

on this continent. It will include the landing of Jacques Cartier, his carrying off the Indian chief, and his report of his discoveries to the King of France; scenes in the life of Champlain; scenes connected with the founding of Montreal; Frontenac receiving the messenger of Sir William Phipps, and representations of later events in the history of the country, closing with a review in which will be represented the famous regiments that contended on the Plains of Abraham. It is considered a special honour to Canada that the newest and best of the cruisers of the royal navy will bring the Prince of Wales to Quebec, the selection of this ship the "Indomitable," being made at the express desire of King Edward. She will be accompanied by four battleships of the "Duncan" class, and four other cruisers.

A meeting of much interest to us has just taken place in Washington D. C., at the call of President Roosevelt. It was a gathering of state governors and others to consider what may be done to conserve the natural resources of the country. Half their lumber supply is gone, and their iron and coal will soon be exhausted. Floods, consequent upon the cutting away of the forests, have carried off the soil, to the serious injury of navigable streams, and the irreparable injury of lands devoted to agriculture. The President pointed out that in the past they had admitted the right of private individuals to injure the future of the country for their own present profit, and said that the time had come for a change. In this view, which was thoroughly supported by the conference, there is surely a lesson for us.

From India to Ceylon by rail may soon be a possibility of travel. The straits are some twenty-five miles across at the narrowest part; but there is a ridge of land slightly submerged, along which it is proposed to build a line of railway, similar to that recently built along the Florida keys. To provide for navigation, a ship canal would be cut through an island in the strait, with a greater depth of water than is now found in the deepest channel.

The Imperial Government will prohibit the sale of opium in Crown Colonies, particularly in Hong Kong, Straits Settlements and Ceylon.

To check the wanton destruction of birds for their plumage, Lord Avebury, better known as Sir John Lubbock, has introduced in the House of Lords a bill to prohibit the importation of plumage, except of certain kinds. Nearly twenty thousand skins of birds of paradise were auctioned in London last year, with immense numbers of the feathers and skins of other birds. Unless restrictive laws are adopted the extinction of the most beautiful species is only a question of time.

Competent authority predicts that the extermination of birds would not only make successful agriculture impossible, but would be followed by the destruction of nearly all vegetation.

An eminent physician says that some supposed cases of measles are not measles at all, but are the effects of gathering buttercups and inhaling their perfume.

A parliamentary report shows that African grown corn is being used in larger amounts, and is improving in quality under new methods of culture; and that it may finally render the British manufacture of cotton goods independent of the American supply.

After eleven years of joint occupation by Great Britain, France and Italy, it has been decided that the people of Crete can be trusted to govern themselves, and the international troops will be withdrawn.

For the past two years experts have been engaged in propagating parasites to check the spread of the gypsy moth in Massachusetts and the other New England States. There is every reason to believe that in time these parasites will accomplish the practical suppression of the moth in the infested region, as they have in Europe.

Large ferryboats will ply next year across the western arm of the Baltic, to carry passenger and freight trains from Prussia to Sweden, a distance of sixty miles.

The Premier has stated in parliament that a map recently issued by the United States marks some of our northern islands with names not recognized by us, which apparently means that the United States claims the right to name them. Capt. Bernier will be sent north again to take possession.

The bubonic plague is still raging at La Guayra, Venezuela, and all communication with the port has been cut off.

The disturbances along the Afghan frontier are less threatening. The Ameer has issued a decree forbidding his subjects to engage in hostilities against the British.

A tidal bore of unusual height on the Yangtse Kiang has wrecked boats in the stream and huts along the banks drowning nearly ten thousand persons.

Kharbin, in Manchuria, is called the most extraordinary city in Asia. Ten years ago its site was an uninhabited waste. Now it contains more Europeans than any other city in Asia; and is the centre of a large tract of fertile land that will yet become one of the greatest wheat growing areas in the world.

Admiral Kingsmill, who is a Canadian by birth, is to take command of the Canadian marine service.

The Russian duma has authorized the construction of the Amur railway, for the purpose of getting an all-Russian route to the Pacific.

Denmark, following Sweden, Norway and Finland, is giving suffrage to women. It is, however, restricted to communal elections, and does not apply to elections for the general legislature. In