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government, while recognizing this, has resolutely set its face against the concession of the reasonable demands made by the province in that behalf. government, while recognizing this, has resolutely set its face against the concession of the reasonable demands made by the province in that behalf. A very large expenditure must be incurred in the near future, and there are only two ways in which it can be met, namely, by borrowing the money or by devising some plan whereby the revenue can be increased without imposing hardships upon those who have already borne and must continue to bear a heavy share in the cost of maintaining the government of the country. If it were possible to devise some plan whereby the areas to be developed could bear the greater part of the cost of development, it would only be equitable, but this is hardly possible. We assume, therefore, that the ingenuity of the government will have to be directed to devising ways and means of augmenting the revenue and yet leave the personal property, real estate and improvements within the settled areas as lightly burdened as possible. Ultimately we imagine it will be found necessary to leave these sources of revenue available wholly for municipal purposes. The serious nature of the financial problem presented by the development of this vast province, the inhabitants of which will insist upon the appliances of an upto date and progressive civilization, has only to be carefully considered to be appreciated, and in our humble judgment the time has come when the people will have to contemplate a new departure. We repeat that in these

the Occident, which at any moment may become a collision, is confined at present on the part of the latter to clintock, the distinguished Arctic exat present on the part of the latter to those peoples, whom we call Anglo-Saxon. Russia has been eliminated from the case for many years to come, and none of the other nations were ever really concerned in it. As we look backward over the centuries, we see one race standing out conspicuously for two thousand years. It turned back the legions of Imperial Rome, and it halted for a little while on the shores of the Atlantic, and then went forward to the conquest of a new world, and now it pauses with eager world, and now it pauses with eager feet upon the shores of the Pacific

has only to be carefully considered to be appreciated, and in our humble judgment the time has come when the people will have to contemplate a new departure. We repeat that in these observations the Colonais expresses its own views only, and they are freely expressed as a matter of public duty.

AN EPOCHAL YEAR

The year 1907 seems likely to prove epoch-making. It is necessarily difficult to estimate events in their proper proportion until we are far enough removed from them to be able to take a comprehensive view of the period in whish they occur, but there can be little doubt that the development of an acute nhase in the Oriental question, which the closing year has witnessed, is the beginning of a new era in human history. Japan has been in the limelight, but in the back of the stage are the teeming millions of China and hudla. Alo are only waiting for their have foretold that the man wino could have been looked upon as a would have been looked upon as streen battleships of more or less value in actual warfare have set out on a 15,000-mile voyage. So also the anti-Japaness agitation on the Pacific Coast in Canada and the United States possesses in interest quite apart from the possible effect it may have upon the diplomatic relations of the countries concerned, and the united States possesses in interest quite apart from the pos

THE OUTLOOK FOR 1908.

Elsewhere this morning we give some expressions of opinion by well-known Victorians on the outlook for Victoria during the year which begins today. They are all distinctly favorable. The Colonist believes that optimistic views are fully justified by the facts. To a certain degree Victoria must reflect the business conditions existing through the Dominion and we find no reason for supposing that these will be unfavorable. The Canadlan Pacific Railway company announces a new stock issue of \$28,320,000, of which \$24,000,000 is to be placed on the market immediately, the proceeds to be applied to such extensions of its line and such other improvements as the growth of business demands. This company's affairs have been exceedingly well managed, and its progress has in the past been fairly indicative of the progress of the Dominion. We feel therefore that this evidence of the confidence of its directors in the immediate future of the country may well inspire confidence on the part of individual business men. In addition to what the premier transcontinental line will do, we have the promise of active construction.

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