

land of British Columbia—the province itself being in size no mean "Empire" as national territories are mapped out in Europe—we seldom have any prolonged severe weather in winter. Vancouver city lies as far south as "the Channel Islands" (between Britain and France) and sedate Victoria is even farther south, and the latter, being on Vancouver Island, is, if anything, even better situated, for residential purposes at least, than Vancouver, the mainland terminal city.

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IT MAY SEEM LIKE "TAKING COALS TO NEWCASTLE" to mention these points in a magazine published in Vancouver, but perhaps some Vancouver citizens most need reminding of such facts! . . .

Not that we believe in ignoring the other facts concerning Western Canada and British Columbia particularly. . . With the whole year under review, the Coast Province has so much good weather that we need not hesitate to let friends and rivals alike know that from November to February, or thereby, we get more than a good share of rain, occasional fog, and at times short spells of frost, and that though it is not common to see snow below "the snow-line" on the mountains, we are not unfamiliar with it occasionally on the lower levels.

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"THE GENEVA PROTOCOL" was another subject on which Mr. Marks gave enlightenment. While acknowledging nothing but good feeling towards the Japanese, this Australian representative was clear-cut in his expression of the view that Australia, like Canada, the United States and other countries, had the right to say what type of citizens they wished, and he pointed out the difficulties that would almost inevitably follow were "the Geneva protocol" to be passed by the League of Nations next June. Australia had taken a position against it, and he hoped Canada would do the same.

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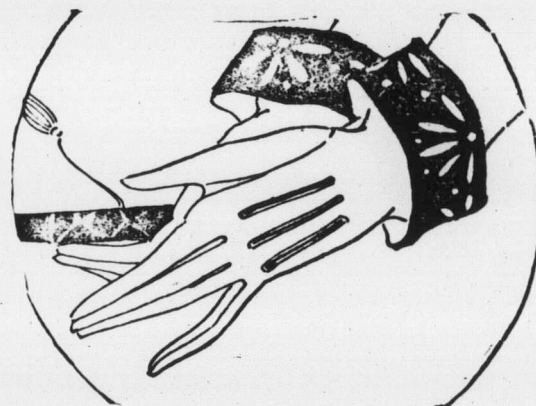
REFERENCES TO GERMANY AND FRANCE by Mr. Marks were noteworthy. Because of recent developments, even before the adoption of "the Dawes plan," he had found, when visiting Germany that the German people to-day "absolutely revere the British nation." Whereas, on the other hand, across the frontier in France, something akin to hatred towards the British had been generated. It was interesting to learn of how great a difference it made to the reception given him by the French when he explained that he was an Australian. His reference to the naturalness of the French position was worthy of attention. Mr. Marks said that the French people were disposed to ask: "When is our turn coming?" Their turn, it was implied, for treatment or consideration similar to that which had been extended to Germany—who, after having been responsible for so much havoc and destruction in France, had been so "set on her feet" by Britain and America.

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PERTINENT INDEED WERE THE POINTS made by this speaker. He held that while the treatment now being given Germany would "set her on her feet," it would in turn "bring Britain to her knees" economically—"unless something is done." Similarly "British statesmen would have to get together and do something for France." His exposition of these subjects seemed so well reasoned, and his opinions carried such conviction with them, that it is to be hoped that the new British Government will have "cause and effect," and the need for action in these various conditions, equally well brought under their attention, so that their action may be influenced accordingly.

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