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NEEDED TRANSPORTATION

One of the immediate requirements of British Columbia is the best and speediest means of gaining access from what is called New British Columbia. Unless this is provided, Victoria and Vancouver will be badly handicapped in competition with Edmonton and Winnipeg. Our information is that a very great deal of land in the region drained by the Nechako, the Salmon, the Nud and other rivers in that part of the province has been sold in moderately small areas to intending settlers, and there is no manner of doubt that there will be a great influx of people into the country as soon as transportation is provided. These people will trade with Edmonton after the Grand Trunk Pacific has been extended as far as Tete Jaune Cache unless some other means of access than now exist is provided. In like manner also the supplies required in the very rapid mining development of this part of the province will be taken in from Edmonton unless a southern communication is afforded. In the interest of the southwestern part of the province it is greatly to be desired that a direct transportation route to the interior shall be opened at the earliest possible day.

HEALTH OF OTTAWA

There has been some discussion in Ottawa as to the advisability of making public all the facts concerning the typhoid epidemic that is afflicting that city. This illustrates one of the most responsible duties resting upon newspapers. During the past winter there have been a number of cases of smallpox in British Columbia. The disease occurred in a mild type as a rule, and the deaths were very few in number. The newspapers were well informed as to the facts, but thought it wise policy to say as little as possible in order to prevent the public from being unduly alarmed. The result has fully justified their course. The disease has been stamped out and there was nothing resembling excitement over it. True one heard many exaggerated stories on the streets. The number of cases were multiplied many times by rumor, and at one time it was a question if it would not be as well to print the facts just as they were; but the papers by common consent, although without consultation with each other, concluded to refrain from anything more than the merest mention of such few facts as ought to be made public.

In Ottawa a somewhat different case presents itself. The health officers have written urgent letters to the mayor, but that official declines to make them public. The Ottawa Free Press seems to think that the time has come for plain speaking, and refers to "horrible conditions that have been found to prevail in various parts of Ottawa." It declares the Health Department to be rankly inefficient, and says it has never done anything until prodded and pounded by the newspapers. It goes on to point out the nature of some of the things to which it refers, and says:

It should not be necessary for the newspapers to discover these things, that is the duty of the city health department. But with that department it has been neglect, neglect, neglect, anything for a quiet time. It is because, in touch with civic affairs, we know this that we have urged in the strongest manner possible that reorganization of the health department must include a new head. The opposition to such a reorganization comes from the small, ignorant interests that are oftentimes just as selfish as the large corporate interests. It comes originally from men who would rather allow dirt and filth and unsanitary conditions to exist than spend a few dollars to bring about a change.

The sanitary condition of Ottawa is of more than local interest. The capital of the Dominion ought to be made a place to which people from other parts of the Dominion can go without abnormal menace to their health. Some years ago Sir Wilfrid Laurier said he proposed to make Ottawa "The Washington of the North," and the Dominion government has certainly done much to make the city attractive. It is a scandalous thing that these efforts should be discounted by the laxity of the municipal authorities. Under our system of government the maintenance of sanitary conditions, except at quarantine stations, is within the scope of the powers of the provincial legislatures, which in their turn have clothed the municipalities with all necessary jurisdiction. There is nothing, therefore, under present conditions, for the federal government to do; but we venture to think that if the municipality of Ottawa cannot see its way clear

to maintaining sanitary conditions that are at least half-way decent, it might be advisable for the Dominion government to approach the Ontario government with the view of having Ottawa set apart for the direct control of the federal authorities, to be governed after the fashion, in some respects at least, as the District of Columbia.

KINGLY WORDS.

Replying to addresses presented by the House of Convocation of Canterbury and York His Majesty said: "I am profoundly sensible of the moral significance and character of the ceremony which, under God's providence, is to mark the coming summer and which will confirm and consecrate my accession to the Throne. I look forward to visiting with the Queen, after the Coronation at Westminster, the other parts of the United Kingdom to receive in person the welcome which I am sure awaits us, and I hope that these visits and our journey later to India may serve as a testimony of my affectionate regard for all my peoples, near and far, and may associate them all with the venerable and living stories of the British monarchy under whose shelter freedom has so long dwelt with law and peace. You may count upon my assistance in the labors of the Church to purify and ennoble the public and private life of the nation and to seek the consolations of Christian truth in their simplicity and perfection. I know that the Church is turning her mind with vivifying energy to the problems of poverty and destitution to which you particularly refer, and that her hands are extended in Christian comradeship to all good men of every creed or party who are striving to raise the standard of health or morals and make our country a home for all its people."

Truly these are the words of a King. There is not a person in all the wide realm, which acknowledges His Majesty as sovereign, who will not feel a thrill of pride on reading this noble reply.

NATIONAL ECONOMY

Mr. James J. Harpell, in a book of 182 pages, issued by the Macmillan Company of Toronto, and called "Canadian National Economy—The Cause of High Prices and their Effect upon the Country," presents a valuable array of facts bearing upon the economic conditions of the Dominion. Mr. Harpell seems to have approached his subject without political or sentimental bias, and his object seems rather to have been to publish facts than to set forth opinions. A publication of this kind is much needed at the present time. Trade and financial matters ought to be considered from the standpoint of business. To the average man it does not make very much difference what political party is in power. Naturally we all want to see the government of the country well administered; but when it comes to the practical question of putting three square meals upon the table every day, what is ordinarily called politics does not count for much. And yet grave economic questions are treated as simply of passing interest because they may be used as a means of turning an election contest. Men dilate upon the advantages of protection or its disadvantages, as the case may be, upon the benefits or disadvantages of free trade, of the effects of the British preference, of the possibilities of inter-imperial preference, of the desirability of inter-imperial free trade, of the effects of reciprocity or of the treaty with France, of the influence of the banking law and so on, and think they have done the subject full justice, if they have used a sufficient number of high-sounding adjectives, made a sufficient number of thrilling appeals to the passions and paraded their so-called loyalty or their alleged Canadianism, so as to make themselves seem just a little better than some one else. And yet very few of such people know even the rudiments of the subjects about which they talk. Perusal of Mr. Harpell's work would do such people much good. The time has come in Canada when we should as far as possible dissociate politics and what passes for patriotism from the discussion of economic questions, and the general perusal of "Canadian National Economy" would have a strong influence in that direction.

The Vancouver Branch of the Vancouver Island Development League has acted very promptly upon the suggestion in yesterday's Colonist as to the "round drive."

The Colonist is charged with saying that "by selling his goods across the line to his neighbor the Canadian will injure himself and his country." Time and place, please, when this astounding statement or anything like it was ever made in the Colonist.

We mention the discussion in the Senate over the proposal that the wives of Chinamen should be admitted into Canada without paying a

head tax, and we may add that Sir Richard Cartwright stated some days afterwards that it was not the intention of the government to recommend a change in the law on the subject.

The Newcastle Daily Chronicle fears that if the British forces are withdrawn from Canada the United States will possess the whole country from Alaska to Winnipeg. Will the Chronicle please follow up this interesting information by telling just where in Canada British forces are at this time stationed? Of course we mean British in the sense of forces kept in this country by the British government.

We mentioned some time ago the rumor that Mr. David Lloyd George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, might be compelled to retire from office because of ill health, and the report has been revived with much appearance of probability. However much any one may be opposed to the methods of finance favored by Mr. George, every one will wish that his retirement from public life might be due to some other cause. Personally he is said to be of an exceedingly likeable disposition.

The Lower House of the legislature of the Bahamas has passed unanimously a resolution favoring the annexation of that group of islands to Canada. The Bahamas number twenty islands that are inhabited and more lands than any one has yet taken the trouble to count. Their united area is 5,784 square miles and the population is about 30,000, mostly of African descent. They are fertile but not very well developed. The government consists of a governor, nine executive councillors, nine Legislative Councillors and twenty-nine members of the Legislature. We are not quite sure what Canada will do with the Bahamas if she gets them, but you never can tell, and we are disposed to favor their annexation.

The forty-first annual report of the Royal Bank of Canada, as printed in pamphlet, fills about 80 pages, for it includes not only the statistics and other information bearing upon the business of that bank, but a considerable volume of useful information compiled in convenient form. There are also pictures of the bank's premises in various cities and a map of the Prairie Provinces brought down to date. We have not recently seen a more useful compilation of general information. The financial showing of the bank itself is very satisfactory. Its liability to the public is \$72,079,607.37; its assets are \$92,510,246.95. In the above liabilities the note circulation of \$5,025,890.24 and amounts due agencies, totalling at \$847,305.76 are not included. The paid-up capital is \$5,200,000 and the reserve fund is \$7,000,000. It may interest the general reader to know what amount of cash a bank keeps on hand, and as in this respect the Royal is representative, it may be mentioned that it had when the report was made up \$4,141,664.66 in gold and silver and \$5,580,488.26 in Dominion government notes, which two sums, as will be seen, are more than double the amount of the circulation of the bank's notes. The circulation of a bank is therefore only a small part of which it does business on, and this is because by far the greater part of any banking business is carried on without the actual passing of money or bank notes, but by transfers of credits.

BATTLE WITH BANDITS

Two Members of Gang who Raided Postoffice in Ohio Town Wounded by Officers

COLUMBUS, O., March 23.—The safe in the postoffice at Gahanna, ten miles northwest of Columbus, was blown up soon after midnight, and in the fight that followed between deputies and citizens, led by Mayor W. P. Dawson, and the five robbers, two of the latter were wounded. The robbers took refuge in the barn of Daniel Ogden, where they were surrounded and subjected to a steady fire.

The robbery was expected by Postmaster B. H. Starr, at whose request Mayor Dawson called on Sheriff Sertain and Chief of Police Porter. The Chief of police sent five deputies. The postmaster removed most of his stamps and valuables from the safe, so that there was little to be obtained when the raid was made. At 2 o'clock word was received that the robbers had escaped.

New York Senatorship
ALBANY, N. Y., March 23.—Without opposition or debate, the Democratic members of the legislature, at a conference this afternoon voted to hold another caucus Monday to select a candidate for United States senator. The insurgents joined the regulars in the conference which lasted but a few minutes. This fact tended to strengthen the belief expressed by many that William D. Sheehan, the present caucus candidate, has been practically eliminated despite vigorous denials by his friends.

Toronto to Edmonton
TORONTO, March 23.—The first Grand Trunk Pacific train to leave Toronto for Edmonton via Chicago will leave on April 4.

USE YOUR EYES!

YOU WILL ALWAYS FIND ECLIPSING VALUES HERE.

Yes, use your eyes, that is what they are for—to be used; but use them right, if you don't you may get fooled. When shopping use your eyes well, look into every article carefully. The first look at an article may look good to you, but when you have it home, well—it looks different. The truth of the matter is, it wasn't the article that caught your eye, it was the small price; but on second thought you would have rather paid a little more and got something that not only looks good, but is of the highest quality and will last for many years. No matter what your wants may be, you will be compelled to acknowledge the prices we quote do not represent the real value.

Special Values in Dinner Sets

See a Few of These at These Prices. We Know You Will Appreciate the Values

We are today offering a few dinner sets of excellent quality, at rather surprisingly special prices. They are unbeatable for the dinner table, and a set at these prices will be a great saving to you later on. The pretty designs on these Dinner Sets are very inviting, and we are pretty sure that we have one here that will suit you in style and price. If you really are in need of a Dinner Set, take our tip and see these early this morning.

98-PIECE DINNER SET
\$12.50

98-Piece Semi-Porcelain Dinner Set, with design wreaths of roses with gold edge, also in floral designs, also in white and gold, consisting of 12 dinner plates, 12 dessert plates, 12 soup plates, 12 butter pads, 12 fruit saucers, 12 teacups and saucers, 3 meat dishes, 2 covered vegetable dishes, 2 bakers, 1 sauceboat, 1 sugar bowl, 1 cream pitcher, 1 slop bowl. Per set \$12.50

97-PIECE DINNER SET
\$16.00

97-Piece Semi-Porcelain Dinner Set, in beautiful art designs with green floral wreaths and gold edge on handles, consisting of 12 dinner plates, 12 soup plates, 12 dessert plates, 12 bread-and-butter plates, 12 fruit plates, 12 teacups and saucers, 2 covered vegetable dishes, 2 bakers, 3 meat dishes, 2 sauce boats, 1 cream, 1 slop bowl, also a 97-piece Dinner Set, with beautiful key border and gold, in semi-porcelain, consisting of same articles as the set above \$16.00

95-PIECE DINNER SET
\$20.00

95 Large Piece Semi-Porcelain Dinner Set, with neat green leaf border and gold line, also in neat green and pink floral designs with gold lines, beautiful combination, consisting of 12 meat plates, 12 dessert plates, 12 bread-and-butters, 12 soup plates, 12 cups and saucers, 3 covered dishes, 1 soup tureen, 2 bakers, 1 sauce tureen, 2 sauce boats, 1 cream pitcher, 1 slop bowl, 4 meat dishes \$20.00

113-PIECE DINNER SET—\$18.00

113-Piece Carlsbad China Dinner Set. This beautiful dinner set ranks as one of the highest values. We know of nothing to equal it at the price offered. A rich, glossy surface decorated with dainty pink roses in green foliage, makes this a set to grace any table. Edges are scalloped in gold outline, handles decorated in gold. The lasting color and beauty of the decorations is insured by thorough baking at the potteries. This style is composed of 12 meat plates, 12 soup plates, 12 dessert plates, 12 bread-and-butter plates, 12 fruit saucers, 12 individual butter dishes, 12 teacups and saucers, 2 sauce boats, 2 covered vegetable dishes, 2 bakers, 3 meat dishes, 1 sugar bowl, 1 cream pitcher, 1 slop bowl. We have this also in blue forget-me-not. THIS IS SPECIAL VALUE at \$18.00

112-PIECE DINNER SET—\$20.00

112-Piece Dinner Set, in white and gold or neat small moss rose. This set consists of 12 dinner plates, 12 dessert plates, 12 bread-and-butter plates, 12 soup plates (French), 12 butter pads, 12 fruit saucers, 12 teacups and saucers, 2 meat dishes, 1 baker, 1 pickle dish, 1 butter dish, 1 sauce boat, 2 covered vegetable dishes, 1 covered sugar, 1 cream jug \$20.00

109-PIECE DINNER SET \$27.50

109-Piece Austrian China Dinner Set, with green leaf design and gilt edge. Exceptionally high class. Great value \$27.50

95-PIECE DINNER SET \$20.00

95-Piece Semi - Porcelain Dinner Set, with green and gold border. This is a very reasonably priced set at \$20.00

These Tea Sets in Our Government St. Windows

Are Exceptionally Good Value



Among the Housekeeping Things

So many of you young people are about to join the army of housekeepers, that we cannot refrain from giving you a bit of advice and that is:

BUY THE BEST

The initial cost may be a trifle more but the best will be found the cheapest in the end.

You don't expect to keep house only a few months—you expect it's a matter of a lifetime. Then buy the best of housekeeping utensils.

We make "quality" the standard by which everything is measured and squeeze the price down to the point where it is false economy to buy trash.

If you doubt it, come in and we will show you.

This Morning at 9 a.m.

We are showing some beautiful Tea Sets in our Government Street windows. This is a chance for you to get something really classic at a reduced price. Some of these sets have a cup missing or a saucer etc., and "we have made the prices much smaller than the pieces that are broken." See these beautiful Tea Sets—you will never get a chance like it again. They are of the best quality, at wonderfully low prices. Come this morning if you want one. You'll see them in our window.

40-Piece Tea Set, Balmoral china—One teacup short. Beautiful school of art design. Special price, per set \$8.00

40-Piece Tea Set, Aynsleys China—2 teacups short. Floral design. Special price \$30.00

40-Piece Tea Set, Aynsleys China—1 teacup short. Floral design, with blue border. Special price \$27.50

20-Piece Tea Set, Aynsleys China—5 teacups, 5 saucers, 6 plates, 2 bread-and-butter plates, 1 jug, 1 bowl, with green and gold border. Special price \$12.00

40-Piece Tea Set, Aynsleys China—1 teacup short. Small floral design with brown border. Special price \$22.50

40-Piece Tea Set, Wedgwood China—2 teacups short. Blue and white, magnificent designs. Special price \$13.00

40-Piece Tea Set, English China—1 jug short. Design pink roses and gold border. Special price, per set \$8.00

19-Piece Tea Set, in beautiful floral design, with tints of blue. Special price \$4.25



You Don't Have To Give Up Coffee

If coffee disagrees with you perhaps it's because your cook makes it in an ordinary coffee pot, and serves you with a caffeine and tannic acid concoction.

Before giving up your favorite breakfast drink in despair buy a

COFFEE PERCOLATOR

and have a cup of coffee with all the caffeine and tannic acid eliminated.

We will guarantee that you will have no further desire to discontinue coffee drinking.

Come in and have the Percolator explained.

A SHIPMENT OF NEW ENGLISH FIRE SUITES HAS JUST ARRIVED. THESE ARE FROM THE LEADING FACTORIES. THEIR EQUAL HAS NEVER BEEN SEEN IN THIS CITY.

New Arrival of Lamps

We have some beautiful designs in Banquet Lamps for the table. These are unequalled. This is the time of the year to buy these lamps. You will be pleased with the fine variety we have ready for you—\$8.00, \$7.50, \$4.00 and \$2.50.

We have just received a large shipment of the famous Angle Lamp. We will be pleased to demonstrate these to you. Fine lamps for the country home.

Order
Your Goods
By Mail

WEILER BROS

Ladies!
Use the
Rest Room
2nd Floor

THE BEA

Much of the force of the New Testament is too liberal a meaning seeking to discover something that bears out the exact which the context shows. The Oriental mind is a people of North imagery and delights in thousands of people to be attributed to Jesus as the by a Twentieth Century party of his contemporaries there are many who loathe the language and form by Jesus were in keeping he lived and the manner whom they were spoken think the matter over that these teachings moral and personal color value at all. Nor are plain the teachings of the full of the circumstances were spoken, and yet a factor in the case, who the meaning of what is

Take the Beatitudes is the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th verses of chapter V. of St. Matthew. The merits are the first record of Jesus as a teacher. of the famous Sermon discussion has arisen of that they are not born of everyday life. To be little nowadays and new of the earth, and to be understand the express subject of contempt. not always comforted always obtain mercy. that these Beatitudes ally. All through the find this use of figurative read: "If thy enemy thirst, give him drink shalt heap coals of fire heap coals of fire upon cause intense suffering not given as a means to those who oppose a "Give to him that asks that would borrow away"; but no one sup means that we should gained by our own who says he wants it do not agree with a while thou art in the be cast into prison and have paid "the utter we are told to take but experience shows bane of human existence show that if we inter literally and live a certainly not be worth attempted to do what take the statements re them, as the words of Orientals, and seek to we shall find them to

The circumstances tudes were uttered we "Jesus went about all synagogues and preaching kingdom and healing and all manner of discourse Very naturally "this is Jordan." These people for the sake of receiving They regarded Him, er, but as one who ancient glory of the chooses to give his up a mental picture gathered from distant other, some who had performed, others who hearsay, some who Roman rule, others who regard to places that in the new kingdom, that they might be probably inspired by curiosity. People nina a good deal like they allowance for their bringing, we will have neither better nor worse When we look upon a church and see picture the characters of are apt to get the idea they were very different most people have for them not from picture manner in which they referred to from the just like we are, and Jesus were just the follow a popular lead this point must not be appreciate the circumstance Sermon on the Mount largely animated by revolution was about These considerations some idea of the circle the Beatitudes were that Jesus wished to