

With Pen and Pencil

MR. KIPLING has been receiving ovations in the superlative degree out in the West, where he has been "jolly-good-fellowed" until the Lady of the Snows has fairly thawed out his Anglo-Saxon reticence. In Victoria, B.C., he informed the Canadian Club: "The time is coming when you will have to choose between the desired reinforcements of your own stock and blood and undesired of races to whom you are strangers. . . . That is your choice. For myself, I think the time for making that choice is on you now."

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"Choose Your Partners," says Rudyard.

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The C. P. R. has more than enough distractions this month. The strenuous shindy with the Western editors is rather more in the foreground than the domestic difficulty with the telegraphers, but the latter has its moments of interest. The dove is a gentle creature but the edge of the nest is a safe spot for canny folk.

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The Doves' Nest.

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Manitoba is enjoying a glad and golden season. Perhaps there has been more wheat in the Octobers that have fled, but never has a more gladsome sight greeted the Manitoba farmer's eye than the list of soaring prices. "No. 1 hard" has climbed to \$1.13 $\frac{3}{4}$ a bushel, which is 36 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. more than last year's price. There is eloquence even in that gentle fraction " $\frac{3}{4}$." The wheat which does not reach the milling grade is worth as much this year as "No. 1 hard" was last year.

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Jubilation in Manitoba.

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The C. P. R. Telegraph and the Western newspapers are having a pleasant time over the wires. The Western papers, to meet an increase in telegraph tolls by the C. P. R., has founded a press association of their own for the collection and distribution of news. This seems to have aroused the resentment of the C. P. R. which also has a press service of its own, and which made the fatal mistake of trying to hold the field by refusing to recognise the new service and also refusing its press rates over the wires.

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The Saskatchewan Editor and the Big Snake.

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Mr. R. L. Borden's academic style is not appreciated in the remoter districts of the West. The Greenwood "Ledge" says of his speech at Grand Forks: "It was



British Columbia's Opinion of Mr. Borden.

an able presentment of the policy of the party, with the expression of a man who was compelled to sit on an ice chest and take doses of cod liver oil at short intervals." While the vivacious fashion which characterises Occidental expression may have somewhat exaggerated the Opposition Leader's calm, it must be admitted that his manner belongs to the glacial era.

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The Greyhound that has them all beaten.

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The Cunard Steamship Company has issued an official notice calling attention to the record run of the "Lusitania" on her return trip, 619 nautical miles in a nautical day. Commenting on this record the papers declared last week that Great Britain is now likely to regain the blue ribbon of the Atlantic from Germany. It is pointed out in Liverpool that the "Lusitania" has now made the fastest maiden voyage across the Atlantic, the fastest land to land voyage and the biggest single day's run of any steamer.

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The Struggle for the Che-ild.

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It is not particularly flattering to the literary taste of the public that "Buster Brown" should be a valuable asset in the newspaper business, but such appears to be the case. The well known youngster has lately been figuring in court at Montreal before the grave and reverend Mr. Justice Davidson. The Canada Newspaper Syndicate sought an injunction to restrain the Montreal News Company from circulating publications containing "Buster," on the ground that he is the exclusive journalistic property of said Syndicate under the Copyright Act. The Judge declined to take this view, and instead of seeing the last of the little Smart Aleck, he will continue to be twins.

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The Happy Home Coming.

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Hon W. S. Fielding is the white-headed boy of the Nova Scotia Liberals. His recent return from a treaty-making mission to France—surely a notable historical episode—happens to coincide with the completion of his twenty-fifth year in the public service, Provincial and Dominion, and to mark the auspicious event his friends in Halifax entertained him at a great banquet on Tuesday of this week. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. Dr. Pugsley, Minister of Public Works, graced the occasion by their presence. There is not a more popular man in Canadian public life than Mr. Fielding.