

What Canadian Editors Think

EAST AND WEST.

"East is east and west is west,
And never the twain shall meet,"
wrote Kipling. The *Monetary Times*
shows what makes east east and west
west.

(*Monetary Times*.)

In the modern Acadia the romance
is of peacefulness. Its labour savours
of the agriculture of Europe. Get
back to the plains of Manitoba, Al-
berta and Saskatchewan, and the
steam ploughs are a forcible reminder
that this is the American continent.
Several influences are working for the
ultimate destiny of our Maritime Pro-
vinces. The railroads, native grit and
enterprise, and the Yankee tourist are
a few of them. Railroad directors
are horoscopes. They see at least
half a century ahead. This is the
reason for the present day position
of the Grand Trunk, Canadian Pacific
and Canadian Northern roads. The
same foresight, too, lays down upon
a Pacific coast muskeg a score of
shacks in 1908. The horoscope says
in 1958 it will have become a city, fed
and clothed by a great transconti-
nental railway, indicated in the gazet-
teer with a large black dot and geo-
graphically termed one of Canada's
greatest ports.

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OVERSEAS MAIL AN OBJECT LESSON.

THE lapse of the Overseas Mail
train is keenly regretted down
east. Note this glowing picture:

(*Halifax Herald*.)

Man does not live by bread alone
even on the wheatfields, and there is
something in the dashing passage of
His Majesty's mails, en route from
London to Hong Kong, something in
the visible binding of the ends of the
earth by a great Imperial highway,
something in the idea that one may
follow the setting sun halfway round
the world without leaving the Im-
perial jurisdiction, which appeals to
the imagination of native-born and
immigrant alike and gives both a
realising sense of the unity and splen-
dour of the great Empire to which
they belong. The "Overseas Limited"
and the racers on the All-Red may not
pay big dividends in new business yet
awhile, but they are the apparatus of
object-lessons in Imperial citizenship.

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LITTLE CANADIANS NOT WANTED.

THE man from Sydney, N.S., be-
wails the doctrines of the "Little
Canadians" who would let the West
settle slowly.

(*Sydney Record*.)

The cry set up by the "Little Cana-
dians" is that the East is being sacri-
ficed to the West. They contend that
the East should receive more atten-
tion; but they do not show in what
way the East is being neglected. Why
all this hurry to settle up the West?
they ask; the land won't run away.
Let the West wait. Why allow it to
be taken up by hordes from Europe?
There will be none left for our child-
ren. Let us keep the land for our
children. And by so doing, the West
will have to wait two hundred years
to be anything like settled up, and the
Eastern industries, which have been
equipped in anticipation of a growing
demand from the West, will shrivel
up. Everything depends on keeping
things on the move.

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TRUE ART AND COMMER- CIALISM.

THE action of Claude Monet, the
French impressionist, who de-
stroyed \$100,000 worth of his pictures
because he thought they were not

worth handing down to posterity con-
tains lessons for commercial men.

(*Montreal Star*.)

Different as this spirit appears to be
from that of trade as we commonly
know it, it contains an element which
might wisely be incorporated in the
most mercenary development of trade.
And that is the determination only to
do the best work. Long established
"houses" have well learned the wis-
dom of turning out no goods which
detract from their reputation. The
"shoddy" can only turn a penny or
two to begin with, and then its race
is run. It is the genuine which wins
in the long struggle. We may well
recognise in the spirit which Claude
Monet has shown something of a re-
ligion of work which is after all only
a more common rendering of the re-
ligion of art. All work should be
regarded as a true artist does his art.
There is here a force which battles
against dishonesty, deception, cheat-
ing, lying and all such ills as truly
as do the forces of revealed religion.

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CANADA AND THE EMPIRE.

THE Ottawa editor has no patience
with Chief Justice Longley who
said some heterodox things about Cana-
da in New York the other day.

(*Ottawa Journal*.)

It seems that Chief Justice Longley
of Nova Scotia, who aired his anti-
imperialism at the annual Canadian
Club dinner in New York the other
day, also went out of his way to make
things unpleasant for the United
States. Assuming the existence of
any body of men "mad enough" at
some future time to attempt to "in-
fringe on Canada's rights and liber-
ties," he informed his hearers that
when Canada has fifteen millions of
people she "will not be averse to chal-
lenging the issue with all the strength
of a proud and independent race." The
anti-imperialism and the stuff
about the United States were alike un-
called for and in every respect un-
worthy of a man in Chief Justice
Longley's position.

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THE RAILWAY COMMISSION.

(*Toronto News*.)

BY the bill to enlarge the Railway
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Board are of the right calibre. As
now constituted, the Commission
should be able to meet public expecta-
tions, and perform fine service for the
country.

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LESS WAR, MORE ART.

IT seems that with less money spent
on war, mankind would have more
to spend on polite luxuries, arts and
sciences.

(*Hamilton Times*.)

Were sense and reason and justice
to prevail, and the thousands of mil-
lions every year spent on war and war
preparations saved to productive en-
deavour, and the misdirected energy
of millions were applied to make the
world better, happier, more comfort-
able, what a revolution would be
accomplished! We should not need to
stint ourselves of our tea and coffee
and cigars. There would be plenty
for all, with much less labour. Life
would become less of a struggle.
There would be plenty of wealth for
the pursuit of the sciences and arts.
Endowments for the uplifting of the
race, the conquering of disease and
the cultivation of the gentler graces
would be multiplied.

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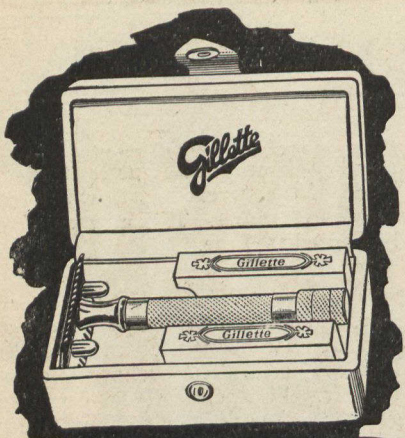
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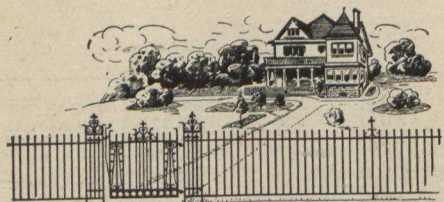
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