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THE GENERAL OUTLOOK

The elections are only two weeks away, and it ought to be possible to reach some general idea of how they are likely to go. In Victoria the promises of Conservative success are excellent. Mr. Barnard is making an excellent canvass and his frank and excellent canvass, and his frank and manly treatment of every question submitted to him is in striking contrast to the course pursued by his opent, who, after having promised to ponent, who, after having premised explain everything, has explained nothing. The Times attempts to make a great point out of the so-called "secret agreement." Mr. Barnard met this man-fashion and in a manner which completely satisfied those who which completely satisfied those who heard him. It is true that the agreement has nothing whatever to do with Dominion politics, and if Mr. Barnard had seen fit to ignore it, no one would have had any just right to complain, but in a manly way, and one that is quite characteristic, he has taken the electorate fully into his confidence. By so doing he has gained far more votes than the Times can hope to take from so doing he has gained far more votes than the Times can hope to take from him by misrepresenting his conduct and his intentions. The prospect for Mr. Barnard's election are first class, and if he continues to gain as he has, between now and election day, Mr.

Section of this valuable reasoned. The Tronton News prints the following and the section of this valuable reasoned the transfer of the same of the section of the same of the section of the same of the section of the same o

The News anticipates that Prince
Edward Island will go solidly congrowth of the State of the S quite a national appellation to be given to the valley of the St. Lawrence, which is par emphasis, the great valley of the Atlantic coast.

Let us take another familiar name. Esquimalt. There are residents of Victoria who pronounce this name as though it were a form of the word Eskimo, and Mr. Phillips-Wolley in his poem "The Sea Queen Wakes," gives it this value by robbing the second syllable of its accent. This sort of thing is allowable to poets. The master of them all, Shakespeare, in his play "Cortolanus," compels his readers to accent the name at one time on the first and at another on the second syllable, if they would observe the metre. The earliest reference we have seen to Esquimalt, as we call it now, is in a paper by Sir James Douglas, and the name is there written Isthoymalt. Clearly Governor Douglas intended to write a word accented on the second syllable. The transition from "th" to "q" would be easy and Let us take another familiar name,

bull's eye.
Another instance is that of Tacoma Now Tacoma is not Indian; it is not even near-Indian. It is a bad attempt to spell a name, which has been better reproduced, though not correctly, in Yakima. Indeed in nearly all our names of Indian origin we have drifted very far away from the originals. About twenty years ago an effort was made in the schools of Eastern Canada to introduce the practice of pronouncing Manitoba with a pronounced accent on the last syllable, but it hap pily failed. Can any one tell us what

About fifteen years ago a person acting for the Standard Oil Company wrote to Ottawa asking to be informed if the Geological Survey had any reliable information relating to the occurrence of petroleum in Canada. The letter brought forth a number of reports and a reply. The latter stated

nand eighteen years.

Nothing can be more convincing than these figures of the necessity for the adoption of a policy of forest conservation in Canada.

natural, and possibly may be more nearly correct in sound than the governor's spelling. It must be remembered that we cannot exactly reproduce Indian sounds with English letters. If you want any proof on that score, get some one who speaks Tsimpsean to tell you the name of Kalen Island, and see how near you can come to spelling it. Kalen is a shot at it, but is a long way from the bull's eye.

Another instance is that of Tacoma. Now Tacoma is not Indian: it is not to all parts of the Empire. There are places where the Oriental seems not only to be welcome enough, but the only colonist who can meet certain essential requirements. There are places where the Oriental seems not only to be welcome enough, but the only colonist who can meet and his presence is mischievous. It seems reasonable that some general conclusion shall be reached as to what shall be closed. The question of Imperial defence is also one that is pressing for solution, and it is being forced to the front by the recent action of to the front by the recent action of Australia. There are certainly many things which such a council as that proposed by Col. Seeley could discuss

profitably.

The development of inter-imperial commerce is also of prime importance We never have taken the position that We never have taken the position that Imperial trade preference is essential to Imperial solidarity, for we have always realized the possibility that, in any attempt to adjust the various tariffs to each other difficulties might arise, which would have a tendency to drive the different dominions apart. We do not think that this must necessarily be the case, but it is a contingency that must be kept in mind. Yet inter-imperial trade is not dependent upon a preference. Such an arrangement, if it can be reached, will vastly benefit such trade; but a will vastly benefit such trade; but a great commerce can be built up with-out it, and a Colonial Chamber of Commerce and Exchange in London upon which it purposes erecting Commerce and Exchange in London would be a potent factor in promoting it. One of the primary requirements of the Empire is that the people of its constituent parts should know more about each other's requirements and each other's products. The appointment of representatives of the British Board of Trade will be productive of admirable results in this direction and the institution of such a chamber would have a potent influence in the same line.

Under the further costing in the neighborhood of half a million dollars. This is all the more significant in view of the fact that for some time there has been little activity in real estate in the prairie capital.

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AN INTERESTING SITUATION.

and if he continues to gain as he has, between now and election day, Mr. Templeman will be left so far in the rear that he will think that he is back in the old days, when he went up like a lamb to the slaughter on divers occasions.

The outlook in the East is very satisfactory. It may be remembered that a statement was attributed to Mr. Brodeur as to the vital necessity of the government losing no seats in Quebec, and afterwards denied. The Toronto News prints the following which seems to be conclusive:

Recently Mr. Brodeur attended a Liberal meeting in Soulanges county.

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terprising farmers of that district de-serve to capture some of the prizes, and we have every confidence that they will.

Mr. Wilbur Wright, the aeroplanist has taken a woman passenger on a short trip. Some cynics have always ntended that the fair six was flighty.

A Winnipeg despatch states that every C.P.R. employee who went on strike will have his position back and that most of them are now at thei old jobs. "All's well that ends well. It is very satisfactory to find that the company has displayed such a com-mendable spirit of generosity in the

What is termed "The Society White Pioneers" has been formed in Prince Rupert for the purpose of combatting any movement tending to introduce Asiatic labor into that sec of the movement are undoubtedly accord with the sentiment held by the majority of the people of this province.

One of the notable signs of return ing prosperity to the Canadian West is contained in the announcement that the Bank of Montreal has purchase

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In a public address in England the other day, Sir Edward Grey, British foreign secretary, said: "The feeling is growing in Europe that armaments should be dismissed, but we cannot expect to see the expenditures upon armaments decrease if people live under the expenditure of the expension of the expens der the apprehension that treaties can be suddenly altered without the con-sent of all the Powers who are parties to them." Even the promoters of the

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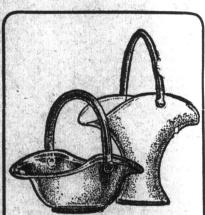
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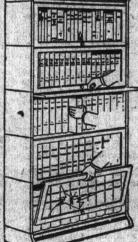
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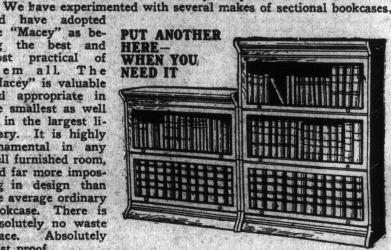
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