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—Toronto bucket shop keepers pretend to see a loophole of escape from the penalties of the Abbott Act, and say that they are again ready to do business. The police authorities will prosecute all violations of the measure.

—“How to draw capital from the east to the west,” was the subject whose discussion brought 1,200 delegates from the principal towns and cities of Ohio and Indiana to Findlay, Ohio, recently. It was called the Land Owners' Convention, but discussed ways and means for drawing from the east manufacturing establishments and to locate them in the oil and gas sections of Ohio and Indiana, and to induce capitalists to come to these localities and invest money in buildings to rent to the workmen. The topics:—“New railroads as an inducement for the location of manufacturers,” and “Free fuel as an inducement to the manufacture of brick, tile, and lime, by the aid of natural gas and petroleum,” were discussed for two days. W. H. O'Brien, mayor of Lawrenceburg, Ind., was chairman.

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**NOTES ON THE N. W. T. AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.**

Editor MONETARY TIMES:

For a space of some sixty miles west of Calgary there is a good deal of excellent farming land, but the scene soon changes from a level prospect to high cliffs, mountain ranges, and foaming cascades. Now and then, as we descend the steep precipices by gentle inclines, we discern here and there in the valley below patches of good soil, which some day may yield profitable returns for cultivation. Meanwhile we note the towering hills and snow-capped mountain peaks miles away. The National Park is noted for such scenery, and the site of the C. P. R. hotel at Banff is admirably chosen for the finest mountain

scenery. The famous hot springs are here, and a trip by steamer on the charming little river makes one fancy oneself in fairy land. The half dozen stores here do a good business, especially during the summer months.

I walked to the mines of the Canadian Anthracite Coal Co., some six miles from Banff. They have tested 22 seams and have penetrated one seam for 386 feet. Several cargoes of this coal have been shipped to San Francisco, but for some reason or other the mines are now suspended. The machinery is very complete, both for working the mine and preparing the coal, and as the company have purchased 8,000 acres, and have so many seams of coal, it is to be hoped they will be in active operation at an early date. The Lethbridge coal at the Galt mine is turning out splendidly, and I have good authority for stating that the average output there is about 500 tons daily. One of the seams averages five feet in height. This coal is of excellent quality, and as the position of the various stores of coal is of importance as bearing upon the future development and prosperity of any portion of this vast country, we must not, on the other hand, forget to look at the cheapness of labor and facility of transport, as well as at the quantity and quality of coal, for these all in the long run have to be considered. What has become of the promising coal property at Stair?

I was shown some specimens of gold and silver ores found in the neighborhood of Illecillewaet, but perhaps, for the present at least, the large growth of timber, such as Douglas pine, spruce, cedar, and especially hemlock, the bark of which is noted for its tanning properties, deserve most attention. No doubt a good many saw mills and tanneries will be put up in this locality at an early day. I would fain tell you of the famous “kicking horse,” or by far the prettier name of Wapitii.

“Joyfully flowing along to the sea,  
Sometimes it fell  
Among the moss with the hollow harmony  
Dark and profound; now on the polished  
stone

It danced, like childhood laughing as it went,” but, like some children, it is very boisterous too, and the first name, then, may be more appropriate of the Ottertail and Beaverport mountains, with their magnificent peaks; of the Selkirks, with their charming foothills and forests of timber; and of the many strange forms on the beautiful Columbia, of the deep ravines and silver brooks, dashing at tremendous speed hundreds of feet below. No one can view these sublime regions without expanded thoughts and ideas, and a deeper impression of that Infinite and Eternal Power everywhere manifested. Kamloops is situated at the junction of the North and South Thompson Rivers. Charming views of the hills and mountains are seen all along the river site of the town, and there is an area of good grazing and agricultural land in the vicinity. There are already many thriving settlements in the valleys on both sides of the river. Chilliwahack is particularly worthy of being mentioned. The land in this district is very fertile and produces fine and abundant crops. But it requires more capital and perhaps more of energy to break up and cultivate the soils of this country, as the land is heavily timbered, and a good deal of it, owing to the meteorological changes of this district, needs irrigating. I think this will apply to most of the lands of British Columbia not contiguous to the Pacific coast. A railway is to be built to Ladner's Landing, about seventy miles off, where there is a good deal of excellent arable land. This will be a boon to the farmers in that neighbourhood. A company is also being formed to build a railway to the mining and ranching districts of Cariboo.

There is a settlement of Chinamen in Kamloops, and many of them make good merchants. I visited several of their stores, and a few of them do quite an extensive trade, having branch houses in other districts; one of them even in Toronto. Among the subscribers whose names I send you is Chung Lee & Co. A coal seam was discovered the other day, I am told, about three miles from the town, which is said to be of good quality. If this should prove to be correct after the seam has been fully tested it will be a great boon, as being so near the town it can be cheaply raised and shipped, an important consideration in coal mining.

Especially notable among the good buildings in Kamloops are the churches and the court