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EDITORIAL NOTES

A VISIT TO VICTORIA in May must impress any impartial person with the fact that the Capital City of British Columbia is one of which every Western Canadian may reasonably be proud. If the main thoroughfares are less congested with traffic than those of the mainland terminal city of Vancouver, one soon gathers that in Victoria, as elsewhere, crowded days and evenings of social and community interest need never be lacking to those actively concerned in life and work.

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THE DISPOSITION IN BUSINESS CIRCLES to be in some measure insularly exclusive, which Victoria's history and location alike explain—does not obtain in other quarters. One evening recently the Victoria Kiwanis Club entertained—or rather were entertained by a contingent about seventy strong, from Vancouver Club, and Mr. Roy Long, Barrister, First President of the Vancouver Club, gave an address which was a credit to himself and an inspiration to the large Company representing both Clubs.

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THE NEXT EVENING a meeting of non-concurring Presbyterians and a lecture on Wembley Exhibition vied in attractiveness. The "Star" speaker at the Anti-Union Meeting was the present Attorney General of British Columbia, Hon. Mr. Manson, and of his attitude to this question, or to the British Columbia Legislature's treatment thereof, more is sure to be heard. Messrs. Douglas and Thompson, Ministers, were the speakers from the Mainland. The meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church of which Dr. Leslie Clay is the pastor. The lecturer on Wembley had many fine slides to which however the lantern focussing did not do justice.

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REV. DR. JOHN CAMPBELL, formerly of First Presbyterian Church, Victoria, is one of those picturesque pioneer figures who radiate geniality. Apart from a pleasant experience at this time with Dr. Campbell and his household, the editor of this Magazine welcomes an opportunity to pay tribute to this gallant and gracious gentleman; for not once or twice merely, but on many occasions throughout these fourteen years have we received kindly and encouraging letters from him, letters bearing on the work of this magazine of which he has been during that period an attentive subscriber and complimentary reviewer. Among other things it was interesting to meet a son of this relative of "Sir Colin," who had done well his part in the recent world war, as not a few military awards demonstrated.

Dr. Campbell carries his four score years well, and is blessed with the caretaking companionship of Mrs. Campbell.

THE PRESENT MINISTER of "First Church," Victoria, is Dr. Wilson, brother of Dr. R. J. Wilson, formerly of Vancouver, and it was notable that in these dividing days he ministers to a fairly large congregation.

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TO DR. CLEM DAVIES of the "City Temple," (as the theatre used as a place of worship is called), however, there seems to have been given what—if it be continued—is no insignificant opportunity to influence the life, especially the young life, of the Capital City. It may be that the novelty and unconventionality of the meeting place attract some, but the crowd was there.

"What are you worth?" was the preacher's sermon topic on the evening of our attendance and for well-reasoned applications and happy illustrations, his discourse was in every way commendable. The congregational singing was hearty and the selection and arrangement of the music in Hymns, Psalter, etc., rather suggested the Anglican form—which, more wisely than other denominations perhaps, more frequently involves the Congregation with the choir.

From a reference of his own—to the years he had been preaching—Pastor Davies must be at least well on in the "thirties," but he looks younger. If he and those associated with him can arrange to secure a "City Temple Building" of their own in which to maintain and sustain such work, their church may well be a lasting influence.

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OF ONE CABINET MINISTER (Hon. D. T. Pattullo) of whom we had more than a glimpse at this visit, and a copy of whose timely address on Timber values we had had satisfaction in passing for publication before we went to Victoria, we find the following was noted in this column over two years ago:

"THE MINISTER OF LANDS in the Provincial Cabinet had an opportunity at that Board of Trade function (in December, 1922), of which he took good advantage. If fuller light was given on the whole policy of his department, new light may also have been given on Hon. Mr. Pattullo himself. Probably the non-partizan and friendly attitude and atmosphere of the meeting had something to do with it, but at any rate the dapper little gentleman who for six years now has served British Columbia through its Lands Department, spoke for three-quarters of an hour in such a way as must have demonstrated to the open-minded that he had been "on the job" and was fairly well up-to-date in his knowledge of its problems and possibilities."

On this occasion we were interested to find that, when publicity business was mentioned to him, a scriptural quotation came readily from his lips. As we have attended to our part of the injunction, we trust that HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES IN ALL DEPARTMENTS will as plainly practise their part.

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FOR WE NEED NOT HESITATE to publish that, after arranging for Victoria and Vancouver Island representatives, and making the acquaintance of a number of business leaders, one purpose of the editor in making calls on government officials at Victoria was to look the responsible men in the face and make clear to them that this Magazine is here TO SERVE BRITISH COLUMBIA. For fourteen years we have been working towards that end, and all along we have made no secret that this Magazine is for BRITISH COLUMBIA FIRST, and that it is ready to support men, regardless of party, who demonstrate that they have the common weal at heart.

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BY THE PICTURE ON THE COVER of this issue we are pleased to pay tribute to the beauty and the grandeur of the Provincial Parliament Building, whether or not Vancouver Island is ever connected by rail with the Mainland of British Columbia, these Buildings are themselves an asset to the City of Victoria which should make it a port of call to all interested in the Canadian West.

As one admires the beauty of the frontage with the flower beds laid out so arrestingly, one need not be an ancient philosopher to ponder on the varied types of humanity who daily pass into and out of these spacious offices. First, no doubt, from the point of view of lasting utility, should be considered the members of the "permanent staff" of the Civil Service—men who compare provincially with those in the Imperial Government staffs whom such an eminent Statesman and Empire-builder as Lord Rosebery held would continue to run the British Empire not less effectively if all the Parliamentary "Heads" (however worthy and notable) were given such an Empire-touring holiday as we bespoke some months ago for Premier Baldwin and the members of his Cabinet.

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AMPLE EVIDENCE THAT MANY PUBLIC SERVANTS and some Empire-builders of note have already come and gone in this British Farthest West is provided in the Parliament Buildings. The Provincial Library is itself a veritable

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