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## NOTES and QUESTIONS

IN THESE DAYS WHEN THE MATERIAL PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY inseparable from a city with the location and natural advantages of Vancouver are being increasingly evidenced by arrangements for harbour improvements, additional elevator accommodation, bridge building, industrial development, etc., it has been outstandingly clear that in other ways—in matters affecting "social, educational, literary and religious," and also imperial affairs, this perennial port of the Dominion is to be so favored that if it suffers at all, it will be from an embarrassment of riches.

LEADERS IN EVERY LINE OF ACTIVITY pass through Vancouver or make it their turning point. The repeated opportunities which came practically together this month, of hearing such men as Sir Henry Newbolt, "distinguished English poet and scholar," and Dr. John R. Mott, general secretary of the International Committee of Y. M. C. A. of New York, one of the world leaders of thought, must have emphasized the privileges assured the residents of the terminal city and its neighbourhood.

DR. MOTT'S ADDRESS AT THE HOTEL VANCOUVER was most thought-provoking and masterly, and in effectiveness his delivery was in keeping with his subject. He spoke for over an hour, yet that address was followed by others on the same day—one to members and friends of the Ministerial Association and another in the Y. M. C. A. in the evening. Athrill with earnestness himself, and with wide vision and a dominant Christian spirit permeating all his addresses, Dr. Mott is an outstanding man among men, and his service to the cause of individual and social righteousness cannot well be overestimated. His visit to Vancouver was all too short, and we hope he may come again ere long.

"EVERYBODY KNOWS" THAT OF LATE BUSINESS HAS BEEN SLOW and money "tight," but we should be glad to see a revival of the attempt to secure and finish the Y. M. C. A. building on Georgia Street as one result following Dr. Mott's visit. It is an unhappy reflection on this community that the erection of such a building should have been abandoned. Are there not "moneyed men" enough in all the Church Denominations—or in none—with interest enough in the growing life and future citizenship of Vancouver to take up this interrupted project and invest money and business management sufficient to ensure its successful completion—even yet?

QUESTIONING THINGS MAY BE SAID ABOUT "DRIVES" GENERALLY, and perhaps about the supplementary management of one concerned with this institution, but such an unqualifiedly useful organization as the Y. M. C. A. should not be penalized for years for the mistake (if such there was) of any one man or board of men; or for the

failure of various people who may have been more ready to promise than able afterwards to perform.

IF ANY FRIENDS OF THE B. C. M. OR OF THE Y. M. C. A. can suggest any way in which this magazine could help towards a revival of interest and activity in connection with the new building, we shall be pleased to hear from them.

THERE ARE A FEW OTHER UNFINISHED BUILDINGS IN VANCOUVER—such as the large building on Burrard Street at Dunsmuir and the triangle at English Bay—which we should like to see completed or "cleaned up" in one way or another—for the credit and appearance of the city.

SIR HENRY NEWBOLT'S ADDRESS, following the luncheon "under the auspices of the Local Committee of the National Council of Education, co-operating with the local organizations," was one of those imperially-flavored literary treats which cannot be other than an inspiration to members of the British race in the outlying parts of the Empire. In saying this, of course, we do not mean to imply that distance from the British Isles need involve less knowledge of, or interest in, our distinctive inheritance as British Empire Citizens.

WHAT CANADA GREATLY NEEDS IN THESE DAYS is an apostle of—or for—the Canadian Dominion who will present fairly to citizens of Britain itself the opportunities that Canada as a whole, and Western Canada particularly, offers to industrious, enterprising and adaptable "settlers" from the Homelands.

LORD ROSEBERY, AS AN OFFICIAL APOSTLE OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE, in former decades, by his addresses to students and others, has probably been a real influence in the lives of many Scotsmen who, remembering that "Home-keeping youth have ever homely wit," and inspired by the lure of adventuring into far-flung lands, already peopled, however sparsely, by pioneers of British and kindred stock, have gone forth to found homes, and perchance make their mark, or at least do their "day's work" in new "settlements" ultimately destined to rival the centre of Empire itself.

WE HOPE THERE ARE STILL AT WORK APOSTLES OF EMPIRE in Scotland with Rosebery-like literary and oratorical gifts, and that men like Sir Henry Newbolt, a clear-cut speaker of excellent taste and a gallant English gentleman, will carry news and views of Canada to the people in the big centres of Britain that will lead many of them to make intelligent investigation and practical preparation with a view to transferring their domicile to this Dominion.