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VICTORIA'S POPULATION

The census returns set forth that the population of Victoria is 21,420. We believe it is, and a great deal more. In the compiling of the population of this city some one has blundered and we think we have the right to ask the reason why. At the time when the count was made here, we knew that many hundreds of families had been omitted from the list because the enumeration was not sufficiently exhaustive, but we had to wait until the official figures were published to find out how great was the discrepancy between official competency and actual truth. Statistics may or may not lie, but there is one thing certain and that is that they can be so incomplete as to prove of little value. Victoria, like all other cities, is very jealous of her prestige and in this the question of population is an important factor. We believe and rightly too, that we have advanced very materially during the past decade and we know that our population has at least doubled in that period. Leading citizens, and officials whose duties make them capable judges, have variously estimated the population here and not one of them have placed it below 45,000 souls. This is nearly 12,000 better than the census gives us, and there is small wonder that we should complain. The question now is what steps should be taken to correct the erroneous impression which the census figures must create. It is difficult on the spur of the moment to make suggestions. A municipal census might be possible, but it would prove a costly undertaking. Perhaps the Vancouver Island Development League, through its Victoria branch, might be able to set aside sufficient funds to enable it to undertake an enumeration. The proposal is commended to the attention of the officials of that organization for what it is worth. There is little doubt that the citizens are public spirited enough to subscribe to a fund raised for so commendable a purpose. In disputing the accuracy of the official figure, we believe that they are due to a system which is not all that it ought to be, and in making a suggestion that another enumeration should be taken, we only seek that justice should be done to Victoria.

BRITISH RULE IN INDIA

The Canadian Club yesterday listened to an eloquent address on British rule in India. Nothing more illuminating has been heard here for a long time. Although the speech was marked by extreme diffidence as far as he himself was concerned, it was easy to read between the lines and imagine how Sir Andrew Fraser during his tenure of office in India earned the title of one of Britain's great administrators. It is difficult indeed to imagine how such a large subject could have been dealt with more trenchantly in such a limited time. He taught us many things, and perhaps the greatest of these was not altogether new. It was that it was owing to the trustworthiness with which the millions of India regard their British masters that such a perfect scheme of administration is possible. This respect, which the British seem always successful in instilling in whatever country they assume government, is one of the great secrets of Empire greatness. Their word is their bond, and no people have recognized this better than the inhabitants of India. The enemies of Great Britain point the finger of scorn to her administration of India, describing it as barbaric. They say that England won India at the point of the sword and that she is keeping it in the same way. But this is very far from the truth. In her great Oriental Empire the Old Land has reared an edifice of her administrative genius which is at once the envy and the pride of the rest of the world. She has done so because her envoys have gone among the native princes and assimilated all that is best in the native rule with that is best in the British. Whenever an envoy has made a promise it has been carried out. And so as time went on the natives learned to trust their rulers. Their trust has become implicit and Macaulay's "Yes, Yes and Nay, Nay of the British envoy" has become historic.

Sir Andrew ascribed the sedition which has been evident in India during recent years as due to "a little learning." This, he says, which was made possible through the beneficent attitude in the matter of instruction assumed by the ruling powers, led to certain agitators spreading seditious views. But Sir Andrew says that any spirit of sedition which was fostered is now dying out, and when he says so he ought to know, for he governed eighty millions

of people in the Orient. There are few subjects in history so worthy of study as the manner in which, during so many generations those 350 millions of people have been governed. That study in reality is the study of the lives of certain men, figures passing across the world's stage. Of these figures perhaps the first was Lord Clive. One of the latest was the guest of the Canadian Club at yesterday's luncheon.

THE CANADIAN NAVY

The new government has it in its power to make some changes in the naval policy of the Dominion which we believe would be received with great satisfaction. The policy generally of Sir Wilfrid Laurier will probably be carried out but on a more extensive and systematic scale. In the naval bill there is one clause which in our opinion needs to be amended and that is the one which says that when Great Britain is at war the parliament of Canada shall decide whether this country is also at war. Our belief is that in the event of Great Britain being involved in war then the whole empire is at war, and that the ships of the Canadian fleet should pass automatically under the control of the Admiralty. There is another part of the policy as outlined by the late Liberal government which should receive consideration. That is the question of stationing ships. This is a matter of strategy upon which the government should secure advice from the Admiralty. Speaking from a British Columbia standpoint we could never see what is the necessity of having the greater part of the navy on the Atlantic Coast. That portion of Canada is already guarded, and effectually guarded by the British navy. If we remember rightly the Admiralty once advised the Canadian government to establish a fleet unit on the Pacific, and from this it would seem that British naval authorities recognize that this part of the Dominion is the most likely to be subject to attack. The question is purely a strategic one, but in view of the fact that in war time our ships will be under the control of Great Britain the Admiralty should be given some say in their disposition in so far as naval bases are concerned.

There is another question in which we in British Columbia are intensely interested and that is where the new vessels for the navy are to be built. Recently we have contended that all the vessels, to be stationed on this coast should be built at British Columbia yards. This is a contention to which we still hold, and we hope earnestly that the government will withhold the letting of contracts for the new vessels until claims to this effect can be put forward. The desire seems a reasonable one, the only feature against it being the fact that the cost of construction of vessels on this coast would be greater than on the Atlantic. Some provision should be made to overcome this difficulty. There is every legitimate reason why the shipyards of the western seaboard should receive government support. Whatever policy in this respect is adopted by the new government we hope that it will be along purely national lines. Naturally we want all we can get out here, but we believe we are big enough to endorse any policy which is for the good of Canada as a whole.

There are other matters affecting the new navy such as rates of pay which would bear some looking into, and we have every reason to believe that these, as well as the more important questions to which we have referred to above, will receive the earnest attention of the powers at Ottawa.

The Esquimalt Waterworks Company has as yet made no efforts to place the roads across which it has recently been laying water pipes in the same state of repair in which it found them. Once again we direct the attention of that concern to the condition of the highway, and if a special instance is required we would ask the president of the company to visit that portion of the Colwood road which runs past the Parsons Bridge hotel. Immediately opposite this hostility the road is in a disgraceful condition for which the Esquimalt Company is wholly responsible. Pressure should at once be brought to bear to force the authors of this state of affairs to place the roads in the condition in which they were prior to the installation of the new waterpipes.

Our old friend Bill Miner is again at large. It may seem something bordering on lese majeste to say so, but we confess to a feeling not altogether of sorrow at the latest exploit of the aged train robber. He is one of the last links with the days of the Wild West as Bret Hart loved to picture it, and he is one of the most picturesque. He has been in many tight corners, but when all his faults are remembered there is one virtue which will serve to balance one or two of them at least. We recall that he once told the late superintendent of police Hussey that notwithstanding the fact that nearly all his famous robberies were effected at the point of the gun he has never yet discharged a weapon at a man. For an outlaw of his repute this is a boast indeed, and in believing old Bill's statement we think we only do him justice. He is an old man now, and

has but few years to live. May those few years be spent not only in peace for himself, but in peace for the American West.

B. C. PRODUCTS AT EASTERN FAIRS

Mr. Brandrith, Provincial Commissioner of Exhibitions, Mentions Some of Successes Achieved This Year

After attending the larger exhibitions of the Dominion, Mr. W. J. Brandrith, Provincial Commissioner of Exhibitions, has returned to the city, and reports having had a most successful trip in the interests of British Columbia. In a short interview, Mr. Brandrith related interesting incidents of his trip east.

This province was represented by Mr. Brandrith at Winnipeg, Brandon, Dominion Exhibition at Regina, Edmonton, Toronto and the Western Fair at London, Ontario. At all of these exhibitions the attendance this year, according to Mr. Brandrith, greatly exceeded that of last year, with the exception of the Dominion Exhibition at Regina. The attendance there was discouragingly small, and a big disappointment to the officials. Mr. Brandrith attributed this to the smallness of the population of the districts surrounding Regina. It did not warrant a large attendance. The provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia were the only provinces represented by fruit displays at the Dominion exhibition.

"Every style and type of men visit the larger exhibitions, and we meet the most of them," said the commissioner. There is the logger from the East, and he is naturally desirous of obtaining some knowledge of the timber resources of Vancouver Island. He sizes up the huge timbers which are representative of B. C., and to reassure himself, stretches his length across the timber block, which to his amazement, he cannot span. Then he asks how many acres of such wonderful timber there are on Vancouver Island, and is again astounded when he is informed that there are not thousands of acres, but thousands of square miles of such timber in British Columbia. Next comes the man who refers to the absence of any showing of the products of B. C. and it is then that the commissioner has to call upon his memory to show that one year B. C. sent out 3,000,000 cases of salmon, and when this information is given the visitor, he is somewhat satisfied. The British Columbia has wonderful fishing resources. Then there is the man who visits the fair in order that he may get a general knowledge, and he passes by the fruit display in casual glance, and is particularly interested in any special line.

At the Winnipeg and Regina exhibitions the exhibit of timber of British Columbia included fir, spruce, cedar and hemlock in round and square blocks, and in addition to these at Toronto, there was shown a fir door and folding panel of various timbers. Because of the overlapping of the Toronto exhibition into the opening days of the Western Fair at London, Ontario, there was no bottled fruit shown at the latter place, but at the other exhibitions, in addition to a fine display of fresh fruits, there were shown more than 200 bottles of fruit. The showing of fresh fruit included strawberries, raspberries, black currants, red, white and black gooseberries, cherries, plums, apricots, nectarines, pears, apples and grapes. There were also honey, extracted and in the comb, tobacco, tomatoes and cucumbers.

The gooseberries exhibited were sent by Mr. F. Barnard, of Netch Hill, B. C. They were declared by Mr. Brandrith to be the finest berries he had ever seen, and he has seen a great many. He particularly mentioned the exhibit of B. C. products at the Toronto exhibition, which he said was a feature of the show.

There is no province or state, with the possible exception of Washington, that could produce a finer display of fruit than was shown by B. C. at Toronto," said Mr. Brandrith, "and the apricots and nectarines there were those exhibited in the allotment from British Columbia."

As an agricultural exhibition Mr. Brandrith thought that the Western Fair at London was the finest he had seen in many years. The showing of livestock at London was a feature, and included more than 400 head of pedigree cattle.

It is stated at Fernie that the miners Mrs. Schwartz, a resident at the Bruce Flats on Seymour street, Vancouver, single-handed routed a burglar a few evenings ago. The intruder drew a revolver and threatened to shoot, but Mrs. Schwartz pluckily seized his wrist and ultimately captured the revolver, while the burglar fled.

A civil assize sitting will be held at Prince Rupert on the 30th November. A first criminal assize sitting in the new northern city will be held in the spring. Chief Justice Hunter presiding.

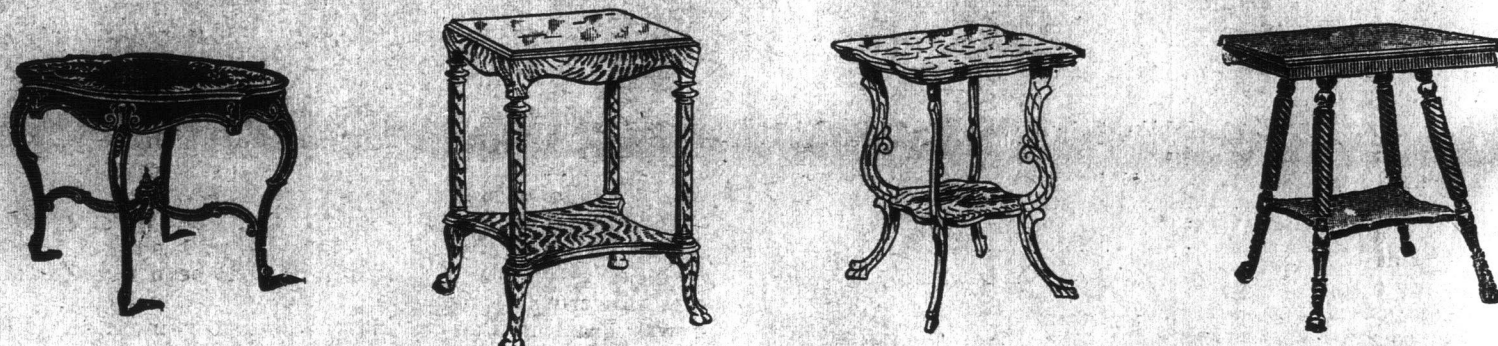
Last week about 2500 14-foot holes in the Mother Lode mine in the Boundary district were filled with dynamite and electrically exploded. More than eleven tons of dynamite were used, and the blast broke down more than 100,000 tons of rock and ore. This is believed to have been the greatest blast in the world's history of underground mining.

Hon. Messrs. Ellison and McPhillips have promised Mr. W. R. Braden, M.P. P. of Rossland their assistance toward securing an appropriation next session for the widening of the new road from Trull to Rossland.

It is expected that during the hearing of the Jobsa murder case at New Westminster, the Crown will introduce a confession alleged to have been made by the prisoner to a fellow inmate of the jail in which he had been confined while awaiting trial.

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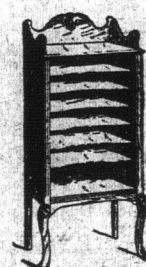
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Parlor Tables, solid quarter cut golden oak, square top 21 x 21	\$3.50	Parlor Tables, solid quarter cut golden oak, fancy top 24 in.	\$12.00
Parlor Tables, solid quarter cut golden oak, square top 24 x 24	\$4.50	Parlor Tables, solid quarter cut golden oak, fancy top 23 x 23	\$8.50
Parlor Tables, solid quarter cut golden oak, round top 24 in.	\$6.50		
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