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In his recent speech in the legislature Parker Williams struck the keynote of the dissatisfaction that exists throughout the province. He said that the government had practically been conducting a big "potlach" for the last ten years. Nothing was too good to give away to the friends of the party, and as far as the McBride government could do it, the country is in about the same condition as the proverbial Indian tribe which has just finished the ancient potlach.

It seems hardly believable that intelligent men will still persist in repeating that old parrot yarn which compares the financial standing of the province when the present administration came into power with what it is today. The standing of any private citizen is never determined by his bank account. A man may be thousands of dollars overdrawn at his bank and yet own the best corner in Prince Rupert. On the other hand his bank account may be made to show a good surplus by sacrificing in dull times that splendid corner for a third of what it should bring.

This is in reality what the present government have done. They came into power with all the resources of the province intact. The people owned the great big forests of hemlock and spruce and fir which is now the property of speculators and for which the province received but a trifle in return. Again the vast acres of land in all the choice valleys and plains of the province were ours, and now they are tied up by parties who have paid down but fifty cents per acre, while the value has soared several hundred per cent. Would it not be infinitely better for the province to be in possession of its vast resources than to have a paltry surplus at the bank? As a matter of fact indeed there is a greater overdraft today than when the party came into power and still they hand out that silly prattle about the great things they have done for the country.

The future will look back upon the actions of the McBride government with the greatest contempt. At a time when all progressive countries are endeavoring to get the land back to the people those men insisted on throwing those very resources to the wind. After having sold these lands and forests at a sacrifice price, however, they come before the people of the province and take credit for so doing. As well might the victim of the loan shark rejoice in that he was able to sacrifice his valuable jewelry for the price of a meal.

It is bad enough to pawn your resources, but it is much worse to throw away the little money you may have received in return. Had our government wisely used the money received at those sacrifice sales matters would not be quite so bad. As it is, however, they have spent that money recklessly for the benefit of their favorites and in employing a vast army of useless inspectors. Other large sums were squandered by incompetent road bosses, and today the province has few of its required improvements, while the most of our money is gone. British Columbia, however, is still rich and under proper management will soon throw off the bad effects of reckless incompetency, but no time should be lost in making this necessary change.

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Success of First Big Shipment From British Columbia to England

London, Jan. 27.—An event of importance to the Canadian fish trade was the arrival at Grimsby of a consignment of frozen halibut from British Columbia. The fish arrived in splendid condition and met with a good reception from traders who were paying prohibitive prices for home-caught fish.

Mr. Thomas Robinson, owner of a big fleet of trawlers, is responsible for the importation. There has been a growing scarcity of halibut during the last year or two and Mr. Robinson established a private company to supply the demand. The reception given to the first consignment amply justifies regular and larger shipments. Orders were received from all parts of the country but were refused, as it is intended to make this an exclusive feature at Grimsby. That this will have the effect of inducing other wholesalers to enter the Canadian trade can hardly be doubted.

Each year we experience a conspicuous shortage of fish. Salmon is practically the only fish hitherto imported into this country; and with the large supplies available in Canada there is no reason—given an effective organization—why a big export trade should not be built up.

Goethals Is Governor

Washington, Jan. 27.—President Wilson signed the executive order today putting into operation on April 1 the permanent government in the canal zone. According to the order Colonel Goethals is named as the first governor of the territory to be covered by the order.

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ment to any material extent could not precede, but must follow, railway construction. The opening of the Panama Canal would throw open the European markets.

Do Not Accept All Statements

Mr. Scott threw out several suggestions to those contemplating investment or engaging in agricultural pursuits in British Columbia. "Don't put your money into anything without a careful investigation of its merits. Don't expect 100 per cent. profit in a short time without risk. Don't buy agricultural lands without first seeing them and satisfying yourself that they are as represented. If impossible to see the land yourself secure the services of some one well qualified to judge, and then instruct him to examine the lands and report on them for you. Don't expect to get the best results from farming or fruit-growing if you have no knowledge of the business. Don't accept all the statements you hear as to the profits to be made out of either. Don't rush in and buy land as soon as you arrive in the province—take time to look round. Don't think that money can be made out of farming without hard work. Don't attempt to farm more land than your capital will allow, and don't put all your capital into land. There was a fine opportunity in British Columbia for those who had the capacity for work and the brains to carry on agriculture on scientific lines. British Columbia was no place for the idle, but it was the place for men with a natural liking for country life, and possessed of a sufficient income, who wished to leave the stress and turmoil of our cities and live a peaceful life in a matchless climate. Mechanics, artisans and clerks were not wanted, and would find it extremely difficult at present to get employment.

British Brains and Capital

In conclusion, Mr. Scott said: "What we want is to see our great country developed by British muscle, British brains, and British capital. The American is quick to see opportunities, and a very large amount of capital from America is invested in our timber, minerals and fisheries. Nothing can keep us back. We are at the gateway of what is destined to become the greatest highway of the world. Up to date luxurious vessels plough the

waters of the blue Pacific to China, Japan, Australia and New Zealand. Victoria and Prince Rupert are increasing by leaps and bounds, and each of these cities is destined in the near future to become very important manufacturing, shipping and distributing centres. The completion of that gigantic undertaking, the Panama Canal, will open to us the European markets for our timber, fisheries, products, fruits, etc., and our wealth of natural resources—with the intelligent supervision and protection it is now receiving from our government—is inexhaustible.

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