ing water-gap between Key West and Havana is to be covered by what is

the remarks of Mr. A. W. Donly, at the meeting of the Board of Trade yesterday, in regard to Mexico and the openings in trade there, were ex-ceedingly interesting. Mr. Donly knows his subject well and expresses himself with a great deal of clearness. Mexico as he sees it, is a land of very

and a director of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company, who has lately been visiting Canada. Mr. Smithers regards the transcontinental as almost essential to the prosperity of the first named company, which he points out, is at a great disadvantage as compared with the Canadian Pacific, owing to the fact that the latter has a through line to this coast. But, we quote:

The Grand Trunk Railway of Canada is now endeavoring to follow suit, and with the help of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway it hopes some day to reach Prince Rupert, which is to be a new Grand Trunk port upon the shores of the Pacific. The fact seems tolerably established that the well-nigh impossible in the great cen-

the line which will pass through this press,

MR. LEMIEUX'S MISSION

In view of the aforegoing, who shall say that it is out of the question for Victoria to think of becoming a great railway terminal? There is no great realm of commerce to which Cuba is a stepping stone, as Vancouver Island is to the commerce of the Pacific Ocean.

OCEAN.

We summarize the views expressed by representative papers in Japan in regard to Mr. Lemieux's mission. On the will have no very serious difficulty in affecting an arrangement that will lead to restriction of immigration from that country to very narrow limits. The papers seem to think that there is dead to restriction of immigration from the province of Nova Scotia, reported in our relegrance columns to the effect that the pagers seem to think that there is a sprate deal of work in British Column in the head tax upon Chinamen is only recoverable by a court action, and insert the head tax upon Chinamen is only recoverable by a court action, and insert the head tax upon Chinamen is only recoverable by a court action, and insert the head tax upon Chinamen is only recoverable by a court action, and insert the head tax upon Chinamen is only recoverable by a court action, and insert the head tax upon Chinamen is only recoverable by a court action, and insert the head tax upon Chinamen is only recoverable by a court action, and insert the head tax upon Chinamen is only recoverable by a court action, and insert the head tax upon Chinamen is only recoverable by a court action, and insert the head tax upon Chinamen is only recoverable by a court and the case and the fact that they were liable to imprisonment would have a chance to learn a limb part of the work required in this country, but because they cannot or will not would thave a chance to learn a limb part of the would think it even better the would have a chance to learn a limb part of the would thank it even better the about our speech and methods of work, he would think it even better the about our speech and methods of work, he would think it even better the proposition was first that down, and about our speech and methods of work, he would think it even better the country. We disputed this when the proposition was first the dependent of the country will be compared to the proposition will be compared to the proposition will be considered to the country of the country will be considered to the country of the country will be considered to the country of the country

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IMMIGRATION INVESTIGATION

rapidly drawing near.

A few days ago our esteemed evening contemporary told its readers that the provincial government went to a very great deal of needless expense in securing the services of Mr. Charles Wilson to represent the prov-ince at the investigation made by Mr. Mackenzie King. Several things sug-gested themselves at the time, which

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

that is politically speaking, is trust to carry out the programme which he has outlined, and we ques-tion if there is another, who has suf-ficient courage and singleness of purpose to endeavor honestly to do so

> Australia wants British Columbia apples. So does New Zealand. So does Mexico. Let us all get in and raise apples.

China wishes to put up the bars against the foreigners. It is too late. But she intends to struggle a bit be-fore accepting the inevitable.

An unpleasant feature about the present financial crisis in the United States is the fact that in many in-stances it has been discovered that banks suspending payment did so after opportunity had been given favor ed depositors to withdraw This sort of thing i calculated to assist in a speedy res-oration of public confidence.

Work is to be resumed at the Grandmines; the output of ore is to be ceased and the capacity of the smelters to be enlarged. This is in part due to a belief that the price of c will remain steady at 12 cents and upwards, but chiefly because the men have resolved to accept a lower rate of wage than they have been receiving. This is very satisfactory news.

mankind has found that the novelty is wearing off its latest playthings—dirigible balloons and wireless telegraphy—an inventor arises and announces that he will soon flash pletures across the sea. His idea briefly explained in a recent special cablegram from Paris, as follows: "Edouard Belin, the young French inventor, who has given numerous suc cessful demonstrations of his of telephotography, told the prrespondent this afternoon that he was preparing an improvement to his apparatus which will permit him to telegraph pictures by means of ordintelegraph pictures by means of ordin-ary submarine cable from Paris to New York. Belin says he expects to be able to give the first demonstrati next spring.

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