

shows what a weak cause the opponents of the "open door" policy are favoring when misrepresentation has to be used to bolster it.



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Parliament has very properly, by means of the Crow's Nest Railway, connected the North-west Territories with the Kootenay country first, and by its delay over the Kettle River Valley application, has allowed the C. P. R. to take possession of that country two years in advance of any other line. It is quite another thing to contend that Parliament should say to the people out there, and to those who have investments in that country, no other railway must ever enter, and you can never trade north and south, but only east and west. That might be the view of the hide-bound protectionist, but even if a handsome trade between southern British Columbia and the United States is built up, surely that will be to the interests of British Columbia and all concerned. There is an enormous trade between the Province of Ontario and the States of New York, Pennsylvania, and Ohio. Nobody looks upon that as a disaster.

During the year 1899, the Province of British Columbia produced in minerals alone a value of \$12,393,-  
**The Trade of** 131, and nearly all of this  
**British** was exported to the United  
**Columbia.** States. In copper the  
province produced \$1,353,000, and every  
pound of it found a market in the United  
States. In lead the United States took