Mackinnon And East Africa 1878-1895: A Study In The 'New Imperialism'

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In East-Africa, as we have seen, the leading exponent of chartered enterprise and railway investment was William Mackinnon, who combined his evangelical fervor and British patriotism with a bitter hatred of Germany. His chosen instrument was the imperial British East-African company, like the royal Niger Company, a trading firm. After 1895 there were some changes in the British administration in East-Africa. Queen Victoria was very interested in colonial affairs and wanted to see all important dispatches. She looks an active interest in the appointment of governors, being anxious to keep them independent of parliament and political parties.