, which would have come as a natural consequence of the Panama Canal. It appears that the centre of interest has been transferred from the North Sea into the Northern Pacific, and I think we will be very much to be blamed if we do not seek this opportunity of developing our exports and take advantage of it.

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