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THE CANADIAN NORTHERN

It is premature to speak definitely regarding the plans of the Canadian Northern, for the contract with the government has not yet been signed, but we say that before Messrs. MacKenzie and Mann leave the city, which may not be for a few days yet, an agreement will be reached which will fulfill all the undertakings given by Mr. McBride during the last campaign and satisfy the expectations of the people of Victoria and the province generally. In view of this certainty, the Colonist is glad to be able to say as the result of a conversation with Mr. Mann yesterday, that he and Mr. MacKenzie are as enthusiastic as to the future of this province and this city as anyone can desire. These masters of railway construction have won an enviable reputation for the energy and enthusiasm with which they enter upon their undertakings. They not so long ago started out with small beginnings, but their projects have grown as the years have passed, until now they contemplate an expenditure measured by scores of millions of dollars with the same quiet courage which characterized them in the days when they were feeling their way against great odds in Manitoba. It may seem strange to speak of enthusiasm in connection with the work of such men, the one at home in the financial centres of Great Britain, where he seems able to impress his views upon those who control the purse strings, which protect the money of many investors; the other, the practical railway builder, who knows how much work a man ought to do and how much a dollar ought to pay for. But there are two kinds of enthusiasm. One finds expression in words; the other in deeds. A month or two ago, in speaking of the factors which do more than anything else to develop a country or to launch a great enterprise, we quoted Mr. Herbert E. Law, the well-known San Francisco millionaire, who said to the Colonist that the greatest of all these factors was imagination, when it was backed up by courage and executive ability. Those who know the men who have made the Canadian Northern what it is, know that they set out on their career as railway owners and builders with an object before them, that at the time seemed wholly a creature of the imagination. It was a picture of a transcontinental railway, and to the realization of what then seemed to most people only a dream, they applied their industry, their energy, their hope, their courage and their sterling honesty. They coined these words and they transmuted the gold into hands of steel. Today they see the consummation of their dreams not far away. It is a great thing to dream of doing great things, and to achieve them for one's own advantage; but it is a greater thing to have dreams which, when realized, mean wealth and prosperity for the country.

To get from this general to the specific aspect of the Canadian Northern enterprise, what Victoria people will be most interested to know is what the plans of the company will mean for Victoria. Again saying that it is yet too soon to be specific, we feel justified in assuming that provided the contract is executed to the satisfaction of both parties and is ratified by the Legislature, and of these matters there is no doubt whatever, the company will not delay in getting to work. We think that if we say the month of April will see the actual work of construction begun on this island, and on the mainland as well, we would not be found to be very much astray, and if we were to assure Colonist readers that four years for the completion of the road is all the company asks or has the least expectation of requiring, we would be fully justified. We can say with confidence that the most doubting Thomases of them all can safely dismiss from his mind any fear whatever that the construction of the Canadian Northern will be delayed, or that the mainland connection and the building of the Barkley Sound division as an integral part of the transcontinental line will not be proceeded with as rapidly as men and money can do the work. In a very short time the Company's Chief Engineer will visit Victoria and remain here for a sufficient length of time to master the physical situation presented by the environs of the city.

THE COMET.

The people who like to read signs and omens in the skies, are looking up their histories to see what bearing the advent of Halley's comet has upon the English history. In the first year in which its appearance is definitely recorded, that is in 1378, England was distracted with strife between the land owning classes on the one hand and the Crown and the populace on the other. When it next appeared the country was in the throes resulting from Jack Cade's rebellion, and the Wars of the Roses were in full swing. When it next came Henry VIII was struggling with the Pope for supremacy over the Church of England. In 1607 the comet witnessed the contention incidental to the union between England and Scotland, and when it came in 1683 it saw the riots in London, which ended in the Rye House plot. In 1744 when Charles Edward, the Pretender, set sail for the invasion of England with a fleet, a six-tailed comet appeared in the heavens, and the fleet was wrecked. This visitor was not Halley's but some other wanderer which has not reported progress again. Halley's came along fifteen years later to watch over Wolfe when he set out for the conquest of New France. The last appearance of this visitor was just before the coronation of Queen Victoria. Other comets have come in for their share in portentous appearances. Donatelli witnessed the Indian Mutiny; the comet of 1861 saw the beginning of the War of Secession. By a little ingenuity it would be quite easy to connect all great events with cometary appearances and equally easy to show that they are harbingers of peace and prosperity.

PRESERVING THE SPRUCE.

A growing agitation is in progress in the Eastern provinces for the preservation of the spruce forests. It has begun none too soon, although it would be a mistake to suppose that no consideration at all has been given to this very important economic subject. Many spruce forests in the East have been carefully conserved, and are as valuable as they have been cut over in some cases several times. Three years growth will develop a young spruce into a fine merchantable log, and hence, by the exercise of good judgment in cutting, the land can be gone over at short intervals, and a good crop of logs can be taken off. The part which the spruce forests of the East have played in the commercial development of Canada is greater than can well be estimated. It is, perhaps, not extravagant to say that they have formed the basis of the wealth of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and largely of Quebec. They are not unmindful of the part which the pine has played; but the glory of the pine forests passed away years ago, while that of the spruce yet remains. In the future the spruce is likely to play even a more important role than it has in the past. Of all woods for the manufacture of pulp, it is the best. For this very reason it ought to be husbanded with care. Spruce of any kind will do for pulp, wood, and every effort ought to be made to prevent the cutting of the smaller trees. This matter does not at present specially concern the people of this province, except so far as everything bearing upon forest conservation is of interest to all Canadians.

A MISSING PAGE.

A good many pages are dropped from history as it is written. One of these has only recently come to light, although it has been in the possession of Mr. Henry Clews, the New York banker, for twenty years. Its publication at an earlier day might have done much toward removing the impression under which a great many people in the United States have labored, to the effect that the British government was planning with France for the overthrow of the republic during the war of Secession. Twenty years ago, Mr. Clews wrote a book, entitled "Twenty-Eight Years in Wall Street," and in it he stated that the Emperor Napoleon and the British government had "formed" an international conspiracy on a large scale to demolish the liberties of this country; to pounce upon the wreck and then share the spoil between these two powerful pirates. Later in the book he asserted that it was only Great Britain's sluggishness that prevented action. The story generally received was that Lord Palmerston was anxious to join hands with Napoleon, but that the influence of Queen Victoria was sufficient to stay his hand. Mr. Clews sent a copy of his book to Mr. Gladstone, who replied as follows:

No. 28 James St.
May 30, 1889.
Dear Sir: Having expressed my interest in the portions of your work which I read on the day of its arrival, to the cabinet of Lord Palmerston, in the cabinet of the following chapter, I did not, after reading what relates to the conspiracy on a large scale to demolish the liberties of this country, make some reference to it. Allow me to assure you that, so far as the cabinet is concerned, you have been misled in regard to matters of nearly its sole surviving member. I can state that it never at any time dealt with the subject of recognizing the Southern States in your great civil war, excepting when it learned the proposition of the Emperor Napoleon to declare war on the United States, and declined to entertain that proposition, without qualification, hesitation, delay, or assent.

In the debate which took place on Mr. Roebuck's proposal for the recognition of the Southern States, Lord Russell took no part, and could take none, as he was a member of the House of Lords. I spoke for the Cabinet. You will be glad to learn that there is no foundation for a charge which, had it been true, might have added in keeping alive angry sentiments happily gone by. You are of course at liberty to publish this letter.

To your reference in p. 70 as a record of impressions which I was not at liberty to use, I can make no objection; though you are probably aware that they were many years ago the subject of a detailed explanation from me to the American Government, and of a most handsome reply from Mr. Hamilton Fish.

I remain, dear Sir,
Your very faithful servant,
W. E. GLADSTONE.

H. Clews, Esq.
For some reason, which he has not seen fit to explain, Mr. Clews kept this letter secret until the centennial of Gladstone's birth, when he gave it to the press. One finds it very difficult to excuse him for permitting the wrong impression produced by his book to remain uncorrected for a score of years, when he had in his hands absolute proof that he had done an injustice to the British government.

Congratulations to the Mayor-elect of Vancouver and congratulations to the world on the success of its editor and manager.

The reports of the speeches of many of the Peers, which the mails are bringing us, are often very amusing. Their lordships appeared to speak with little or no preparation and they said some things which are exceedingly clever, because of the ready wit displayed. One of the most wonderful things about the campaign is the unflinching good humor with which they meet all hostile sallies.

The reverend, learned, eloquent and shall we say effervescent editor of the Toronto Globe, in a recent speech put Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the same class as Moses, David, Cyrus, Caesar, Napoleon and a few others, who have been somewhat conspicuous as makers of history. Political and personal friendships are very delightful things; but sometimes they lead "the unruly member" to run away with a man's judgment.

We have severe gales in this part of the world, but happily, they are rarely accompanied by the most disagreeable of cold weather. When we read in the Halifax Chronicle of the Canoe fleet being at sea when, "with practically no warning, a furious northwest gale, accompanied by blinding snow and intense cold swooped down upon it," we realize that the lot of the Atlantic fishermen may often be something which the fishermen of this coast are not called upon to experience.

Among the many calendars for the year 1910 that have reached the Colonist, that issued by the Royal Bank of Canada is among the most attractive and useful. It has on one side a map of British Columbia and on the other a map of the Dominion. If we are not mistaken, the issuing of a calendar by one of the chartered banks is somewhat of an innovation, and it is certainly in this case a very excellent one. The Royal Bank has moved towards the front among the banks of Canada, in a manner that speaks eloquently for the manner in which its affairs are managed.

The Hamilton Spectator has taken up the cudgels for the persons, who, it says, are miserably underpaid. It thinks it absurd that an educated man should be expected to live and bring up his family decently upon the small stipend paid to most ministers of the Gospel. The one man, who is never considered when we talk of the increased cost of living, is the parson. He is supposed to be a great deal of economy and any amount of faith. The Spectator points out that we always expect the parson to be well-dressed and his wife to look neat and tidy, and his children as well as those of other people. We may add that if, like the rest of us, he should take a flyer in real estate to help him over a tight place, we should all be scandalized.

Treasurer of Yale
NEW HAVEN, Jan. 13.—George Parmelee Day, of New York city, class of 1907, was chosen treasurer of Yale University by the corporation this afternoon.

"Dutch Henry" Still Alive
MOOSE JAW, Jan. 13.—In regard to the rumor that "Dutch Henry," the notorious border outlaw, was shot by a policeman in the south country, on Monday, the latest word from mounted police headquarters at Wood Mountain says there is no truth in the report. This opinion is corroborated by settlers from that district now in the city.

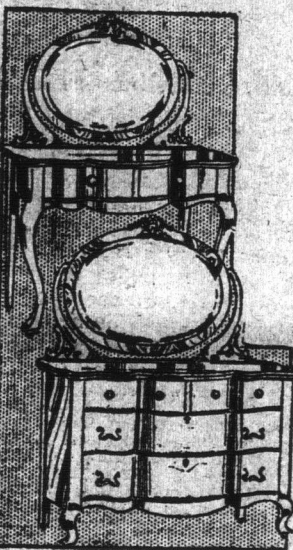
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Recent arrivals are among the most handsome creations we have ever witnessed, and these combined with our former showing gives us a display of which we are justly proud. We would appreciate an opportunity to show you some handsome furniture for the bedroom.

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A Magnificent Suite in Tuna Mahogany

This Light Finish Is Very Pleasing—Design Is Artistic

Tuna mahogany is a magnificent wood, and we have just received a 4-piece suite of selected pieces of this wood. The light finish pleases many, and former specimens of bedroom furniture in this wood have sold in a hurry. We would be de-lighted if you could find the necessary time to come in and see these pieces at an early date—we suggest promptness, because we have but a limited shipment, and it may sell quickly. Nothing more attractive in bedroom furniture.

CHIFFONIERE—Has 4 large and 5 small drawers, and a shaped, bevel plate mirror of best quality. A very attractive design and good value at \$70.00

DRESSING TABLE—This table has swell front, with 5 drawers, also a large bevel plate mirror. Price \$45.00

DRESSER—This dresser has a swell front, has 2 large and 5 small drawers, and a massive bevel plate mirror of first quality. A very stylish piece of furniture. Priced at \$75.00

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CHIFFONIERE—Selected mahogany, highly polished. Has 4 swell-front drawers and 2 small drawers, also a large bevel plate mirror of best quality. A useful and handsome piece of furniture. Priced at \$125.00

DRESSER—Dresser has 2 swell-front drawers and 3 smaller drawers. It also has a massive bevel plate mirror of first quality. A rich furniture piece. Price, \$175.00

WASHSTAND—Designed to match these other pieces, and a very attractive washstand it is. Priced at \$50.00

DRESSING TABLE—Every lady likes one of these, and there isn't a lady anywhere who wouldn't be delighted with this one. Two drawers and large oval bevel mirror. Priced at \$70.00

New Bedroom Furniture in Mission Design

Mission styles are invading the bedroom—we have sold many pieces of bedroom furniture of this design, and the demand caused us to order some very attractive pieces. These have just arrived and are now on show on the third floor. To the party wishing to make the bedroom "different" these are a great assistance. We have chairs and other furnishings to harmonize.

CHIFFONIERE—Early English oak. Has 3 large and 2 small drawers and a large mirror. Satin brass drawer pulls. Priced at \$30.00

WASHSTAND—To match this chiffoniere. Has 3 drawers and cupboard. Priced at \$16.00

DRESSER AND STAND—Made of oak, in Mission design, and finished in Early English finish. Dresser has 3 large and 2 small drawers, and a very large mirror. Washstand designed to match. Very handsome pieces. Priced—the two—at \$65.00

A Great Choice in Other Styles

Hundreds of Pieces From Which You May Select—Good Values

Our choice of moderate-priced bedroom furniture isn't excelled anywhere. Hundreds of pieces here from which to choose, and you'll find every one representing the very best values to be found. Great care has been taken in the selecting of these pieces, and you'll find unusually good designs shown.

In metal beds we are especially strong, and our showing in these represents the very latest ideas of the largest makers. No such variety of design is offered you elsewhere in the Province. Welcome to come in and inspect.

Chiffoniers Priced from \$12 Up

We show many styles in little-priced chiffoniers, and you can easily enjoy the comforts and conveniences of these furniture pieces—prices are so easy. We have them in golden elm, golden oak finish, polished golden oak and in mahogany.

Dozens of styles are shown and dozens of different price tickets show saving possibilities. Let us show you the range from \$12.00.

Dressers Priced from \$10.50

In dresser, with mirrors, we have much to offer you. Dozens of handsome styles in all the popular woods and finishes are to be found in our showrooms. The matter of choosing a style to please is easy indeed, and certainly the prices will work no hardship on anyone.

Come in at your earliest convenience and let us show you the big choice, priced from \$10.50.

Iron Beds Priced from \$4

No need to disfigure an otherwise attractive bedroom by using an old, out-of-date wooden bed when you can choose from such an assortment of stylish iron beds as we show at these little prices.

Several carloads of beds lately received enable us to offer you the finest selection in the province. Prices start as low as \$4.00.

Dressers and Stands from \$14

If you have but a limited amount of cash to expend on a new dresser and stand you cannot spend it to better advantage than in choosing one of these offerings of ours.

Style and quality combined with little price should appeal to you. In all woods and finishes. Prices start from \$14.00.

Combination Dresser and Stand, from \$15.00.

Every lady would like to enjoy the comfort and convenience of a nice dressing table. We make it easy for you in offering these excellent tables.

All the popular woods—Golden oak finish, polished golden oak, early English oak, mahogany finish and genuine mahogany. Newest designs and all of superior finish. We have these tables priced from \$14.00.

Brass Beds Priced from \$30

If you wish to have a rich-looking bedroom place one of these elegant brass beds there. The best bed designers of two continents have contributed to this display and their efforts are worthy.

We would greatly appreciate an opportunity to show you some of these handsome creations. Why not come in tomorrow? Priced from \$30.00.

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WORSHIP.

The Rev. A. J. Stanley Ard, in on church attendance, took the s as Cicero did in one of his letters v ly two thousand years ago. The g statesman lamented the neglect of the part of the people, and exhorted return to the practice of their fore would be a mistake to associate worship with Christianity alone, an essential part of Jewish life. Tomed nowadays to look upon the Jews as in some special way re own, and perhaps they were, but w to lose sight of the fact that Juda is one of many systems of religion e temporarily, and that in all of ship formed an essential part. Wh the Jews had a higher conception nations of the object and nature is beside the question. The poin ought not to lose sight of is that m at all times and in all countries, greater or less degree given to wor would probably be found on invest true that, in proportion as this spiri was active and general, the nations s were strong and progressive.

When one reflects upon the mat as though this must be so. Huma eral-said, and one might logically development on all these several s produce the best possible results. need the Book of Genesis to tell u was created in the image of God, s savage, practising his incantations himself against he knows not what, sciousness that in some way he is Unknown. On ten thousand monu of them so old that we can only g antiquity, men have recorded their of it. The fear of the Unknown is ning of human progress. This sente like another with which every one namely, "The fear of the Lord is the of wisdom." The latter was adrese in an advanced stage of civilization guide to daily life; but it is true l and true in its application to the ex ditions of humanity. The fear of the lies at the very beginning of huma ment, and it seems also to be true th portion as this fear develops into mankind advances into a higher s though it is a slight diversion from ment, it may be added that "perfect eth out fear," or in other words, the of the spirit of worship into perfect u its object is the consummation of h gress. Worship, therefore, may be be the effort of humanity to get in the divine.

Worship is the act of the individ must perform it for himself. Hence service is not in itself worship. It aid to worship. It is a device for th tion from the mind for the time be other thoughts than those appertain act of worship. Herein lies the tr power of song in religious observat by a strange sort of contradiction, al tency of silence. We are such compo tures that we are subject to a great u influences. Have you ever stood u headland jutting out into the sea, with only the stars for company and mur of the waves to break the silen have you not been conscious that you were a different person from who, a few hours before, was driv bargain in your office, or on the prev ing had sat in a card-room in your cl the glare of electric lights, dimmed smoke and listened to the stories of of congenial spirits? Have you not an occasion realized the idea which T sought to express when he said:

"I would that my tongue could u
The thoughts that arise in me!"

If you have had no such experie such circumstances, you must be di constituted from most people. One of active, energetic and successful busi the whole Northwest Coast says never looks upon the mountains witho ing of exaltation, and without repe himself the words of the Psalmist, "I up mine eyes to the hills, from whence my aid. My help cometh from the Lo made heaven and earth. He will not su foot to be moved; He that keepeth t not slumber." In such instances as t have the spirit of worship brought ov pressive surroundings, and so it is t same spirit is developed by church serv

But, some may ask, indeed many h ed: Why cannot I worship God as we forest recesses or in my canoe, as in a The answer is that you can, but that y not. It is folly to speak of a spirit of d resulting from a search after game, whipping of a stream with a trout lin rhythmical motion of your canoe is not cive to that end, even if you are alone, a less so, if there is a dainty miss with a sitting with her face towards you, and yard or so away. It is just as well to est about these things, and admit at on while it is possible to worship God und conditions, the chances are that you w do it. Another objector will say that h not go to church because he gets no g of the service, and he will blame the m This is a foolish objection, for, if wor an individual thing, there is no sense pecting the minister to do it for you. The ant Hindu, who sets up his prayer-whe expects it to secure a compliance with