

from the trading only, to promote, in every way, the colonization and settlement of our territory, and not to allow it to fall into the hands of parties who have no interest in its development. Of course, with a Railway open into our lands, we cannot expect, nor would any of us desire, to maintain a monopoly of trading transactions: that would be both impossible and undesirable. But it is obvious that our old established agencies, our superior knowledge of the population, of their means, and of their requirements, together with the ample Capital we are able to employ, must always give us great advantages in conducting trading operations in the Territory. And we ought to do all we can to extend those operations and make them additionally profitable.