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MR. OLIVER'S OMISSION

A contemporary tells us that we were mistaken in saying that "the scheme of connecting Vancouver Island by rail has been omitted from the development programme of the Liberal party." That is not what we said, but our contemporary intended to convey what we did not say, so we shall not trouble about verbal criticism. We did not say that a railway over Bute Inlet did not form a part of the Liberal programme, but only that while Mr. Oliver mentioned with approval the granting by the Dominion of a subsidy for such a line, he carefully refrained from including it in the list of lines, which he said the province ought to assist. As our report of what Mr. Oliver said was taken from our contemporary's own columns we think we may assume that it did him no injustice.

The omission is a very serious one. Mr. Oliver is ready to aid a railway from Vancouver to Fort George. The Colonist believes that such a line would be of very great importance, and has frequently said so. British Columbia needs a north and south line. The great area between the Canadian Pacific and the Grand Trunk Pacific ought to be opened by rail. The commercial centres in the southwestern part of the province ought to have the shortest possible connection with the Northeastern part of the province, wherein are situated the fertile lands of the Peace River valley and great areas of metalliferous rocks and gravel. We feel very sure that if any company were ready to begin work on such a line it could approach the government with confidence for reasonable assistance. But such a railway would be incomplete; it would not commend itself to the favor of the people of Vancouver Island. It would not serve the purposes which it ought to serve unless it were connected with Vancouver Island at some central point as well as with Vancouver city. It would fail to be of full commercial value unless it reached the coast, so as to provide the shortest way to the great ocean ports on this Island. Its industrial advantages would not be fully realized if it did not reach the heart of the great British Columbia timber region. Therefore, while the Colonist is prepared to support, when the time comes, a railway from Vancouver to Fort George, it will make its support conditional upon the inclusion of such an undertaking of a line to Vancouver Island at some central point. In other words, the line must have two coast termini.

Our objection to what Mr. Oliver said in announcing his policy is that he does not provide for what we regard as an essential feature of the project to a part of which he gives his support. In making this objection, we are confident that we have behind us every voter on Vancouver Island. We confess to surprise that Mr. Oliver did not know that the construction of such a railway is earnestly looked for by all the people of this Island, or, if he knew it, that he chose to ignore it in his railway programme.

THE CANADIAN CLUB.

The executive of the Canadian Club is to be congratulated upon having secured a room where Sir Percy Fitzgerald can be entertained at luncheon today. It would have been a matter of much regret if so distinguished a gentleman could not have been shown, and courtesies of the club, and if its members could not have had the opportunity of hearing an address from him.

The executive has during the past year had a trying experience in providing for the club's luncheons. No effort has been spared, and every available course has been tried. That accommodation has been secured for the luncheon is due to conditions which have only existed for a short time. The hotels do not care to provide the luncheons; and the reasons are right on the surface of the facts. They are not in position to do so. Even at a dollar a plate, the price paid at the Empress, on more than one occasion, the margin of profit to the hotel is so small that it does not pay for the interruption of the regular business. No one could possibly be more accommodating than Mr. Humble, of the Empress, has always been, but it would be exceedingly unreasonable to expect him to disturb the regular routine of his business, to accommodate his guests, and impose an extra amount of labor upon his staff whenever the Canadian Club notified him that it wished to have an indefinite number of people take a special luncheon at the hotel. The Empress is first of all, an hotel for the accommodation of the travelling public. It has a reputation to maintain as such, and no manager, however anxious to oblige, ought to be expected to act as caterer to the Canadian Club or any other organization. On exceptional occasions an exceptional course may be taken; but Canadian Club luncheons are, as a rule, not exceptional occasions. Every one who knows the facts appreciates

the difficulties with which the Club's executive has had to contend and there is certainly no ground for any adverse criticism.

While making reference to the Canadian Club of this city, the following from the Montreal Witness on Canadian Clubs in general, is worth reproduction:

The success of the Canadian Clubs in the cities and towns of the Dominion has amply demonstrated their influence in educating the public on the great questions of the day. They deserve the praise bestowed upon them by Mr. Ward, Premier of New Zealand, and it is quite probable that the ideas they embody will be adopted and put into practical operation in that and other overseas Dominions. The invitations, never declined, extended to distinguished visitors to this Dominion by our clubs, have made our people personally familiar with the feelings and sentiments of their fellow subjects at home and in other parts of the Empire. Foreigners who have occasionally delivered addresses have also done a great deal to clear up misconceptions and make us acquainted with the ideas, feelings, and aspirations of other nations. On the whole, the effect has been of the greatest benefit in developing the national consciousness and in enlightening and enlarging the national view.

ORATORY.

A very great many people asked the Colonist yesterday what it endorsed yesterday morning to describe his style of oratory, but this did not seem to meet the question that was on many lips. To answer it one ought first to consider what oratory is. It is not mere fluency; it is not mere pyrotechnic; it is not vivid imagery alone; it is not simply ornate language. Archbishop Whately in his work on Rhetoric, which every student ought to read, defines the object of rhetoric to be conviction. When Whately spoke of rhetoric he meant what we usually mean when we speak of oratory. The definition seems a good one. Therefore, before we make up our minds as to the achievement of a speaker, we ought to ask ourselves in the very first place what he aims to do, for an orator will adapt his methods to the purpose which he hopes to accomplish. Next we ought to consider the nature of the theme discussed, for it is evident that one subject may properly be approached in one way and another in another. Next we ought to consider the audience, for no argument is necessary to show that much of the force of oratory is in the mind of the hearer. Lastly we should judge up the result. Now what did Mr. Bryan aim at doing? He told his hearers at the outset that he hoped to be able to present a religious theme that it would make an impression upon the hearts of some of those who heard him. The theme was one that did not lend itself to lightness of treatment; the few humorous touches being only intended to be restful to the audience. The audience was presumably favorably disposed to the speaker, therefore it was policy to address in terms of conciliation. He hoped to reach the hearts of the hearers through their intelligence, therefore he did not appeal to their emotions. Now what was the result? A large audience composed of old and young, of men and women, of professing Christians and of persons who are largely indifferent to religious things, sat for an hour and a half without an individual leaving the theatre, listened to every word that was said, applauded such of the points as were calculated to invite applause, and gave the speaker an ovation when he sat down. We venture to say that his remarks very profoundly impressed the majority of those who heard him. Is it really necessary to ask if a man who could accomplish what he accomplished is an orator? Are we not bound to concede that in its way, his speech was very nearly the perfection of oratory? We are expressing no opinion as to what he could do with another theme. All we are doing is to endeavor to assist some of those who heard Mr. Bryan to form a conclusion for themselves, not as to his merit as a speaker, for that is of no particular importance, but as to oratory in general, for there is no subject upon which there is a wider difference of opinion.

A SUGGESTION

In days of old when knights were bold and rode forth to fight the foe attired in a more or less ornate collection of hardware, it was deemed good policy to cover the face so that when the warrior exclaimed "Have at you," "S death," "By our Lady," and things like that and rushed upon the foe, he had some reasonable prospect of coming out of the fray bearing some slight resemblance to the man who went into it. Nevertheless it was important that he should be recognizable and for that reason coats

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Visit the china shop and see the dainty offerings.

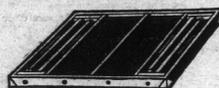
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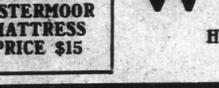
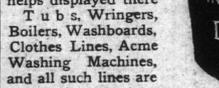
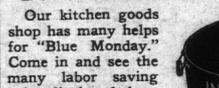
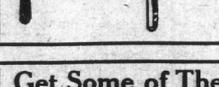
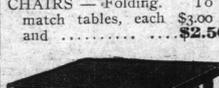
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New Dining Chairs

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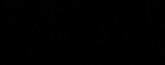
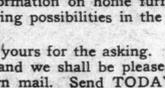
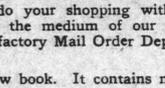
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SPRING-FLOWERING

In the flower gardens of Victoria pre-eminently the month of October is the best time for planting. At this season every flowering bulb for fall planting is in the market. It is a good idea to buy a large share of a cutting article on this subject. Double-day, Page & Co.'s "How to Make a Flower" reproduction of the article interest to readers of the paper written by Patrick O'Mara. The time to prepare for the flowers is in the fall. Too get all about it until they see parks or in their neighbors' they tie to the bulb-seller in. Generally speaking, from the ber until the ground is closed spring-flowering bulbs many of the species are late in ripening, for instance—and so is not available until November. Climate frost and snow their appearance before they so the expedient of covering them are to be planted in coarse bagging spread over covering of three or four inches or litter of any kind, with a bulb garden the writer ever. 'tis true—was planted on the soil having been kept method described. However the earlier the better. They get the best stock, and the well to order his hardy bulbs October planting.

The ideal soil for most sandy loam, well enriched manure. This, bear in mind, is roughly rotted and mixed to suits. It is a common practice to get manure fresh from the farm and put it in the soil. This almost sure to kill the roots, prepared barnyard manure then a concentrated fertilizer. This can be obtained of a brand does not make much complete fertilizer will do, once it is thoroughly digested; also to see that water on the beds where bulbs are them be raised above the surface and sufficiently convex that falls. It will repay a beds with two or three inches already described, nor allow given to the bulbs, but tenance derived from it. They be taken off in the spring of severe frost is past, and bulbs begin to send up the refers particularly to hyacinth applies to nearly all varieties.

The place to plant bulb of the beds must be of individual facilities of the plenty exists to have large signs, they should be as more attractive. For this, and tulips are admirably fit or fancy scrolls of tulips all large estates, or even on most effective. In planting taken to obtain varieties with the desired effect will be lost oblong, crescent, star-shaped any bed design which suits and will harmonize with tulips. Good contrasting used and so planted as to centuate the adjoining color used color will find favor effective. All the dealers in demand for this style of plants that the intending planter loss as to what varieties to decide is the size of the bed and the dealer will be able to material, properly selected, for

In park work and public is imperative to get the very common practice to dis-hyacinths after they have been amateur, however, may remain less conspicuous position, the hardy border, or the way they will continue to bloom indefinitely. It is now a considering the price at which perior bulbs can be purchased it is worth while taking up bulbs and keeping them for. If it is to be done, the time they have ceased flowering turn yellow. Dig them the sunny position, put enough the bulbs, and when all ve from them put them away in a tiled place, until time to Indiscriminate planting in easier than bedding, and he can hardly go wrong. When put in some bulbs, singly dozens and dozens; the k derived in finding the un here and there. This is t bulbs for the purpose of cut bed, cutting the flowers w of the whole, but they ar the mixed border. This is quils, dafodils, all varieties yet they are thoroughly at by themselves. It is the