

a speedy development and early settlement of this vast territory, is the unsettled boundary question. Until that has been finally disposed of, its gold and silver mines, so attractive for investment, will lie dormant; capitalists will continue to shun the timber resources of the territory; and the sturdy settler, who, rather than betake himself to the boundless prairie, would prefer to hew out for himself a home where the gun, the rod and the canoe may relieve the monotony of his agricultural pursuits, will refuse to risk the fruits of his honest toil in a "no man's land," where the title to his heritage is a subject of doubt and controversy.

That so serious, vexatious, and deplorable a barrier to Provincial progress and inter-Provincial amity between two members of Confederation, may be peacefully and speedily removed, must be the sincere desire and earnest prayer of all patriotic Canadians.

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