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MUNICIPAL REFORM.

As has been the case in Victoria, they have been agitating for municipal reforms in Toronto. They have formed a Ratepayers' Association, and among the demands which have been formulated is one that the duties of aldermen be confined to legislation, and that the executive administration be in vested commissioners appointed by the Council. This at first sight strikes us as being very much the same thing. Then they ask for a check on the increase of the city debt, which people here would also like to see; but with all that they are not prepared to have a wet blanket put upon all improvements. They further desire that assessments of property should be allowed to stand for five years, but this would appear to be impossible here, since we are in a transition state in which values are continually changing. There are other proposals made in Toronto which may hereafter be discussed in the light of the developments of the Royal Commission, which is at present sitting in this city.

THE VICTORIA OUTER WHARF.

A few days ago Captain Clarke, harbor master of the port of Victoria, officially surveyed the water at the outer wharf and reports that at the shallowest point

there are 28 feet of water at dead low springs. This has been duly reported to Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Co., the owners of the wharf, who have in their turn notified the Canadian Pacific Railway officials that there are ample provisions for the accommodation of their deepest draft India and China steamships. According to Captain Clarke, there can be no possible excuse for the line of Empresses neglecting to dock here in the future, as the wharf and its approaches are in every way convenient and commodious. If the railway and steamship people are really sincere in their protestations of desire to carry out all they covenanted to do, then their course is perfectly clear. They must no longer give Victoria the go by, which is, and always has been, one of the principal objective points of the Government scheme for a transcontinental railroad line. Will, it may be asked, the fact of leading C. P. R. officials having so much invested in the bricks and mortar of Vancouver be allowed any longer to influence that company from pursuing a policy which is really detrimental to the interests of that road, driving as it has done the most of the trade of this influential mercantile community into United States channels? The policy is that of Canada for the Canadians; but the tendency of Canadian Pacific administration has been to a great extent in a very different direction.

THE San Francisco *Bulletin* contains the following:—"John Robson, Premier of British Columbia, says it will be difficult to run the boundary line between Alaska and British Columbia, following the windings of the coast at a distance of thirty miles inland, and he proposes to give us a strip of Canadian territory in exchange for the coast strip of Alaska, east and south of the 141st meridian. This is a very cool proposition. It would give Canada Sitka, Juneau, Wrangel, valuable mining country, and about 600 miles of coast line, not including the sinuosities of the shore. We are not giving away any of our frontage on the Pacific. On the contrary, we are looking forward to effecting a junction between Washington and Alaska, whenever the time comes right, so that we will have an unbroken line from the Arctic to San Diego." Our contemporary forgets the cheating in the boundary line which has already been carried into effect, and this we propose to have remedied, even should it dock off some territory from our neighbors. They have had their own way about long enough, and it is just about time to call a halt. What with fish, seal and territorial sharp practices on the part of our neighbors our cup is about full, and we don't want any more of it.

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