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"But," you say, "what proof have we that your proposition is a tenable hypothesis?" In answer I would say, two proofs at least, and perhaps more: First, the three metals mentioned are the heaviest known substances compared bulk for bulk. This being the case, they would be naturally attracted to the centre of our planet. "In the beginning," as Moses would say, the earth was liquid, if not gaseous. In either case the heavy metals mentioned were held in solution. By gradual condensation the metals settled to the centre. Iridium first (with the proviso above mentioned), platinum next, gold last.

Ages ago, when the crust of the earth was thin—very thin—all the gold now known was vomited out in volcanic eruptions. This last mentioned fact is the second reason for believing that our globe has a golden centre core woven around a nucleus of iridium and platinum. A third reason for believing that there is gold at the centre is this: The earth as a whole weighs five times as much as a globe of water of the same bulk, while the rocks forming the same outer crust are less than three times as heavy as water.—*Ex.*

It is estimated that shipments of stock from Manitoba to the Old Country during the past three months have netted about \$340,000.

At the annual meeting of the Victoria Board of Fire Underwriters, held at the office of Messrs. Robert Ward & Co., Limited, the report presented showed that the year had been an unprofitable one. The executive committee was elected as follows: H. F. Heisterman, J. C. MacLure, Richard Hall, J. St. Clair Blackett and R. S. Day.

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