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THE CULTIVATION OF FOREIGN TRADE.

At this time when the manufacturers of the Dominion are loudly clamoring for that protection of the home market which would be afforded by a tariff of unseemly height, a word of advice from those Canadians who regard the affairs of the Dominion from the viewpoint of foreign residences, may be well worth pondering.

To prepare for such a situation the "Canadian" commends the Mexican market to the consideration of the manufacturers of the Dominion. "Mexico" needs manufactured goods of the kind that Canada is best fitted to produce.

THE CENTRAL RAILWAY.

The Globe and the Telegraph publish an interview with the leader of the Opposition a lengthy review of the Central Railway's financial position.

Undoubtedly there has been a great deal of mismanagement in connection with the construction and operation of the road—the fact that the Government had to step in and take it over to save it from ruin and had had practically to rebuild it is evidence of that.

According to Mr. Hazen there are 45 miles of road from Norton to Chipman, 15 from Chipman to Miramichi, and 9 miles of branches, or 69 miles all told.

Total cost of road, \$1,200,000. Even this is a conservative estimate. \$200,000 more, or to be exact, \$1,400,000, there appears to be a considerable error of Mr. Hazen's estimate of the subsidies paid.

It is idle for Mr. Hazen to state that "a first class road equipped with modern rolling stock" can be built for \$20,000 per mile. There is not a railroad of anything like the Central's capacity which has not cost more than this sum.

Even were Mr. Hazen's conclusions correct, it could not fairly be claimed that the government has made a bad bargain. As it is, there is no reasonable doubt that it has done well

for the province—that the million this road has cost is more than represented by the property as it stands. Unquestionably no similar road could be built and equipped today for \$14,500 per mile, or twice that sum.

If there has been money lost since the Central Railway was started, the province does not stand today as the loser. It has good value for every dollar it has put in. It has an excellent property, capable of great development, about to enrich the community which it serves and to benefit the whole province.

BIOPHON KINGDOM.

The Church of England in New Brunswick has lost in the death of Bishop Kingdon a scholar of wide attainments and a devoted shepherd, earnest and faithful in the care of his diocese and solicitous for the welfare of every communicant.

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An opposition organ traces "the scandal of the Central Railway" back to "the eighties," when it declares, the construction of the road was accompanied by the building syndicate which had to rob the work for the benefit of grafting politicians.

BELIEF AND UNBELIEF.

Teachers and preachers of religion, and those other persons who interest themselves in the ancient quest for light on the hidden mystery of human destiny, will be interested in the article in the current issue of the North American Review.

Mr. Chamberlain prefaces his statement by the assertion that he has been temporarily located. In the course of the article there is the indication that the writer has personally met many of the leading preachers and teachers of the day.

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