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**Our Great Home Mission Work.**

REV. DR. COCHRANE, Convener of the Western Section of the Home Mission Committee, has sent us the following appeal, in addition to his circular in last month's *Record*. It shows the necessity of liberal and immediate liberality, if our work in the Far West as well as in the older settled districts of Ontario and Quebec, is to go on as it has done for the last few years:

*British Columbia*, he says, is now calling upon us for men. It is very much in the position that Manitoba was, when in 1870 we began operations in the North-West. At that time our cause in Manitoba was small indeed compared with what it is today, but by the generous contributions of the Church in the older provinces, and the effective work done by our missionaries, "the little one has become a thousand." *British Columbia*, although perhaps it may never reach the position of Manitoba and the North-West, is deserving of help. It is now calling for aid, and we would be recreant to the call of Providence if we did not to the utmost of our ability respond to the demands made upon us. Letters in my possession from the Rev. J. S. Mackay of New Westminster, the Rev. D. Fraser of Victoria, and from members of our Church in other districts, plead earnestly for the Presbyterian Church in Canada to give them supply of

gospel ordinances. Whether the committee shall be able to do so or not, depends upon the returns made to the Treasurer, by the 20th of March. To find suitable probationers and ministers who are willing to go is easy, as there are now several applications in the hands of the Convener.

That *British Columbia* is very soon to be settled by emigrants from Ontario and Quebec, as well as from Scotland and Ireland, is evident from the prominence given to the country in the daily papers. Correspondents from San Francisco and other cities in the United States are writing glowing accounts of it. Nothing need be said to your readers regarding Victoria and New Westminster, but of other portions of the province it may not be out of place to speak.

*Burrard's Inlet or Vancouver City*, where the Rev. T. G. Thomson is about to be located, is the terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway. The soil in the vicinity is described as being rich, and already there are many farms under cultivation. That it is a suitable point for an ocean terminus for the Railway will be at once admitted, when, it is stated that over 1,000 ships have loaded at the saw-mills inside the inlet, with scarcely an accident going in or coming out. Coal Harbour, about two miles distant, which has been chosen by the C. P. R. as their terminal harbour, is described as magnificent—well sheltered, and leaving nothing to be desired in the requirements of a sea-