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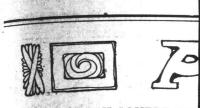
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ENGLISH SOVEREIGNS

Constitutional development had extreme development when Parliam took to declare Henry Bolingbroke caster, king during the lifetime Historians, discussing this perio ish history, have been accustome of Henry IV. as a usurper, but if he every sovereign who has reigned land since the days of Anne has bee title to the throne. There is no Henry promoted the movement which ated in the deposition of Richard an elevation to the kingly office, but h other claim to his position except came from parliamentary sanction. recalled that when Edward I. can throne, the formality of election w and he began his reign with no other than that which came from the fa was the oldest son of his father; h his case it was deemed wise afterway cure a parliamentary ratification o We will miss the whole lesson of ear constitutional development if we los the fact that the people of England claimed, and from time to time have their absolute supremacy in all i state. Powerful kings have at times to act contrary to the will of the expressed in popular assemblies a ment, but even such men as William mandy and, as we have just seen, th ward acknowledged popular se Therefore, while Henry IV. suppl reigning sovereign, it cannot be truth that he usurped the throne, and alth custom has been to refer to the sup the House of Yorke as the Legitim so is to borrow a Continental e which has no proper place in Englis for it assumes that there is in son an inherent right to the Crown, wh not.

There were no constitutional deve during the reign of Henry IV., or the son and grandson. Henry was not tion to curb the power of Parliament, towards the close of his life he ex strong desire to do so. Yet his reig mportant bearing upon the history of or during it there began a strugg asted with more or less interrupt Henry of Richmond was crowned on Field. The Wars of the Roses did intil the reign of Henry VI., but t Henry had hardly taken up the scep he was in collision with powerful me the baronage, and there began a seri-flicts, which led to the shedding of m best blood of England either upon t field or the scaffold. There is no mea mating what the effort upon Engla have been if the very flower of her no not perished either by the sword or t man's ax. We have seen the uniqu occupied by the baronage of England. for freedom. A general statement of applied to a period of three hundred y ation, necessarily requires some qua but in the main the barons were even upon curbing the power of the King played a powerful part in preventin ablishment in England of the prin absolutism which found on the Cont congenial for their growth. At the there was sufficient of the leaven of in the baronage to compel the mass people to look to the Kin protection against oppression, tings, either by weakness city, were led to rely upon them as whereby the power of the gre owners could be held in check and from which the royal exchequers co plenished. There was never in any oody of men in all respects compara baronage of England of the time of tagenets. In wealth many of them the sovereign; in lineage they were a lustrious; in a sense of personal dig were extreme. They cherished the ditions of Chivalry, and were not lack objectionable qualities. By commo Edward the Black Prince is recogniz very culmination of that extraordin tution of the Middle Ages, whose come down to us as emblematic of best and noblest in men, but he was mixture of nobility and business. O inent chivalry died a lingering deat land it was extinguished in blood. For some years previous to the of Henry IV. the church had not been gressive in public affairs. It was growing more and more independent but without any very strong line of tion. Lollardism spread very rapid we have seen no very serious atte made to check its progress. To be was not to lose either ecclesiastical vantages, although it in many case the person professing it into disfa early in the reign of Henry, the cured the enactment of a law pern ourning of heretics. Thomas Arun bishop of Canterbury, had been very in securing the deposition of Richard he was recognized as the leader of stitutional party. With this he com cessive religious zeal, and one of the to which he counselled the new Kir assertion by Henry that he, as So England, was protector of the Chu next step was to urge upon parlia passage of the Statute of Heresies, which Arundel's popularity was able The terrible penalty inflicted thereb mposed in many cases at that tim ew instances in which it was c served to arrest the progress of I

The Colonist. AN UNWISE POLICY We expected that the organ of the Minister of Inland Revenue would seek to justify the ignoring of Mr. Colonist Printing & Publishing Company, Limited Liability 27 Broad Street, Victoria, B.C. Barnard in the matter of harbor improvements. To do otherwise would

concern to anyone how they accom-

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OVERDOING IT

plished what they set out to do. Es-Is there not a possibility that the pecially do we find this a remarkable clamor against the municipal admin-that opposed the idea of sending a There is no doubt about the Smith's criticising the action of the delegates. Hill reservoir being a bad job, and in who doubtless followed the course 1911, except the mountain section. We many other respects things have not which they thought would be most been carried on as they ought to have successful; but we do say, and we say As yet the G. T. Pacific has not askbeen carried on as they degine to the successful; but we do say, and the start of the or an extension of time in which it with, we hope, some appreciation of ed for an extension of time in which whole system has broken down; for it has not. Let us know where things are the try to set them try to set them try to set them try to set them try to set the try to set them try to set t are wrong, and let us try to set them Mr. Barnard is wholly indefensible. right, but do not let us overshoot the We knew exactly what would be said

dence. A sweeping allegation of incompe-his sentiments; but we do say that it voices Conservative ranks because of unrest among the Quebec members of the tency is easily made. Possibly, in the is a new thing and an abominable party. He said to a reporter: "The opinion of many people everything thing for a representative to be ignordone by everyone else is an exhibition ed because he is not in sympathy with ander LaCoste, Hon. T. Chas. Casdone by everyone else is an example of because he is not in sympathy mither ander Lacoste, from ander Lacoste, from the government of the day. During grain, Mr. D. O. L. Asperance, Mr. the past four years, Mr. John Jardine, Louis Coderre and Mr. C. L. Beauters there may be two sides to a story, a Liberal representative of Esquimait bien. They came to see me at noon and it certainly would be wise not to in the local house, has attended with and we had lunch together. The form opinions ex parte. We think also many delegations, which have waited situation in that province was distration ought to be specific. A general ernment. His advice has been asked, charge may mean nothing at all. he has been given an opportunity of The Colonist has indulged at one time or another in a good deal of criticism of the way the affairs of the a case has been made weaker in the city are carried on; but it has always opinion of the government because Mr. endeavored to make definite allega-Jardine was among those who urged tions in respect to matters where there it for consideration. seemed to be room for improvement.

COST OF LIVING

The high cost of living is alleged to The high cost of living is alleged to be at the foundation of the labor Victoria know, although the Minister's be at the foundation of the labor Victoria know, although the Minister's troubles in the United States. We organ seeks to create the contrary impression, that Mr. Barnard has worked hard at informing the Department of overcome by strikes. An increase of hard at informing the Department of production, and if there must be a further advance in the former to meet enough to think that by ignoring him the Empire, his position could not be the latter, the situation will be a sort the strength of the Liberal machine in of economic treadmill-plenty of Victoria can be increased, he is making action but no progress. It is said that a very large blunder. It is a blunder living is too expensive; but is not the of the kind which cost the Liberal enhanced cost due in a very consider- party the control of the province. The of the over-seas Britons very much able degree to the shortening of the public very justly resents exhibitions hours of labor and higher wages? In of pettiness.

the last analysis is it not the amount of money that must be paid for a certain amount of labor that determines the cost of things? We have a good many readers, who take a very keen

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In yesterday's Colonist the following appeared as a news item: and intelligent interest in proposi-itions of this nature, and we would be glad to hear from them on this point. The cry used to be that it did not make any difference if prices went up, as long as wages were high, but it seems as if there must be a limit to expansion along these lines. We are inclined to think that one reason why it costs so much to live nowadays is that comparatively few persons pro-duce anything for their own consump-tion. Time was when a very consid-erable proportion of the artizan class, had their own gardens, and many of them kept a cow. The growth of cities has made this impossible in the very great majority of cases, and not only has it done this, but it has so altered the conditions of living there and intelligent interest in proposi-In a circular issued • by the com-

If the anti-gambling Bill becomes law, it will be illegal to bet on an election. Thus are our liberties being filched from us by degrees. The next thing we know we shall be robbed of 'the sacred and hitherto inlienable be to condemn the Minister, which no right to buy tickets in a church raffle one would expect it to do. But we

The Germans say they are not going to search for the South Pole, Bu the South Pole is not and never was lost. It's like the little boy whom the policeman met crying, in the street. tions of business men, it was of no "Have you lost your mother, little chap?" he asked kindly, and the lad ejaculated between sobs: "Naw, the blamed thing's gone and lost me."

> It is stated that the National Transcontinental Railway will be completed to complete the section through Bri-

right, but do not let us overshoot the mark by making general assertions which may be unsupportable by evi- which may be unsupportable by evi- organ, and we hope we do the Minister's alleged indications of rupture in the cussel as were the preliminary details of the coming convention. So far as presenting his views, and no instance and the reading of the riot act are concerned, you can brand them as a tissue of falsehoods."

> community has grown so accustomed to witnessing displays of bad politics be true, but it would puzzle His Lordfrom a certain quarter that nothing of ship to cite any proof of it. The very that nature now surprises anyone. The great majority of the people of the Colonies have never considered the matter at all. If Lord Curzon had confined himself to saying that the challenged. Such men as Earl Grey, Viscount Milner and Lord Curzon himself have expressed the sentiments better than they have been stated by any member of the Commons, except, perhaps, Mr. Chamberlain; but that A CORRECTION

is as far as the facts justify any one in going.

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Lord Curzon told the Lords that the To put the case on no higher ground, that. House as containing a truer percolonies "have always looked upon It never could see the use of making things appear any worse than they is in any case bad politics; but the

done this, but it has so This circular is apparently founded ed States admitted at the rates of the right to have her exports to the Unitaltered the conditions of living that upon an error. In the Bill Amending minimum tariff." Our Toronto conthe art of housekeeping, as our the Companies Act the provision quot- temporary is of the opinion that whatmothers understood it, is being lost. ed in the circular formed a part of ever the United States may do will be Food is bought in small quantities and Section 139, but it is not in the act done in its own interests. Perhaps very often in a prepared state, so that a minimum of cooking may be done. We are unable to find any other pro-This is exceedingly expensive. It is vision that covers the point. The This is exceedingly expensive. It is vision that covers the point. The ernment of that country. also a very unsatisfactory way of liv- circular was apparently issued by the

ing. The women of many households, Canadian Manufacturers' Association in order to save themselves work, buy on the strength of what appeared in in order to save themselves work, buy cooked victuals. They are not much, if at all, to blame, because the great majority of homes in large cities are not provided with the facilities for keeping food on hand or preparing it. Thus a generation has grown up that has never learned the great art of living economically, and the result is that a wage, which would have pro-

that a wage, which would have pro-vided luxury a generation ago hardly suffices for a decent living now. We sympathize very much indeed with the Labor leaders, who are seek-ing to discover a remedy for the in-creased cost of living, but do not be-lieve they will find it in strikes. The present manner of living is artificial, and being artificial there ought to be a possibility of altering it to some-thing more rational. We venture to

thing more rational. We venture to suggest that the only permanent remedy will be found in steps that will prevent the congestion of population ir cities. A social system, that hives millions of people within a small area and along streets that are little else than chasms, is all wrong. It is unnatural and being unnatural, it is certain to breed social disaster. To the man who looks ahead, a sky-scraper is a monument of the folly of modern civilization. Mr. J. J. Hill says the remedy for all the ills that society is heir to is to be found in the principle "Back to the land"; but before that principle can be effectively acted upon, some sort of legislation will have to be devised that will make the hiving of population impossible. We shall not undertake to indicate how this shall be brought about, for perhaps we have done our duty for the presen in offering the suggestion.

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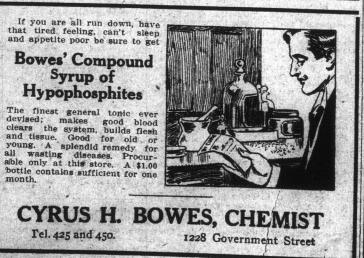
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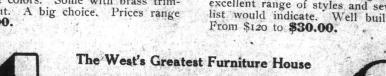
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