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A WOMEN'S EDITION

Tomorrow's Colonist will be a women's edition issued in the interest of the Women's Council. Its preparation has been in charge of Mrs. R. S. Day, of this city, who has had the assistance of a very competent corps of women writers. With a few minor features, the whole edition will be the work of Mrs. Day and her associates, even to the news departments. The news section will be from 20 to 24 pages dependent upon circumstances, and there will be a supplement of 16 pages. The edition will be profusely illustrated. It will contain a great variety of articles, and will be of very great interest not only to women of the Council, but to every one who takes an interest in social progress.

As the part which the regular Colonist staff will take in the preparation of this edition will be very subordinate, we can speak freely about the quality of the work which it will contain. This will be of a very high class, not only from a literary point of view, but from the standpoint of general interest. We say this now because we will not have an opportunity of doing so tomorrow. As far as the work has progressed and it is complete except as to the strictly news features, we feel able to congratulate Mrs. Day and her associates upon what they have accomplished.

ONLY A BEGINNING.

Mr. McBride, speaking at Kamloops, made the position of the government in regard to railway construction very clear. He said that it was prepared to consider all propositions that may be made for railways through parts of the province not served by existing or projected lines, and deal with them upon their merits. This is more than a vague promise, for it expresses the views which Mr. McBride has freely uttered on more than one occasion. Further than this he could not be expected to go; if he had not been prepared to go to that extent, there would have been reasonable ground for disappointment, for important as is the Canadian Northern project, valuing as the Kettle River Valley railway would be found to be, no man, who knows anything about the possibilities of British Columbia, would be content to have the government, to which he gave his support, draw the line after aiding these enterprises! He would endorse these, but would expect other projects to receive treatment not only on the height of publicity but a poor appreciation of public duty for the Colonist to withhold information in its possession, when it has an important bearing upon a matter of great public interest.

Two new men  
On the city ticket nominated by the Liberals are the names of two gentlemen, who are making their first entry into public life, namely, Mr. W. K. Houston and Mr. H. A. Munn. We welcome their entrance into a contest that turns upon the government railway policy, for they are doubtless able to cast some light upon some of the points that will arise, and in fact have already arisen in the campaign. Mr. Houston is not directly interested to some extent in the charter granted for the construction of a railway from Victoria to Barkley Sound, has certainly been active and properly so, in promoting that very excellent project. He knows the value that such a railway will be to Victoria, and we shall expect him to aid the Colonist in convincing the electors of this city that a policy that will ensure its construction will be an excellent thing for us all. We shall also expect him to set his fellow candidate, Mr. John Oliver, right in regard to the ferry connection with the Mainland, for we feel very sure that Mr. Houston will not characterize such a connection as a "fake."

Mr. H. A. Munn is another gentleman who is interested in a railway charter. He is one of the persons named in the Act incorporating the Vancouver Island and Eastern Railway, for which a subsidy of \$5,400 a mile for the first hundred miles has been voted by the Dominion government. Under these circumstances, it is easy to understand that Mr. Munn might very naturally favor the construction of such a railway in preference to any other railway, and we are not going to say that looking at the matter from some points of view, he may not be right. But the reason we speak of Mr. Munn in this connection is that he is probably in a position to say if his company has ever approached the provincial government with a proposition looking to the construction of that line if reasonable assistance were given. He can also tell the electorate if he knows of any persons who are prepared to finance that undertaking on any conditions whatever, and if so, who they are, and what are the conditions.

It is exceedingly fortunate that Messrs. Houston and Munn are before the electors seeking their suffrages, for the presence of the name of the first named gentleman on the ticket is a guarantee that the value of the Victoria-Barkley Sound Railway will not be called in question by the opposition; and the presence of the name of the last named gentleman makes it imperative that those who say that Mr. McBride should not have made a contract with the Canadian Northern for the line by the route selected by that company, shall come out of the mist of what ought to have been done, and tell the people what could have been done. It was proper to say this even before Mr. Munn was a candidate; but it is still more so to say it now that one of the owners of the charter for a subsidized railway is in the field upon a platform which contains, as an afterthought, the construction of a railway by that route.

the Canadian Northern is about to enter the field. It is going to challenge the Grand Trunk Pacific in a part of its territory; it is going to invade the field which the Canadian Pacific thought was its own. Among other things, it is going to enter Vancouver Island, this vast storehouse of potential railway freight, which the Canadian Pacific had marked for its own. One has only to look to the Prairie provinces to learn what this means. The Canadian Pacific will reach out for new business in the province; the Grand Trunk Pacific has already declared its intention to do the same; and we may very properly be content with a single line of rails 600 miles long, with no feeders. There never will again be a time when the government of British Columbia will have to wait for railway companies to approach it with practical propositions that they mean to carry out. The people may rest assured that Mr. McBride appreciates this quite as much as any one else, and his observations at Revelstoke, rightly understood, are not only a recognition of these facts, but are an invitation to those who have feasible projects which the province would be justified in assisting, to come forward with their propositions. He has gone to the country on two contracts; but these are only the beginning of his railway policy. With a just appreciation of the needs of the province, as soon as he was prepared to recommend any projects worthy of consideration, he placed himself in the hands of the people and has asked their mandate for his future guidance.

STATEMENTS CORRECTED

It is quite correct that the Colonist does say that Mr. Mann's original intentions did not include construction on Vancouver Island; but there is a wide difference between such a statement and one that the thought of a ferry connection with the island never entered Mr. Mann's head until he came to Victoria to sign the contract. The first statement is true; the second is untrue. To the Colonist's knowledge the Canadian Northern has been considering connection with the Coast for more than a year. Indeed, it is longer than that, for Mr. Mann came to Victoria more than two years ago for the purpose of discussing the question with the premier, and at that time his intention was to make a steam connection only with Victoria. Later he proposed a ferry connection as a means of handling freight, but it was not until early in this year that he became convinced that it was in the interest of his company to construct a line on Vancouver Island as an integral part of the Canadian Northern system. These are the simple facts of the case.

The Colonist is charged with egotism in referring to matters within its own knowledge; but the public will not so regard it. The public know that the Colonist has made a specialty of the investigation of railway problems as they affect Vancouver Island especially; and this, and this only, is the reason why it has been kept well advised of the intentions and wishes of railway people. It would, therefore, be not only the height of absurdity but a poor appreciation of public duty for the Colonist to withhold information in its possession, when it has an important bearing upon a matter of great public interest.

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WORKMEN FOR THE RAILWAYS

The repeated references that have been made to the need of Oriental workmen, to enable the Grand Trunk Pacific to complete its road within the labor question fairly to the front, is claimed that there are not enough laborers available in Canada to build railways as rapidly as the money to pay for them can be found, or as the needs of the country require. The remedy for this is not to be sought in the introduction of Oriental labor, but in a course which would supply the required number of men; but it would be objectionable on two grounds. One is that Canada must be kept a white man's country, even if its development is retarded to some extent thereby; and the other is that there seem to be plenty of people of our own nationality available. At a time when there are thousands upon thousands of people in the United Kingdom, who are charged upon the public, it ought not to be beyond the ingenuity of public men to devise some way of getting these to other places where work is going begging for men to do it. That when the scarcity of railway labor here is known in Europe there will be an influx of people from Italy and central continental countries, we have no doubt; but it is not necessary for this country to depend upon men who are alien to its soil, and to supply the manual labor necessary in order that great development works may be carried on.

We cannot think that upon these considerations of the labor organizations, we think they owe a duty to the country in this connection, and that an exceptionally good opportunity is afforded them to deal with what may be a very serious matter, called a crisis. As it has often said in the past, the Colonist holds our Canadian labor bodies in high esteem. While it has not always been able to agree with them, it has never questioned their motives nor denied that the organizations are, as a rule, actuated by a sane and reasonable appreciation of public duty. We suggest that this alleged labor shortage is a matter which the railway managers might very advantageously discuss with the leaders of organized labor, provided the idea of employing immigrants were wholly eliminated from it. Necessarily any newspaper is more or less of an outsider in a matter of this kind, but certain questions occur to us, which we think the railway leaders and labor leaders ought to answer. They are:

Are there any causes in the manner of carrying on railway contracts that contribute to the insufficient supply of labor?  
If the shortage is real and one that cannot be remedied by anything which railway contractors can do, what means can be devised for securing a sufficient number of workmen?  
We cannot think that upon these points any one person can undertake to speak with absolute authority; and we venture to suggest to the Minister of Labor that he might very well charge himself with the duty of investigating the case, with the assistance of the railway people, on the one hand, and the labor people, on the other. Mr. Wainwright, speaking for the Grand Trunk Pacific, has said that his company will have to ask Parliament for an extension of time within which to complete its contract, and we submit that before such an application is entertained on the ground of a shortage of labor, the question ought to be gone into very thoroughly.

A Word About Eating At Bedtime

SOME VERSE FROM THE STERNAU CHAFING DISH RECIPE BOOK

Wise old doctors used to say:  
"Do your eating in the day";  
"Never eat a thing," they said,  
"Just before you go to bed."

Modern doctors differ, quite,  
And say just the opposite.  
"Food at bedtime," they observe,  
"Calms the brain and soothes the nerve."

Thus we cannot go astray  
If we eat both night and day—  
For a chafing dish at night,  
Adds to life a new delight.

NOTHING adds more zest to the evening's pleasure than a supper served, by the hostess, from a chafing dish. After theatre suppers, lunches, unexpected company—all these troubles easily solved through the medium of this excellent help. While making it possible to express the sincerest hospitality, also seems to be the true symbol of good-fellowship.

With each chafing dish there goes an excellent recipe book giving dozens of dainty dishes easily and quickly prepared with this. Come in and see the new arrivals in Sternau chafing dishes priced at \$10 and \$7.50

Smart, New Styles In Kettles and Stands—Latest Word

A Desirable Addition to the Home's Furnishings. All May Own At These Prices

OTHER ITEMS just unpacked are kettles and stands. There isn't a homekeeper anywhere who would not be delighted with one of these new arrivals. They are the newest patterns from the leading maker of this class of goods. Smart, new styles that are bound to please you. Useful, hand articles every home can use. An ideal wedding gift.

MANY NEW STYLES PRICED AT \$3.50, \$5, \$6, \$7.50, \$9.50, \$17.50

"I Never Thought One Could Get Such Glass In the City."

SUCH is the remark passed by a leading society lady to her friend when the latter was showing her some of her purchases of new "Theresenthal" glass chosen at this store. Just goes to show that there are many who are not yet fully acquainted with this store's offerings—not aware that right here in your own city you have a store of metropolitan proportions.

This new "Theresenthal" glass comes to us from a beautiful valley in the great historic Bavarian forest, close to the Blue Danube, and—well, the only way to appreciate it is to see it, so we invite you to inspect the showing. Only a limited quantity.

- LIQUEUR SET—Consisting of 12 glasses and bottle \$10 and gold decoration.....\$12
- DECANTER, thistle decoration.....\$5
- WHISKY GLASSES, thistle decoration, per doz. \$10
- TUMBLERS, thistle decoration, per dozen.....\$20
- LIQUEUR GLASSES, gold decoration, per dozen.....\$10
- LIQUEUR GLASSES, amber, per dozen.....\$2.50
- COMFORTS, gold decoration, \$4.00 to.....\$2
- SHERBET GLASSES, gold decoration, at per dozen.....\$6
- STO and.....\$6
- SHERBET GLASSES, in green and etched, gold rim, amber and green, at per dozen \$12, \$3.50, \$3 and.....\$2
- ICE TUB AND PLATE, 2 pieces, gold decoration.....\$5
- OYSTER PLATES, gold decoration.....\$2.50
- BOWLS, gold and floral.....\$4.50
- HANDLED BOWLS, gold decoration.....\$7.50

See the New Dinnerware

Many Excellent New Patterns Shown

THE REAR SECTION of the first floor holds much of interest to homekeepers—some excellent new patterns in dinnerware being now shown. These come in semi-porcelain of a superior quality, which, combined with patterns of much artistic merit and little price tickets, should please YOU.

Let us show you these and other items of interest in this department. You'll be delighted with the creations of the leading British potteries for they are unusually worthy this season.

Buy Your Bedding Here

Comforts and Blankets At Best Prices

HOW ABOUT your bedding for the winter season? Have you plenty of blankets, comforts, etc.? Can't have too many and there is nothing like being prepared beforehand.

Our assortment of blankets is very complete, showing a great choice from as low as \$3.50 per pair. And we guarantee all our blankets—guarantee them to be all wool and to give satisfaction.

Then in comforts we show the Maish cotton comfort and the McLintock down comfort—the leaders in their respective lines.

Here Is New China You'll Like

Some More Limoges China—Unpacked Yesterday

YESTERDAY we unpacked some more direct importations of Ahrenfeldt Limoges China. This time a lot of cups and saucers, bread and butter plates and tea sets. A limited shipment of a handsome line from this famous pottery.

It is unnecessary to dwell at length upon the quality of this china. The ware produced in the Ahrenfeldt works has a world-wide reputation for the excellence of its quality. The decorations of these items will delight you with their daintiness. Certainly they are worth a visit.

We have a line with a pretty treatment of pink roses and green floral spray at the following prices:

- TEA CUPS AND SAUCERS, at per dozen.....\$3.50
- TEA CUPS AND SAUCERS, extra size, at per dozen.....\$4.00
- PLATES, 6 1/2-inch, at per dozen.....\$2.50
- PLATES, 7 1/2-inch, at per dozen.....\$3.00
- DINNER SET, 100 pieces—in this at.....\$25.00

Another decoration is a dainty pink floral design with green wreath on edge. We have:

- TEA CUPS AND SAUCERS, at per dozen.....\$4.50
- PLATES, 6 1/2-inch, at per dozen.....\$3.00
- PLATES, 7 1/2-inch, at per dozen.....\$3.50
- TEA SETS, forty pieces, at, each.....\$10.00
- DINNER SET, one hundred pieces—in this at.....\$35.00

Special Exhibit of Fireplace Furniture

On the First Floor Today—The Last Word In Style

We are making a special display of fireplace furniture in our first floor show-rooms this week. You'll find on a special display table some of the latest examples of such lines of furnishings and if you have a fireplace in your home you shouldn't miss this exhibit.

We are headquarters for such items and you'll find here the fullest assortment of kerbs, dogs, shovels, sets, scuttles, etc. We have these in brass, copper, iron and in polished, satin and hammered finishes. Wire spark guards in several styles.

Let Us Re-Cover Your Old Furniture

Let us recover your old furniture and make it look like new again. An expert staff of upholsterers are ready to execute your commands and if you wish there is a big range of materials from which to choose new coverings.

The quality of Weiler work is too well known to need any comment here. The best materials and workmanship is guaranteed you here.

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Agreeable and pleasant to take. It is especially recommended for all affections of the throat and lungs, for wasting diseases, or loss of flesh. It is a splendid flesh-builder. \$1.00 per bottle. Prepared only by



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The

PHILANT

That the women of Victoria their "City Beautiful" lavished rare gifts of merit this title, in its merit is evidenced by the large and philanthropic work. Here is constant true and beautiful side question, viz: her right sweet charity, the reformer consoler of the sick, been deemed fitting, in paper, devoted more es work and interests, to order, the various benevolent organizations at work in personnell of such agencies lining their grand aims on, in broad and under rendering to the Daily P merchants and others, g praise and gratitude for social and practical assistance operation women's work fully carried on. In con of opinion that as a city over organized, that their cives needing support, th knowing of the splendi forts undertaken solely if ty, the amelioration of distress, assert with po there is not one such so along these lines whose we could afford to disp lation of Victoria, which ing, bringing into its r and physical conditions, lation of large cities, den tropic agencies, strenu broad minded efforts, I appalling conditions of I cities of older countries this, our fair city. It is those engaged in charit in all modern cities bot countries, that the w agencies at work, from opportunity, wrecked h oral and physical degener inebriety; next, the dist spensibility and disciplin ers and mothers. Non gainsay the truth of th owe a lasting debt of

The Women's Club

This Union, keenly and the overwhelming most imperceptibly lure moral destruction, stand age amongst the valiant ns, boldly declaring in termination to conserve the suppression of the v if unheeded and uncheer torrent, consume what "THE WOMAN'S HO is so efficiently carried is both inward and outw rony to the beautiful ch Union, as it clasps the whom the force of tem submerged, bidding her the better and truer ide ing. The Mission amon by this devoted band of many years a power fo age and hope to the str and the opportunity for ment.

The Royal Jubilee and

The splendid work of two excellent hospitals, and kindness displayed nursing staff and the de institutions appeals to e child in the city and pr manity may, sooner or l and ministrations. Enor not be said of the unre work of THE WOM JUBILEE HOSPITAL society "THE DAUGH their beautiful work in c suffering, by bringing b the bedside of patient building. Their sympat work is thoroughly app should meet with unsti The Auxiliary has by m and strenuous work col hospital needs \$25,000. ity the Children's Ward sun room and the fund fo is increasing.

At the present epoch definitely to define wor but of this one may re mental and moral uplift find absorbing avenues. The fact of the altered c the present time, as she with man, as clerk, typ ten necessitating in con to a strange town or cit hitherto unknown and u laid upon women gene sponsibility and necess sisters thus situated a home, where they may f companionship.

Young Women's Ch This Association in