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A SIGNIFICANT MOVEMENT

Three hundred members of the British House of Commons have signed a memorial to the Prime Minister asking that the over-seas Dominions may be associated with the home government in the management of Imperial affairs.

We concede at once that it is vastly easier to propose such a radical change in the constitution of the British Empire than it is to carry it into effect.

Mr. Asquith and the other members of the Imperial Conference, however, much they may be in sympathy with the idea, have resting upon them the burden of translating sentiment into an Act of Parliament, and this must prove a task of some difficulty.

Neither do we think it wise to expect too much. In empire-building we must hasten slowly. To use a homely simile, many a good lot of eggs has been spilt by trying to hurry the incubator.

And here just a word as to how this great consummation is to be achieved. It is not going to be accomplished as a by-product of party strife for office. It is not going to be devised by some one writing articles to suit the wishes of some one who aims at personal prominence.

Mr. McBride has been kind enough to express his views on this very important question. As would be expected of him, he is in full sympathy with any movement that may result in Imperial consolidation.

We find in the Montreal Witness a strong suggestion that the system of a parcels post, as it is in force in the United Kingdom, shall be applied to Canada.

The parcels post came into operation in the United Kingdom. Like other reforms a good deal of fun was poked at it when it was first suggested. We remember a cartoon of a postman laboring under a pyramid of household furniture, dry goods and groceries groaning out words to the effect that "this was worse than the Christmas cards or valentines."

The Dominion Express Company and the Canadian Express Company have respectively \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000 capital stock. The total assets of the first is said to be only \$24,800, and of the second \$212,718.

This is a matter that might well receive the attention of the Dominion government. Cheap transportation is the life of business, and stating the case in plain terms, the express companies are only a device by which the railway companies get more pay for carrying freight than they otherwise would.

To claim that the Laurier ministry is to be credited with the fact that the

United States needs the raw products of Canada is to make Mr. White responsible for the Glacial Period. As yet no one has advertised that the genial Canadian Prime Minister had the ordering of the geological ages.

VISCOUNT HADDAM

The elevation of Mr. Haddam to the peerage adds to the membership of the House of Lords a man of great breadth of view, a vast accumulation of knowledge, and one who is a profound philosopher. As Minister of War it has been Mr. Haddam's task to grapple with an exceedingly difficult problem, namely, the placing of the army upon a sound foundation.

In the House of Lords Viscount Haddam will be able to render the country good service. The Liberals are very weak in debating power in the Upper Chamber. Viscount Morley feels the burden of his years, and the absence of Lord Crewe because of his severe illness has made the burden of defending the government programme in the Lords too much for him.

CANADIANS.

Mr. J. S. Ewart, whose criticism of Earl Grey was recently referred to in these columns, says in a letter justifying his course that "the majority of Canadians are heartily sick of being 'colonials,' with wigs and some 'over-seas'."

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All around the world the sons of the race are laying the foundations of Empires and have been doing so for the past three hundred years. Our blood thrills when we read of how in Lucknow the beleagued kept up their stubborn fight.

"While ever above the topmost roof 'The banner of England flew." But the parcels post came into being and has been a success. Parcels up to eleven pounds in weight are now carried by the post office for the people of Great Britain and Ireland at reasonable rates.

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in the history of the world. We have only been undergoing preparation. The time is not distant when we will be summoned to the stage to play our part. And when you come to think of it the long years of preparation which the people of Canada have had is something unique. There is no means of ascertaining how many of them are at least of the second generation of over-seas Britons.

One authority estimates that there have been just 400 geniuses in all the history of the world. From what we know of the breed we feel devoutly thankful that there have been no more. He also says that idiots and imbeciles are in the ratio of one to every 400 of the population. Now you know just where you stand.

The New York state capitol at Albany, which has been so greatly damaged by fire was remarkable in more sense than one. It cost seven times as much as was originally intended. It was a magnificent structure, although not very imposing at first sight. It is a great square box-like structure, and finished with a degree of ornamentation of which no one can form any idea from casual inspection.

Matters between the Dominion and Manitoba governments, in regard to the extension of the boundaries of the province, have reached an impasse, the province refusing to accede to any terms of settlement that does not include the control by the province of the crown lands within it. This would be a radical departure in federal policy, and if it should be agreed to in the case of Manitoba, it would doubtless be claimed by the provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Henry Viteau, of Paris, is about to issue a book in which he will seek to show that Christopher Columbus was not very much to boast of in the discovery line. He tells an interviewer: "The accepted history of Columbus—as written by Washington Irving and his followers—is that he started across the Atlantic with the idea of reaching Asia."

These Squares are exceptionally pretty in design, and they are also very good wearing. We have a nice assortment for you to choose from, and we will welcome you on the second floor when you come to inspect these new goods. These are in two-tone effects, greens, browns, and Oriental patterns, in fawns, greens and crimson designs.

We have a fine assortment of Hearth Rugs to blend with any of the larger rugs or squares. We have them in three sizes, 27 x 54 in., 36 x 63 in., 36 x 72 in. The new arrivals in these are exceptionally pretty and we will appreciate a visit from you. Prices from \$12.50 to \$3.00.

FERNIE, B. C., March 30.—A mass meeting of miners held at Michel today took the same decided stand against continuing work after the termination of the present agreement, which expires tomorrow, as did the Fernie and Howmar men. The hall at Michel was crowded to overflowing this afternoon, and there were no dissenting voices from the resolution to stand by the action of the district officers in efforts to arrange a new agreement with the operators at the Calgary convention.

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Oriental Wilton Rugs. Correct fac similes of fine Persian and Turkish Rugs in beautiful half-tones and soft colorings, ranging from soft rose and old blue to the heavier colors, such as indigo and Indian red, in designs of bewildering beauty.

Table listing prices for various rug sizes: 2ft. 3in. x 5ft. \$6.00, 3ft. x 6ft. \$9.00, 6ft. 9in. x 9ft. \$25.00, 9ft. x 9ft. \$35.00, 9ft. x 10ft. 6in. \$40.00, 9ft. x 12ft. \$45.00, 9ft. x 13ft. 6in. \$50.00, 11ft. 3in. x 12ft. \$62.50, 11ft. 3in. x 13ft. 6in. \$65.00, 11ft. 13in. x 15ft. \$70.00

Scotch All Wool Art Rugs. These high-class Rugs are the latest product of a famous maker, and nothing has been spared to bring them to perfection. We only opened them a few days ago, and they have been much admired and many them already sold.

Table listing prices for Scotch All Wool Art Rugs: 9ft. x 9ft. \$24.00, 9ft. x 10ft. 6in. \$27.50, 12ft. x 9ft. \$32.50, 12ft. x 10ft. 6in. \$37.50

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SEE THE NEW DESIGNS IN BRUSSELS CARPETS IN OUR GOVERNMENT STREET WINDOWS

Victoria Parquet Rugs

These are all woven in one-piece fine grade Axminster and come both in Oriental, two-tone and solid colors. We would particularly draw your attention to the latter, now so much in demand, also the charming designs of the French school, any of which would make a delightful drawing-room carpet.

Table listing prices for Victoria Parquet Rugs: 7ft. 6in. x 9ft. \$27.00 and \$19.00, 9ft. x 10ft. 6in. 37.00 and \$26.00, 9ft. x 12ft. \$42.50 and \$30.00, 12ft. x 10ft. 6in. \$50.00 and \$45.00, 10ft. 6in. x 13ft. 6in. \$55.00 and \$52.00, 12ft. x 15ft. \$70.00 and \$65.00

Superb Wilton Oriental Rugs

This is a very high-grade, closely-woven Wilton Rug, also correct copies of the finest product of the Orient, all the charm of the designs and coloring of the Orient coupled with the sterling qualities of British manufacture and workmanship.

Table listing prices for Superb Wilton Oriental Rugs: 3ft. x 6ft. \$12.00, 9ft. x 9ft. \$40.00, 9ft. x 10ft. 6in. \$50.00, 9ft. x 12ft. \$60.00, 9ft. x 13ft. 6in. \$65.00, 11ft. 3in. x 13ft. 6in. \$85.00, 11ft. 3in. x 15ft. \$95.00

Tapestry Squares

These are useful Carpets, made with only one seam, and in a large variety of designs and colors. The sizes range from 6ft. 9in. x 9ft. to 12ft. x 15ft., the prices from \$25.00 to \$75.00.

Kensington All Wool Art Squares

These goods need no introduction to the Victoria public, their beauty and hard-wearing qualities are so well known. We have just received the new designs and colors for Spring:

Table listing prices for Kensington All Wool Art Squares: 7ft. 6in. x 9ft. \$11.00, 9ft. x 9ft. \$13.00, 9ft. x 10ft. 6in. \$15.00, 9ft. x 12ft. \$17.50, 10ft. 6in. x 12ft. \$21.00, 12ft. x 12ft. \$23.50, 12ft. x 13ft. 6in. \$26.50, 12ft. x 15ft. \$29.00

NEW SPRING GOODS ARE ARRIVING DAILY. MAKE YOUR CHOICE NOW OR YOU WILL BE TOO LATE

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GIVING AN

What "it is more receive" is one of the without taking the means. If we say to him to give away what more, he will be very as a dreamer, a mere you, and rightly so, giving without receiving what he has not given is greater than giving. We gratify ourselves, and their happiness is only a minor principle has a v effecting as it does not gifts, but the whole of

There are two classes who live for themselves, live for others as well former think of ever them; a dominant the what they can do, w classes seem necessary more blessed than that the former are n ism is better than s certain degree of s work in a barren fie the two qualities is A man who can surr of the varied agenc shaped and controlled those agencies that a sphere of his influen pier, comes very nea position. Unfortunat the minority. Success ly to beget a desire f and the demands of s eyes to what is due u are fortunate enou who possess not only late wealth or influen are ready to employ others. Such men, ev of both, will bear ead statement that it is r to receive, they will r is greater pleasure in the good of others than that power.

But there are other and influence that o give to others. It is r word. It might be ca not that sympathy is implying a species of of the sympathizer, sion, albeit a kindly c persons, whose lives. To themselves they a verse. They judge c mer in which it affect of a little boy, who w he was told he ought i in the act there came ning and deafening th looked up to the sky a make so much fuss a fellow the thunder sto had been naughty. s over this notion. Ev as it affects them. E relates to them in som always centre inward wards. Their own sor the only sorrow in the happiness, but never it is not to be found the future because the way be hurtful, and ye to tell them that our things that never happ comes to others, is r tent a visitation upon other hand, there is the ward always; that thi have a right to expect, o tage to others, a disp self as only a part of the centre of everything the pleasure of giv merely the giving of minor moment one w must be limited in its thoughts, of kind word gentle counsel, of forbe and of sympathy in a b This sort of giving b blessing. Best of all, it and so that the heart is to smile at the haste of

This is the sort of g it the greater blessing, compatible with busin onable thrift. To thin much is an error of the self is a greedy monster. it is fed, it is never satis "give, give." Its hunge the blessing of giving, can afford to give mate better; but in the stri great majority of peop what they would like to everybody can give some others, and if they do the cast upon the waters. The world today is v have given themselves. Gave their lives in defea rty or for some other g have given their talents, have presented themsel