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NEW WESTMINSTER.

Though much has been said against this city by ill-desposed persons and cranks, as well as self-interested journals, there still remains a self-evident fact that this city is still pushing itself forward. Old pioneers who now are compelled to rest from their hard labors are witnesses of most wonderful changes and unequalled progress in the advancement of New Westminster. Her position is unequalled by any other port in the province; while the sloping ground on which she is built is most advantageous to the public health: No other city in the province could have a perfect system at so little a cost as could this city. This fact—though it may seem small in some people's imaginations—is one of the most required essentials to any city's prosperity. But when we turn to the commercial and shipping industries, we are tempted to leave our task and seek retirement from the fight in which we have engaged. There can be no doubt that New Westminster, if she had energetic men to represent her, and who would do all in their power to aid her, would with time and perseverance, raise herself into a city whose position and value would compete strongly with Victoria. The summer is drawing near when our business men expect to reap the harvest. But, if they sow nothing, can they rightly expect to reap a harvest of any importance? We answer decidedly no! And so long as this slackness of energy continues, so long will the general depression of trade continue. We do not intend that these words should act as a censure to our representatives as no doubt our meaning will be construed by some, but what we do wish to show is that our citizens should not look up so expectedly to our members of the house for such reformations that should be made by themselves. What they should do is to work in harmony with the common interests of the city at large, and not

to meddle in outside speculations, which are so enormously uncertain, that a tightness in the money market is felt throughout the district. If the money which has been invested in Coal Harbor and Port Moody by our citizens, had been laid out in the organization of a good line of steamers to ply between here and Victoria and on the river route, and in the urging of the government to open a channel at the mouth of the river, the New Westminster of to-day would be a prosperous and busy city. These facts will come home to the minds of our people when the darkness overshadows them, and they see in the future that their grasps at fortunes have been instrumental in the depreciation of their own city and interests. There will, naturally, be some successful speculators, but so profound is the uncertainty as to which place will be the favored one, that it is real foolishness for men of short means to enter into any such chances which are growing more and more intense. "Look to our own city first; work for own interests, and use all possible energy that co-operation and harmony will inculcate, to raise our city to a more important position," should be the motto of all, who entertain any desire for this city's advancement.

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