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VICTORIA OF THE FUTURE

Did you ever think of what Victoria is likely to be in the course of a very few years? It is growing fast now. But suppose anything should occur to make it grow faster, such as for example that a transcontinental railway should make this its principal shipping point or Vancouver Island, opened by railways, should be fully developed. What would Victoria be then? The greater part of it would be outside the present city limits. Just look around you and you will see that a magnificent harbor like that of Esquimalt will long remain unutilized in view of the developments in connection with transcontinental railways. Surely nothing would be more unreasonable. Let your fancy for a moment imagine Esquimalt as a railway terminal. These things are not to form an opinion upon such a point have for many years confidently predicted this. What would it mean? How much of the Esquimalt peninsula would there be left after the terminal facilities for a transcontinental railway had been provided? Of course there would be something left, but there would also be a compact city within the area within ten minutes' walk of the Post Office. But when this town really starts to grow commercially, when the advantages of its position in connection with ocean transportation are utilized, it will outgrow everything it has now faster than any had ever outgrown its clothes. Just look around town and you will see that we are doing a little outgrowing even in these so-called dull times. We have outgrown our municipal water supply. We have outgrown our municipal lighting. We have outgrown our capacity of all immediately available water powers. We have outgrown our theatre. We had outgrown our hotel accommodation until the Empress was built and we will outgrow that before it is completed. We have outgrown a Post Office that was supposed, when it was built, to be equal to the demands of the community for a generation to come. And we have hardly got fairly started growing. Watch us.

MORE RAILWAYS

The people of Alberta want more railways. They are pretty well provided with them now, but such is the need felt for increased transportation facilities, that a department of railways is to be created, and Premier Rutherford announces that he himself will take charge of it. We shall watch the progress of this policy with a great deal of interest. In some of the eastern provinces, where it is difficult to get out of the sound of a locomotive whistle, there has been a great deal said about the desirability of putting an end to government assistance in any form to railway construction. Sir Wilfrid Laurier does not place it on that ground, when he spoke of not sharing the views of the people of British Columbia as to the desirability of permitting the influx of "Oriental population." He did refer in that speech to the alliance with Japan, but he did not give this as a reason for his attitude. He only permitted Oriental immigration. He only gave it as the reason why the Dominion government dealt with the question as it did. British Columbia had no wish whatever to embarrass the Mother Country in its foreign policy. It is prepared to go as far as any other province in making sacrifices for the Empire, but in this matter of immigration it proposes, if it can, to keep the land for our own people, and to "Orientalize" the language of the Premier of Australia.

towns and villages, except the very smallest. The internal rates in each country are extremely small, ranging from a farthing to a penny a word, though the usual rate is one-half penny. The problem is similar to that faced and conquered by the founders of the Postal Union. Let us have an international arrangement for the transmission of telegrams between any two points in Europe at a penny a word. Or, course, international communication will not view the suggestion with pleasure and the notion of effecting telegraphic frontiers will cause immense perturbation. But though we do not like a shock people, sometimes it is just as well to ignore the susceptibilities of a few when the daily interests of the mass of humanity are involved. We know the great and powerful European classes, from bankers down to shopkeepers and artisans, know no nationality when common interests are concerned, and these classes may be trusted if once awakened to the thorough-going urgency of the question to make short work of the opposition of bureaucratic cliques or the selfishness of those who are not far in advance. It is the way—this cheap universal tariff—to clear up misunderstandings, to bring race into touch with race, to bring the various influences which make for war. And such a matter should not be relegated to the future, but marked immediately and brought to pass now. These are messages already written in the hearts of those who would wish to send their race to kith and kin far away. But such messages cannot be placed on the world-girdling wires because the telegraph is prohibitive. Peer into these things, and one sees the melancholy of non-performance. In an affair of this supreme magnitude it is not alone to the sentiment that I would appeal but also to the golden principles of common sense.

Of course the proposal to cheapen telegraphy is stoutly opposed by the cable companies, but nothing else was to be expected. The time-honored rates will not pay. This point has been taken whenever any proposal has been made for the cheapening of means of communication. But there seems to be a phase of this case which takes it out of ordinary commercial undertakings. It is in the highest degree essential that the communication between the various parts of the Empire should be stimulated in every way, and we have a better way than by the inauguration of cheap telegraphy.

AN EASTERN VIEW

The Ottawa Journal is about as near independent in politics as any newspaper can very well be. It has been considered the result of the elections in this province and this expression itself is British Columbia is lost to the Liberals because the people of British Columbia condemn the Dominion Government's refusal to secure or permit the enactment of legislation to exclude Japanese and other Oriental immigrants. The people of British Columbia live nearest these Oriental immigrants. They know the case better than we in the east can possibly know it, and within the union they have as good a right as any of us to state their views and insist upon them. But the policy of the Dominion Government is based upon purely imperial considerations and cannot be materially altered without embarrassing the Mother Country in the advancement of her foreign policy. The question raised by British Columbia therefore will demand great wisdom, patience and tact for its satisfactory solution. This is a very fair statement of the case, although when our contemporary speaks of "imperial considerations," it forgets that Sir Wilfrid Laurier did not place it on that ground, when he spoke of not sharing the views of the people of British Columbia as to the desirability of permitting the influx of "Oriental population." He did refer in that speech to the alliance with Japan, but he did not give this as a reason for his attitude. He only permitted Oriental immigration. He only gave it as the reason why the Dominion government dealt with the question as it did. British Columbia had no wish whatever to embarrass the Mother Country in its foreign policy. It is prepared to go as far as any other province in making sacrifices for the Empire, but in this matter of immigration it proposes, if it can, to keep the land for our own people, and to "Orientalize" the language of the Premier of Australia.

SUING FOR LIBEL

An Ottawa despatch announces that Mr. Parent, chairman of the National Transcontinental Railway Commission, has instructed counsel in England to begin a suit against the London Times and other British papers for libel on account of charges published by them reflecting upon the honesty of himself and his fellow-commissioners, and he avows his intention of prosecuting any paper at home or abroad which imputes dishonesty to them. We commend Mr. Parent's course. If he has been libeled, it is his duty as a public man, occupying what is perhaps the most important position in Canada, so far as the expenditure of money goes, to bring his accusers to account. The Colonist has frequently referred to what seem to be extraordinarily large expenditures in connection with the National Transcontinental Railway, but it has never felt justified in imputing any personal dishonesty to the commissioners. It feels that it is possible to condemn extravagance without charging dishonesty; to point out what seems to be unjustifiable recklessness, without alleging that any one is corruptly profiting by it. Many of our contemporaries seem to find themselves unable to do this. Hence it comes about that the press reeks with charges of corruption, whereby the whole tone of public life is lowered. That the National Transcontinental Railway is costing vastly in excess of what was estimated is true enough. That it is also costing very much more than in the opinion of qualified judges it ought to cost cannot be denied. But between stating these facts and calling for investigation, on the one hand, and charges of personal dishonesty on the part of the Commissioners on the other, there is a wide gulf. The country might lose just as much, if not more in any event but it is to the interest of the people of the whole of Canada that charges of corruption should be disproved wherever they can be. We have no patience with that species of partisanship which assumes its opponents to be necessarily dishonest, and is pleased when they are shown to be so.

CAPT. TATLOW IN ENGLAND

Capt. Tatlow, Finance Minister, is making good use of his time in England. He is to be present at the Birmingham Chrysanthemum show, where the British Columbia fruit exhibit was displayed. The Birmingham Gazette says of him: "Fruit for which the show is famous far and wide, made a grand display, apples in particular being noteworthy for size and coloring. One of the most interesting features of the display was the stand of the British Columbia government, who sent

a quantity of apples grown on standard trees in the open, and shown as packed in the ordinary cases in which they have been brought 8,000 miles." The Gazette further says: "In connection with the exhibition Mrs. G. Tatlow (Minister of Finance and Agriculture for British Columbia) is deeply interested in a large audience in the evening with a lecture which he delivered in the room of the exhibition on the subject of British Columbia. The province, he explained, has an area of some 400,000 square miles, with a population not exceeding 200,000. They were anxious to obtain a larger population, and they were particularly anxious that it should be of the Anglo-Saxon race. He claimed that the province was more suitable for British emigrants than any other of the colonies, because the climatic conditions here are very similar to those of the Old Country. He drew attention to the object lesson they had at that exhibition of fruit grown in the country. That two master passions are at work in India—Sex and Religion. That the verdict of the nations concerning India is that "these people are not fit for self-government." That the two master passions are at work in India—Sex and Religion. That India women are becoming more and more acquainted with Western civilization sends to their homes husbands, brothers and sons defiled by Western ways. Surely it is hard to imagine a much more serious condition than this. To be a State, a nation, can hardly be great and glorious if it is not a great and noble land, and in the history of any country, but none, perhaps, which has presented itself in just such a form.

The government is said to be preparing a measure for the extermination of the population of the country. This measure is said to be a bounty on them. Week by week at present C. P. R. earnings are showing big increases over similar periods last year. This furnishes convincing testimony that prosperity is again smiling on Canada. That an era of "good times" has arrived in Canada once again is shown by the announcement that there is more money in circulation and increased bank deposits than two months ago.

WHAT OF INDIA?

We print this morning the message of Edward VII, King and Emperor to the people of India on the twentieth anniversary of the assumption by British government of the rights over the great dependency and the extinction of the powers of the East India Company. It is interesting to recall in this connection that when Victoria was shown the draft of the proclamation establishing the new order of things, she objected to it, and a note to Lord Derby, who was then Premier, said: "Lord Derby should bear in mind that it is a female Sovereign who speaks to more than 200 million of Eastern people on assuming the direct government over them, and that she is a woman, giving them pledges which her future reign is to redeem, and explaining the principles of her government. Such a document should be drafted in a general, benevolent, and religious tolerance, and point out the privileges which the Indians will receive in being placed on Mother Country in the subjects of the British Crown."

Commenting upon this, the Westminster Gazette says: "The document which from that time to this has been the charter of British rule in India, and the standard by which the natives have judged, and which they still have acknowledged. By this the Sovereign holds himself bound to the natives of India by the same obligations which she owes to her other subjects, and pledges herself to administer justice impartially between all races and creeds, and so far as reason permits to admit and to partially to offices in his service his subjects of whatever race or creed, and to give them the same opportunities of education, ability and integrity." "It is our earnest desire," proceeds the proclamation, "to stimulate the peaceful industry of India, to improve the condition of public utility and improvement, and to administer its government for the benefit of all our subjects resident in the country, and to secure their strength, in their contentment our security, and in their gratitude our respect."

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the government of India by the people of India. Mrs. G. Tatlow, who is recognized as an authority on Indian matters, says that the present acts of violence in India are due to "masses' feminine impulse." The new movement arises from what she calls "the two master passions of humanity—sex and religion." She tells us that the line of cleavage between England and India has ever been the question of sex. Upon this very delicate question, she writes very carefully, but slight as her touch is, one is convinced that there is knowledge behind it. What she calls "the sex-creed" of the two nations are so divergent that social equality seems impossible, and yet without social equality there will be political unrest. Here are the conclusions of this observer: "That the verdict of the nations concerning India is that 'these people are not fit for self-government.'" That the two master passions are at work in India—Sex and Religion. That India women are becoming more and more acquainted with Western civilization sends to their homes husbands, brothers and sons defiled by Western ways. Surely it is hard to imagine a much more serious condition than this. To be a State, a nation, can hardly be great and glorious if it is not a great and noble land, and in the history of any country, but none, perhaps, which has presented itself in just such a form.

Germany is not pleased with the tone of Lord Roberts' speech. The veteran Field-Marshal probably had in mind the idea of celebrating jubilation amongst the subjects of the Kaiser. The contractors for the Pacific and the Grand Trunk Pacific railway evidently intend to push work vigorously all winter, weather permitting. A train load of equipment will be shipped to Prince Rupert from Oregon in a few days. It would thus appear that employment will be given to a considerable force of men during the winter months.

It is very satisfactory to learn that a large number of the people of British Columbia, in the Nechako valley, a section of the province, which all accounts agree, is capable of accommodating a large agricultural population. As in this case it is shown that settlers follow fast on the heels of improved transportation facilities.

The appointment of Mr. F. A. Acland as deputy minister of labor in place of Mr. Macdonald, who resigned, is very generally approved of throughout the country. Mr. Acland is a newspaper man, formerly editor of the "Vancouver Daily News," and possesses the essential requisites for the office upon which he has just entered—sound sense and a cool head.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller, the head of the notorious Standard Oil Trust, says: "There is more important work than making money, and there is much for me to do. I belong to the Brotherhood of Man." It is regrettable that Mr. Rockefeller did not attend this conference earlier in life. He had done so there would be some fewer millionaires in the United States and more money in the pockets of the people.

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Friday DEATH ACQUINQUY stances Em (Pro That that no bla ed to anyon which was noon by th investigated the de Fen was on killed on 31 ville street truck. The it took the to arrive a Five witnesses of Mr. G. H. Works, dr the decaase "he was dr wlon Beall o'clock, Mr. mounted u when ride was on "When the Raymond's street, an started to tread str turning ar to keep his ly jumped the shafts broke off had come Clough lo the former being drag through Ch strike Mr. weighed a truck and side of it not a vic shed at "S Dr. Geo to Mr. Ha deceased, dead when upon the upon the fractured. F. S. H. the horse, approaching the machine of driver to and the Thards the and starti jump of paren and a half fr the ground to go ov shoulder tomobile truck. Mr. G. H. was towed by the ambulance along 35th opposite a street truck. A and it lo ind been smacked at appeared to being kic and as so he turned downward the rear passed ov Robertson and into Me- rson at not trav to re ar. M. C. G. Soap W at the ju to be re far for th with the manne's Thed the deca horse, as than juip Other w this a coroner, a sider if n evidence. ric and P. P. nian" por the steam for a ese min Sp Washing to W the com er Canno he decla in hono added th revision. should ge for.