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RAILWAY MEASURES

The promise made by Mr. McBride previous to the last general election for the legislature that if he was again entrusted with the administration of the affairs of the province, he would inaugurate and carry out a railway policy that would be in keeping with the requirements and potentialities of British Columbia, has for a second time been shown to be much more than a mere election cry.

The aid to the Canadian Northern Pacific to secure the construction of an additional mileage of 150 miles on Vancouver Island is to be understood only as a second instalment of the government policy in respect to Island development by means of the Canadian Northern interests.

It is interesting to know that the E. & N. railway is to be leased to the Canadian Pacific. The great transcontinental road operates a very considerable part of its eastern mileage under lease.

The railway policy of the government as presented during the present session does not provide for an all-rail connection with the mainland by way of Seymour Narrows, but it is not to be supposed from this that this great work has been postponed.

ditional importance, and we have not the slightest hesitation in saying that at a very early day the Dominion government will be asked to co-operate with the province in making possible this great work.

The completion of the Kettle River Valley railway, by the construction of a line from Coldwater Junction to Hope, and the bridging of the Fraser to afford connection with the Canadian Pacific, is a project the full meaning of which may not be apparent at first sight.

Those who know the enterprise of the heads of the Canadian Northern did not imagine for a moment that they would be content to leave a rich region south of the main line of the Canadian Pacific in this province uninvaded.

The construction of the railway from Howe Sound to Fort George may be regarded as the inception of a fourth transcontinental railway differing from its predecessors in having its beginning on the Pacific Coast.

River and later into the Prairie Country. This new enterprise, associated with which are men of great financial strength, will give Victoria, New Westminster and Vancouver direct connection with the East by way of the Grand Trunk Pacific, but the project is of too great importance of itself to become simply a branch of an existing system.

The agreement with the Canadian Pacific for the taking over of the Kealo & Slocan railway from the Great Northern, its standardization and its operation as a part of the C. P. R. system will mean a very great deal to the people resident in the localities served by it.

A new bullet is to be issued to be used in the Ross rifle. It is "needle-pointed," and its velocity will be 2,700 feet per second. Its trajectory will be so low that it will not rise above the height of a man in 400 yards.

The Ontario government is going to spend \$5,000,000 on the colonization and development of what is known as New Ontario. It will be money well spent.

Applicants for positions on the staff of Hansard at Ottawa are required to write essays on such subjects as "The Follies of Fashion," "The Great Snowstorm," "Bicycling," "The Boy Scouts" and "The First Money I Ever Earned."

Toronto and Hamilton are at odds as to where a "magnificent memorial" of Canadian victories in the war of 1812 should be erected. Why erect one anywhere? A memorial, however "magnificent," would be a local thing that would not tend in the least to build up Canadian sentiment.

The story that comes from Persia to the effect that Mr. Shuster's accounts disclose serious irregularities is rather unfortunate, even if it proves to be without foundation. The cardinal principle of British political agents in semi-civilized lands has been to adhere closely to honorable practices.

There appears to be an unwillingness in certain continental quarters to see Great Britain and Germany come to an understanding. We can understand this. The Continental system rests largely upon the necessity of maintaining great armed forces always in readiness for conflict.

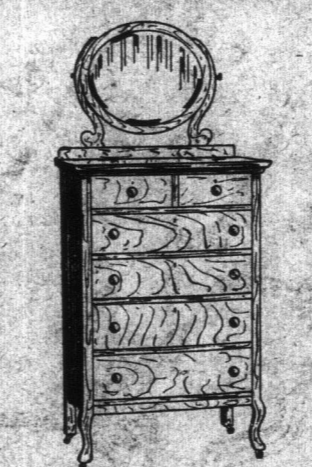


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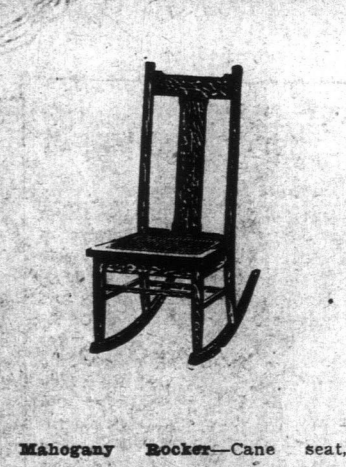
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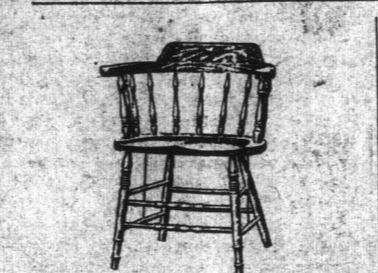


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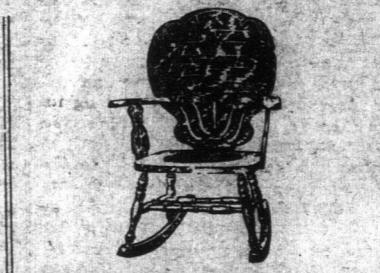
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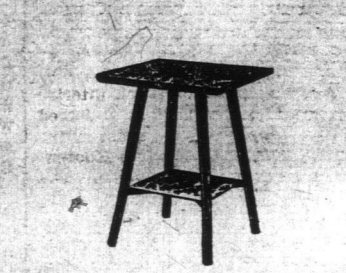
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