

for the integrity of that portion of our colonial empire than the loyalty of the colonists themselves. There is very little prospect of rapid settlement in the region between Canada and British Columbia. The Peace River may possibly be occupied by farmers growing for the markets of the Cariboo goldfields; settlement may even flow in slowly from the Canadian frontiers; or it may be that the more advanced settlers of the United States may cross the boundary line. However it enters, the population is not likely to be large, and our whole security consists in making it a contented one. Liberal in its commercial dealings, and not unkind to the savage, the old Hudson's Bay Company placed many obstacles in the way of private enterprise, which would now be intolerably irksome. These are the traditions which the present administration of the Company will do well to sink into oblivion. The existence of a great chain of colonies between Canada and the Pacific, we now see to be a matter of physical impossibility; but in such a population as the district may attract, it is desirable to infuse the spirit and the loyalty of the British race.

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