

Fortunately, however, the country is not too far committed to revise the present policy if need there be.

General Hewson claims to have indicated the policy which should be at once adopted, and carried out with vigour, to realize the great ends in view. The issues which he has raised, more especially as they appear to involve such an astonishing difference in point of expenditure, should be met, otherwise they may prove to be an insurmountable barrier to any negotiations in the London money market.

Under the circumstances, the duty of the Government, unless indeed they are in the possession of a breadth of facts which justify another course, would appear to be: 1st. To stop any further outlays on the present location, with the exception, however, of the works between Thunder Bay and Selkirk, now well advanced towards completion; 2nd. Not to close the British Columbia contracts, nor any others, before the meeting of Parliament (an administrative act which could not be defended, and would expose the Cabinet to accusations of a damaging character.) And 3rd. To revise the present system of construction.

Should the Government find themselves being impelled on a course against which their better judgment demurs, let them take Parliament into their confidence; their hands will be strengthened, and a policy will be matured and be imposed, such as is required in the furtherance of the best interests of the whole country.

The course of events so far goes to prove, as the General says, that the time has in all probability arrived when the execution of this great work should be removed from the political arena and be entrusted to an Imperial and Canadian Commission. In the adoption of this course alone can local influences be silenced, the reputation of our public men be guarded against the dangers surrounding