

About a Morsel of the Empire

Capt. Olive Phillips Wolley Has a Notable Article in the London Morning Post.

Lifts the Curtain to Englanders and Reveals the Treasure House of the World.

The London Morning Post, in a recent issue which has just reached the Colonist, contains the following notable article from the pen of Captain Olive Phillips-Wolley:

The vastness of Britain necessarily minimizes the importance of its parts, so that in a London daily paper British Columbia with its area of 371,000,000 acres cannot expect much more than a column. But in attempting to deal with the present economic and political status of the province within such limits, I cannot do more than suggest outlines, to be filled in by those who are familiar with the facts.

Briefly sketched it is this: The Hudson Bay Company laid the foundations of the province of the fifty million dollars in gold dust, won principally from the Klondike and Fraser, advertised and consolidated it, and thereafter came Lord Dufferin with his gold prophecies for the West coast by which our people took their ease, dreaming of that unearned increment, those "limitless possibilities" which were to be their heritage.

I am quite aware of the minor details of our history, but I am galloping, and therefore only "hitting the high places on the trail," of which the Canadian Pacific Railway, from 1878 to 1881, our first transcontinental railway through the Rockies, could never have been a part.

It is not easy to lay my hand upon statistics as to the area of our province, but the Canadian Pacific and Great Northern have reached the Pacific coast, and by 1891 the province was in a state of increasing prosperity. In that year the "Baring" crash came. The banks, which had not hitherto proceeded to the limit of their credit, were forced to close.

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On a beautiful site along the Parliament buildings, the largest hotel in Canada is in course of erection; in what has been by and by another building; survey parties are at work on the land grant; plans are being considered for the extension of the railway to the north of the island, the first step, perhaps, in a very big scheme.

This is the bare outline of British Columbia up to today. Let me add a few facts such as my countrymen love, and then one dream of my own as a home boy.

Some Statistics. In 1891 Vancouver had a population of 18,000; she now has an estimated population of at least 40,000. In 1891 the mineral output of this province was valued at \$4,500,000; last year the value of our minerals reached \$10,000,000. In 1891 we were described as a "statistical year book of Canada" states that the average value of farms in British Columbia, based upon the production, exceeds the average value of farms in any other province of the Dominion, whilst the value of our farm products for the last year reached \$4,000,000.

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News and Views Of the Visitors

A. H. MacNeill, K. C., Tells of Recent Railway Trouble Near Midway.

Commercial Traveler Reports Good Business—Politics at Nelson.

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CLIVE PHILLIPS-WOLLEY. LE ROI SITUATION. Comment of a London Mining Journal on Dispute Among Directors.

The Colonial Goldfields Gazette (London) in its issue of November 11th has an article dealing with the Le Roi situation.

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The Life of a Lady Hamilton

The Love and Mistress of Lord Nelson—A Strange One With a Pathetic Ending.

San Francisco Argonaut.

Two fascinating volumes that the Nelson Centenary inspired are "Emma, Nelson's Mistress" and "Nelson's Letters to Lady Hamilton" (Library Press), with an introduction by the late Lord Hamilton.

Emma, Hamilton's wife and Nelson's mistress, was the child of respectable parents, and she was a young girl—a girl of extraordinary beauty—when she met Nelson.

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Federationists End Their Labors

The Convention Complete Programme and Meets Today to Adjourn.

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The Commission At Nanaimo

Fishery Industries Investigated at the Black Diamond City.

From Our Own Correspondent.

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A Big Mine Amalgamation

Importance of Decision Reached for the War Eagle—Centre Star Merger.

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