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THE CANADIAN EXHIBIT

After an examination of the several exhibits on the grounds of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, one will be impressed with the wisdom of the decision of the provincial government in not attempting a provincial exhibit.

A provincial exhibit would have necessarily entailed local collection and an effort would have been made to group the exhibits from each locality.

The Canadian exhibit is conceived in excellent judgment and carried out in good taste. It is not the fault of Colonel Hutchinson, but is because some of our British Columbia exhibitors have not yet been able to supply the promised exhibits.

We hope that no effort will be made to bring about in this province the practice of turning to the right in driving. That is the rule in the United States, in Ontario and the Prairie provinces, but it is not the rule in the eastern Maritime Provinces.

PRINCE RUPERT

The Toronto Globe sets out to say some pleasant things about Prince Rupert, but does it in a fashion which makes the Grand Trunk Pacific and the people who have bought lots in the new city wish that the Toronto paper had delayed its expressions of good-will until it could speak with a little more definiteness.

Our contemporary contributes the following sentences to the fame and prospects of the future railway terminal: "The part to be traversed by the National Transcontinental Railway is sure to become another paradise for tourists, to say nothing of the trade in lumber, fish, minerals and fruit."

CIGARETTES

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rette tobacco about his person or in his baggage. It does not make the slightest difference where his home may be, or whether he may be passing through the State of Washington on the day after the opening of the exposition, he is liable to arrest. That is the law as it will be in the neighboring state of Idaho at midnight of tonight week. Some of the sheriffs and other officers declare their intention to enforce the law to the limit, and when one of the Middle States men, who were passing through the state on a railway train and stepped on the platform with a cigarette in their mouths, have been arrested, it will be seen that the new law may easily prove exceedingly unpleasant and possibly a source of loss to persons, who may unconsciously contravene it.

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GREAT INVENTION

From a stone tied to Dreadnought is one aspect of the art of killing; the latter apparently by no means the art of human ingenuity does not seem to have been greater activity than that of killing. Reference has been made in this series of articles to the bow. There is no means of this weapon was invented in use in very ancient times and Western Asia, and it is very ancient implement among the Indians. As the men were regarded elsewhere as among the milder of soldiers, very much about the middle of the sword seems to have been general in use, but there from which projectiles were any available information writer in the middle part said that from the result of was led to doubt if the was as effective as the antiquity, but he seems to his opinion. It may be of most potent of all agencies man invention gunpowder place. It completely changed and thus indirectly led to tical changes.

It is not known by whom invented. Formerly it was the invention of Friar Bacon in warfare by Edward I. Crey; but this idea must be the light of modern research. Staunton has said: "Nitro daily produce of China accordingly, the knowledge to be coeval with the events era, fireworks were There is a record of battle for throwing projectiles, of the origin of cannon. In Off dynasty had a cannon structure of the great war that swivel guns were mort Chinese used stone mortar projectiles, and in A.D. 12 played against the Moors ground for believing that, the Byzantine emperors used ly different from gunpowder China to this invention of India. It is told in the of when the Egyptian Herod was repulsed from the and thunders, which succeeded, and a Greek historian Great's Indian campaign able to discharge flames at enemies from a distance, cannon were used in India when the Grand Vizier A.D. 1258 to meet the an gol monarch, he had with pieces of artillery. From use of cannon in India, it is that that country lost fought. Bacon announced gunpowder in A.D. 127 crude material, and it is not great. It is improbable and most likely that he o which he had learned from turies earlier the Moors employing an explosive in their wars in Spain. T. Crey were three in number. They had very little the result of the fight had others with his force so little value that he hid at Poitiers.

It was not until the that is in the Sixteenth pieces became of any gr much later before mus common use, the ingenu being equal to the prod combined strength with make it possible for men The use of gunpowder the nature of war and social changes. The figure been the pivotal figure in the days when the arch the ranks of nobility as many of the knights, who swords on horseback, came into use and hand exceptional, when the what now would be an apology for a gun, cor in full armor, before him with his lance, all were changed. No long into the thick of the fig and the quartermen of who he was, and with sword hack and hew his unarmed masses, and unhappy wretches, come self. Chivalry, with all at the sound of cannon rattle of musketry. It is thing that in India and

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