

AS OTHERS SEE US.

Interesting Remarks in Regard to British Columbia—Its Advantages and Resources.

The following are some of the remarks made at the meeting of the Royal Colonial Institute, London, in February last, apropos Rev. Canon Beaudant's paper on "British Columbia—a prospect of Colonial development."

Mr. A. Savelley Hill, Q. C., M. P.: I obey your call, Mr. Chairman, but I may say I come here for the purpose not of addressing you, but of listening to the lecture of my friend Canon Beaudant, who kindly showed me over some interesting parts of Victoria some three years ago. I went out to British Columbia in the year 1880, having read and heard of the wrong done to the sealers, and as a member of the House of Commons, and in taking an interest in the sealers, I desired to see what was the real state of things. I made a journey over the island, or a great part of the island, to see what was its climate and its possibilities in regard to immigration. As regards climate, I must say there is nothing left to be desired. It is, I believe, the most lovely climate in the world. Sir Charles Tupper has spoken of the roses he saw in April. There was there in October and November, 1889, and the roses were still flowering as though they were in existence all the year round.

As though they never faded there, the climate is so exquisite, the country so beautiful, that the island is becoming, and will to still greater extent become, a residential place, not only for British Columbians, but also for people in the United States, who will find there a far more healthy and beautiful home than anywhere to the South. I remember standing on the terrace of the house of my friend Senator Macdonald, and looking across the Strait to the snow-capped Olympic range of blue hills, and the glorious forests, and I may say I do not believe there is to be found a more beautiful home than that one outside Victoria. With regard to the sealers, I went out to inquire, first, into the animals killed in what is called pelagic sealing; secondly, how far there was a destructive diminution of the seals themselves, and thirdly, whether there was wastefulness in the mode of killing. My conclusions were embodied in some letters which appeared in the Times, in which I showed that the number of seals is not diminishing, but that they are to be found in Behring Sea in even greater numbers than before. I further showed that the mode of killing is not a wasteful mode, but I also came to the conclusion that there is to be a greater preservation of seal life it is to be brought about, not by any interference in a wasteful mode of seal life, the system or season of seal-sealing, or the killing in the open, but by regulating more carefully the mode in which the seals are killed on the Pribilof Islands. Talk of the Victor sealers being a more wasteful mode of obtaining and bringing to market a useful article of commerce. In conclusion, I will only add that, while the sealers have a charming climate, and no better place for immigrants, this is not a country for great wheat farms or large cattle ranches. It is admirably adapted to the raising of the smaller cultivators, and nowhere will you find such persons doing better placed than in British Columbia and Vancouver's Island.

Mr. A. W. HAYES, M. L. C., Newfoundland—Your secretary was kind enough to ask me to make a few remarks on Vancouver's Island. It has been anticipated by previous speakers. It has been alleged that the death of these young seals on the Pribilof Islands is caused by Canadian killing the mother seals in the sea. Now, I do not think that in the present year Canadians have been allowed, at any time, to seal within 120 or 150 miles of those islands. It is utterly impossible, therefore, that the death of any seal on the Pribilof Islands can be laid at the door of the Canadian sealers. On the Atlantic side, the seals do not go to the islands for the purpose of bringing forth their young, but on the contrary, they are extraordinary amount of intelligence—almost inspiration, for it is more than instinct—the old mother seals pick out the most inaccessible parts of the ice flows, and there the young are all born within a few days of each other—always about the end of February. After suckling their young, they take to the water and go away fishing, while the ice in which the young lie is drifted by wind and wave, sometimes as much as 15 to 20 or even 50 miles in the 24 hours. In the meantime, as I have said, the mother seal is away fishing; but every night she returns, and it is certain that in the 12 or 14 hours she is away she cannot go farther than 60 miles, and in that distance she is able to pick out her own baby, never so far as is known, making a mistake. Suppose that in London 300,000 babies were born in one week, and that the fifty more which come from the enlarged locks now in progress of construction, any meaning which does not include our lake cities? Will anyone claim that the Columbia River and San Diego harbors are not among the objectives of the formidable naval station at Victoria?

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Anarchy and Terrorism on All Hands—Life and Liberty Are Unsafe.

The People Stricken with Fear—Prisons Filled With Prominent Citizens.

New York, March 26.—The Herald's special from Caracas, Venezuela, says: A crisis has been reached in the political struggle in this country, and from all parts of the Republic come reports of uprisings against President Palacios. Palacios attempts to retain his dictatorship, for such his office has now become, or falling in to have a figure head elected, and a president to be elected in his stead. The situation is now a state of anarchy, and terrorism is rampant. The representatives of each state furnish the lists of the principal members and their whereabouts, and from each state's list Congress chooses a member and a substitute. The pronouncement of the court threw Palacios into a great rage. He ordered the arrest of the entire court, and inside of 24 hours every one of its judges were behind prison bars. Accounts of this high-handed action spread rapidly. Conservative men, who had hesitated to range themselves against the Government, now joined the rebels. All the reports confirm the general belief that the revolution has become a widespread movement, and that great loss of life before Palacios conquers his enemies, or they succeed in killing him. Caracas is in a virtual state of siege. Life and property are unsafe. People do not venture out of their homes at night. Arrests are being made on all sorts of pretexts, and the prisons will soon be unable to accommodate those who are committed to them. In Caracas, at this moment, all the Senators and Deputies from the eight states. The United States war vessel Newark arrived at Lagayara, yesterday. She will remain there until all the trouble is over, so as to protect the interests of Americans in Venezuela. It is impossible to exaggerate the excitement now existing in Caracas. At this moment the streets may be filled with armed citizens driven to desperation by a rule under which rich and poor, high and low, are treated alike. The husband of a woman trembles. There is a limit beyond human endurance, and it is questionable if it has not been reached by Palacios's terror-stricken subjects.

NO CASE.

THE UNITED STATES CAN CLAIM NOTHING IN BEARING SEA OUTSIDE THE THREE-MILE LIMIT.

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LIFE INSURANCE.

Interesting Statements Regarding the Amount of Business Done in the United States. According to official figures, the amount of life insurance in force in the United States, during 1891, increased by \$88,864,707. The increase in the amount of business done in the United States, during 1891, was \$21,233,000. Leaving out of the account, however, the companies doing mainly an industrial business, it is found that the other companies wrote in 1891, \$150,424,224 new business, and in 1890, \$169,387,241, the increase being \$19,036,983. Eight of the companies (omitting the industrial) show a decrease in business, making in round numbers, \$915,000,000, and a profitable increase in new business of close upon \$47,000,000. However, the amount of life insurance written in 1890 was \$1,191,860,000, and taken by policy, being, in the United States, two very different things. For example, about 18 per cent of the assurance written in 1890 was returned in the official report, there being deducted from the above \$915,000,000 about \$165,000,000, leaving as the amount issued and taken \$750,000,000.

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THE CURE FOR SCROFULA.

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SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

THE READY CHECK.

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