

ized or inferior races. In both instances the beneficence is beyond dispute. On a level with the wonderful work of Lord Cromer in Egypt are the achievements of English rule in the Indian Empire.

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#### NEW ONTARIO.

Each month, it may be said, adds to our knowledge of the resources of New Ontario. The story of its mineral wealth has not been told to the end. The extent and value of its areas of forests have proved to exceed the dreams of its pioneers. The fertility of its clay belt, and the fact that it is south of the Province of Manitoba have been largely recognized. Prospectors still wander through its pathless woods, lured on by the hope of a "find" in the next spot to be investigated. From all accounts, too, there have been a number of good veins struck this year. The government railway is being pushed farther north to tap a vast area of another land. Through the centre of this area the National Transcontinental will pass in its course to the Pacific. The north country will not suffer from lack of railway facilities and the junction point of the lines referred to should furnish a centre for a vigorous community. Development of resources is proceeding rapidly. Mining operations are in progress again, after some interruption by the strike that followed a disagreement between the miners and their employers. During the summer several survey parties have been at work in the Abitibi region, carving the country into townships for the convenience of future settlers. With the assistance of imagination we can picture a railway through to James Bay, serving the needs of the thickly-settled district through which it passes and carrying Western grain for ocean export to England and Europe. The approaching exhaustion of spruce areas of the United States, coupled with the increasing demand for pulpwood for the manufacture of paper, tend to enhance the value of the forests of Northern Ontario. Measures really protective in their character and effect are to be taken to encourage the manufacture of pulpwood in that district. Present circumstances, indeed, appear to indicate that in a very few years New Ontario will be one of the most wealthy and important sections of the province.

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#### THE IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

During the past summer representatives of the various parts of the Empire met in London in assembly that will be known to history as the Imperial conference. A conference in the usual acceptance of the word the event appears to have been. The delegates were on a footing of perfect equality. Premier Botha, the head of the first government under the Constitution, magnanimously granted the Transvaal, who five years ago was the leader of a hostile people, was given the same power as was bestowed on delegates from older and more important members of the British Union. To each country represented at the Conference was given one vote. No attempt was made to force opinion upon any delegate who dissented from the common view; and