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#### Why Delay Providing an All-Canadian Route to the Gold Fields?

The earliest measure of the Government during the present session of the Dominion Parliament had for its object the confirming of the contract with Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann to provide an all-Canadian route to the Yukon gold fields. The proposal was to utilize the navigation of the Stikine River was secured by the treaty of St. Petersburg and renewed by the treaty of Washington, and also as far as it was navigable in British Columbia. Then a railway was to be constructed from Glenora to Teslin, so as to connect the navigable waters of the Stikine with the navigable waters of the Yukon. Thus the Government intended to provide

easy access to the Yukon country. This arrangement was only temporary, because the contract contemplated the extension of the railway southward to some point upon the Pacific coast. within Canadian territory. The scheme, if carried out, would have been of very great advantage to this country, because it would have enormously reduced the cost of ingress to the Yukon country, and it would have greatly reduced the cost of living in that distant portion of the Dominion. It would also have served to build up a town of no inconsiderable extent, in wealth and population, upon the Pacific coast of British Columbia. It would have brought virtually all the traffic to the Yukon through a lengthy stretch of Canadian territory, a good deal of which is known to be rich in minerals. and the whole of which is supposed

o be a mineral country.

The plan of the Government of Cana, if carried out, would have imed no charge whatsoever upon the nadian treasury. The whole cost of construction would have been limits of the country which it was pro-But the Canadian Senate, in the end, ship-an attitude so extreme that no have been disposed to take. The result admision into the country during the present season have now become next to impossible, and thousands who would have gone to the Yukon, by the Canadian route, and whose labors would have increased the customs revenue by some millions of dollars, have remained away, to the loss of the public treasury. Then the impulse given to immigration into the western part of nomenally large, has been checked; and will again commence flowing strongly in that direction.

of the Government are, but in our opinion it would be in the public interest if, with the aid of a money subsidy deeply interested in this all-Canadian route to the Yukon, the Dominion Gov ernment would make one further attempt to secure a practical settlement of the question. The Senate of Canada has inflicted a most serious blow on the prosperity of the West, and upon the public revenues. Every part of Canada will suffer by what has been done, but the loss will be more severely felt in British Columbia than in any other section of the Dominion. We should not be surprised if at the end of the year large purchases made by Brit-1sh Columbia merchants in London, Toronto, Montreal and elsewhere remained unsold. But if so they will have chiefly to blame two of the gentlemen, who sit from that Province in the Senate of Canada. No doubt a great deal of feeling has been evoked against them and against their colleagues who constitute the majority that rejected the Government proposition. But we believe we are not mistaken in asserting that for the mischief which will be done to so large a section of our people, directly and indirectly, the whole country will wholly clear the Government and its supporters, even f no action should now be taken. The Liberal representatives will be gudged not by the evil done by their opponents so much as the good done by themselves, and they must depend upon the

If by a land grant the proposed line of railway from Teslin Lake southward to the coast, the Government could, with the aid of a money subsidy from British Columbia, secure the con- space is restricted, but European counstruction of the road, in our opinion at should be done. We do not know selves to make the most of it. Lord that the Ministers contemplate the car. | Strathcona and Hon. Mr. Fisher, when rying of such a scheme through the they visit Paris, at an early date, will Senate, but the consequences of the no doubt use every endeavor to have action of the majority of that body | Canada's allottment increased; but we have already had a sobering effect on really have no hope that they will be it. and the Senators would scarcely be able to do so. They will, however, so prompt to deal adversely with a be able to learn exactly how it can second proposition as they were to deal be best used, and then not a day will

the work of rallway construction can preparations are being made, especibe entered on, and not until the first ally in the textile industries, with the year of next century would the country deliberate intention of proving that be made really accessible. Where peo- the looms of the Far East can produce

ple are rushing into a gold mining requence. No state can afford to wait until the current of adventure com- naturally be very restricted, are about The success of mining colonization depends upon the ability of a state to act at the proper moment, and if it is done the Government and Parliament may find it impossible to recall the

It also must be borne in mind that the current of immigration flowing into a country like the Yukon assists enormously in furnishing the state with the revenues required, and assists in settling many other sections of the country than that in which large mineral deposits are found. We hope, therefore, before Parliament rises that. without any serious addition to the public burdens, a practical means of through United States territory, which rapid ingress to the gold fields of the Yukon, through Canadian territory, will be arranged for.

Canada at the Paris Exhibition.

Parliament has very properly granted a preliminary vote of money in order that the Minister of Agriculture, acting for the Canadian Government may make early arrangements to have the Dominion adequately represented at the great international exhibition in Paris in 1900. The vote of \$20,000 was not granted, however, without a strong protest by Hon. Mr. Foster, ex-Finance Minister, Dr. Sproule, and other members of the Opposition, "He (Hon. Mr. Fisher) wants this money so that if anything turns up he may be able to catch occasion by the forelock," remarked Mr. Foster, in a sarcastic vein; "but if all the Ministers are going to get \$20,000 votes for what

may possibly turn up two years before the event, we shall have to revise the traditions of Parliament in that respect. \* \* \* There is nothing that can be gathered and shared for two years. I am not opposing Canada having an exhibit there, but I am questioning the utility of having so large a vote when there is nothing in the field."

It is apparent that Mr. Foster was unduly anxious to find fault with the porne by a subsidy in land within the preparations of the Government. They are not being made a moment too soon, as Professors Robertson and Saunders and Dr. Dawson, who advised the Mintook up a position of extreme partisan- ister on the subject, could have told him. The fact is that the Dominion one supposed at the beginning that and Provincial Governments, the manany member of either House would ufacturers, and others who intend to participate in the exhibition, will have has been that the chances of obtaining to get to work at once with their preparations, or they will be hopelessly behind their rivals

Intending exhibitors cannot too soon know all about the conditions, privileges and restrictions that will attend their admission to the Champ de Mars and its surroundings. Early action is necessary, as a regulation of the General Organization stipulates that all particulars as to the space to be occu-Canada, which promised to be phe- pied must be placed in the hands of the French directors not later than no one can well see when the current Feb. 15 next. Thus, there can be no eleventh hour making up of the minds of exhibitors, such as one would infer from Mr. Foster's comments to be the proper course. The exhibitor, whether provincial or private, must settle all his plans and submit his detailed apfrom British Columbia, a province most plication, on the chance of its being accepted within the next few months. For it is evident that the authorities, whether those of France or of Canada and other countries, must have a reasonable time to decide on the acceptance or refusal of applications, and to settle the details of allotment.

Hon. Mr. Fisher does well to say that one of the first things required to be settled is as to whether Canada shall be allotted a much larger space than the 12,000 feet officially granted to her out of 60,000 feet awarded to India and the British colonies. As the Minister of Agriculture pointed out, we had 60,000 feet for Canada at the Chicago Exhibition, and our Government has applied for the same amount of room at Paris. It is none too much in which to show to advantage the natural and prepared products of this great Dominion. But it is very doubtful if the Dominion, or any of the other countries-for nearly all are protesting against the smallness of the space allotted to themwill be able to better the conditions. Though a large part of the Champs Elysees has been added to the site, and though the broad river fronts on each side of the Seine will be included, besides the Esplanade des Invalides, the unfortunate fact remains, as was pointed out by the editor of Engineering, that the size conviction of the public that they have done their duty rather than upon the of the buildings will be but little, if Indignation that their opponents have any, greater than it was in 1889, while the requirements for space will be indefinitely larger, and the vast industries of Germany will, for the first time in many years, claim a proper recognition in the French capital. The tries are already reconciling themhave to be lost in arranging for our Should Parliament delay the consid- display. Germany's commissioner is eration of this subject Intil next ses- already at work arranging for her exsion, which is not likely to open before hibit. It is asserted that she will be February next, a good portion of an- even better represented than at Chi-

silks equal in quality and design, and gion, time is of the very first conse- at cheaper rates than at Lyons. Mexico and Bolivia, whose exhibits will mences flowing in another direction. | to erect pavilions on the out-of-door space allotted to them; those of the former are to be contained in a building modeled on the lines of an Aztec allowed to pass without anything being | temple. Russia, it is said, will be allotted the place of honor among the foreign guests, and the imperial display will be worthy of herself and of her ally, the great republic. A pavilion of much magnificence will be erected on the grounds for the Czar and Czarina. The small Swiss Republic has voted \$300,000 for its representation at the great show; and the preliminary vote of Belgium is sufficient to indicate that the attention shown by France last year will be repaid in

> Great Britain will, of course, fill a central space with evidences of her marvelous position as the productive center of a great empire. And it is well that Canada, her greatest offshoot, should do no discredit to herself or to the motherland in the exhibit that she makes. Millions of visitors will view and inspect the products of our farms, mines, forests, and facories, and be impressed with them in proportion as they are properly collected and placed on view. And as in these later years the eyes of the civilized world have been directed to our importance as a land possessing rich and unbounded undeveloped natural resources, the opportunity is rightly being seized by the Minister of Agriculture to obtain another first-class advertisement for the Dominion, which will well repay us.

> If there is any representative British officer in the Dominion, or any Canadian statesman, who has not been roundly "cussed at" by Sir Charles Tupper, now is his time to stand up and be counted. He is an oddity.

UNCLE SAM'S DILEMMA. (New York World.) Shall we adhere to the Monroe Doc-

trine or shall we adhere to the Phil-

THE SPANISH THOUGHT SO. [Ottawa Citizen ]

When it comes to sea fighting, Un cle Same seems to be a splinter off the old spar.-London Advertiser. Or a tartar off the old tar.

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FIST. [Hamilton Herald.] It may have been noticed that William F. Maclean, M. P., when he pretends to pat his revered leader on the back, does his patting with a clenched fist.

CANADIAN WAR SENTIMENT. [Eau Claire, Wis., Leader.] The London (Ont.) Advertiser-the leading paper in the Dominion and a

true index of popular sentiment-after giving the reasons why this country was justified in intervention in Cuba, says editorially: "For these reasons, Canadians, as part of the great English-speaking world, heartily desire the success of the United States in the present contest."

OUR NORTHERN NEIGHBOR. [Cleveland Plaindealer.]

Canada is prosperous these days, and the present war will, if anything, add to its prosperity. All classes seem to have plenty to do, a good kind of immigrants are coming, and the foreign trade is increasing rapidly. Canada's prosperity, of course, helps the United States, for Canada is a good customer, and the more money it has to buy with the more we are likely to sell to it. That Canada wishes to be on good terms with the United States is shown in the fact that a special commission. er has been appointed in the person of the Canadian Minister of Marine to go to Washington and arrange for a conference to settle the questions at issue between the two countries. That the United States will welcome any advances which have for their object the strengthening the bonds of amity between the peoples goes without saving. It is of great importance to each that the best of feeling should subsist between them. Kinship and contigu-

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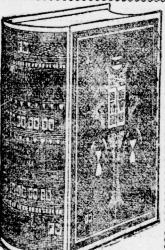
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