PACIFIC SECTION

TRADE WITH AUSTRALIA.

Union Steamship Subsidy-Navigation Convention at Vernon-Fairs in the Prairie Cities.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Vancouver, B.C., August 6th.

While regret may be expressed in Vancouver and Victoria that the Federal Government has not seen fit to grant the request of Sir James Mills, namely, that the subsidy that is granted yearly to the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand, which supplies the service between Canada and Australia, should be for a term of years, say five, it cannot be denied that the powers at Ottawa give good reason for not doing so. They state that the trade relations between Australia and Canada are unsatisfactory, and that Australia has a very high tariff with preference to products of Great Britain as opposed to those of Canada. While the Dominion tain as opposed to those of Canada. While the Dominion grants \$200,000 in subsidies to the Union Steamshp Company for this service, out of a total of \$350,000, the Australian Government is doing what it can to foster the trade of other lines which might be classed in almost direct opposition, as it is the through trade from the Old Country that the Pacific line of steamers caters to.

With people travelling to Australia from Britain via Suez, Canada gets no benefit, and with the people goes the trade. Canada is developing as a manufacturing country and has exports that can be disposed of in Australia, and, with mutual arrangement, markets can be provided not only for Canadian products in Australia, but Australian products in Canadian products in Australia, but Australian products in Canada. The trade is increasing as it is, but that is no reason why Canada should enter into a one-sided arrangement. The past has seen too much of this, particularly as it applies to the United States.

Apart from this phase of the question, it looks as though the better service will eventually come. Western Canada



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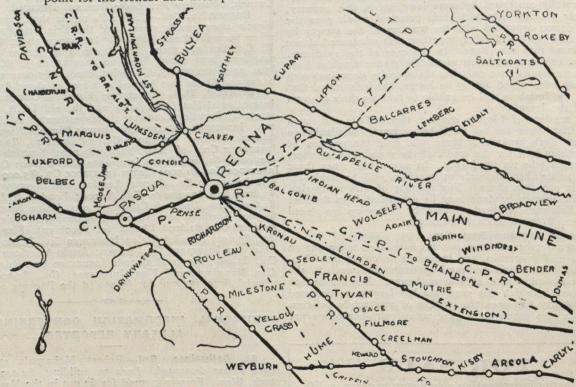
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