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COMMERCIAL AGENCIES.

There has been a general opinion among business men that commercial agencies like Dun & Co. and Bradstreet were not amenable in actions at law for any damages that might result from their reports of the standing of business houses. As a rule, their reports are prepared with much fairness, but occasionally they are unjust, and so much reliance is placed upon them by the business world generally that an adverse report is a heavy handicap.

These statistics are very significant. It will be noted that the estimated increase of population was a little over fifty per cent. in forty years, a very satisfactory increase, indeed. But note the greater proportion of the increase in other lines. The cultivated land increased five-fold and the forested land increased three-fold.

TRADE WITH GERMANY.

It will be recalled that when Canada gave the United Kingdom a preference in her customs schedule, Germany withdrew from the "most favored nation" clause, and the Dominion promptly imposed a surtax upon imports from Germany.

A MARKET FOR IRON.

Japan is likely to prove one of the best markets in the world for iron. The United States Consul-General at Yokohama says that the military, naval and industrial expansion of the country will call for a vast quantity of iron.

THE SPOILS SYSTEM

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than worth in the making of appointments. It almost always counts more than anything else in the distribution of what is known as "patronage." The result is that unqualified men are placed in positions of trust and the country in many cases pays very much more for supplies furnished than they are worth.

MOTORS.

It is not in Victoria alone, or even in Comox, that there is great interest in the motor car. Public opinion in the land is becoming aroused over them because of their destructiveness to the highways and their nuisance to the property.

THE HODGINS INQUIRY.

While so far as Major Hodgins is personally concerned, the inquiry into the cost of the National Transcontinental Railway was a complete fiasco, the investigation has not been wholly barren of good results.

As seen by papers and documents produced by the commission, a case of charges of over-classification of expenses, allowances, and undue payments by the commissioners to contractors of a like description to those charged by Major Hodgins, have formally been made by the Grand Trunk Pacific Company.

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Whether or not the matters mentioned in this report came properly within the scope of the Committee's power may be an open question, but we think that if there is any room for a difference of opinion, and that the majority of the Committee would not have gone on record as declaring what they have, this demands that there should have been a full and searching investigation.

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The advantage of the abolition of the spoils system would be very great. We have frequently said that, in our judgment, most public men would be glad to be relieved of the necessity of satisfying the demands of their supporters, but the only way in which this relief can be obtained is to take it out of their power to do so.

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