

The great durbar at Delhi, at which King George and Queen Mary were proclaimed and recognized as Emperor and Empress of India, was a scene of splendour perhaps never before equalled even in the gorgeous East. The Indian princes were present in state, each with his own retinue. At least one hundred and fifty of them were there to offer their homage. There were fifty thousand troops in the British and native regiments assembled, and two hundred thousand people. At the close of the ceremonies, it was announced that Delhi will hereafter be the capital of India; and the Emperor has since laid the corner stone of the new government building which is to be erected. The choice of Delhi, the ancient capital, as the seat of government is expected to have a good effect upon the people in general; and it will probably be regarded as a greater boon than the large amount of money which the Emperor has given for popular education, or than the reunion of Bengal, which removes a cause of resentment, for it was believed by the inhabitants that the province had been divided to weaken its influence.

Great Britain will establish a strong naval base in the West Indies, to be ready for use before the opening of the Panama Canal makes the Caribbean Sea one of the great highways of commerce.

Five new battleships that are to be built this year for the British navy will be the largest armoured ships in the world.

Three hundred and fifty thousand new settlers came to Canada last year; nearly one-half of them from the United Kingdom, and the greater part of the others from the United States.

More than two thousand five hundred vessels passed through the Welland Canal in 1911, a larger number than ever before in one season. The biggest cargo was carried by the new oil-burning steamer Toiler, it being ninety-four thousand bushels of wheat.

The oil engine is not run by explosion, as is the gasoline motor; but by the steady burning of the oil in the cylinder. The Germans are using a similar engine with tar as fuel, costing less than half as much as kerosene.

That the Atlantic Provinces are the best part of Canada is the conclusion of an English newspaper man who has visited all the important parts of the Dominion.

Further exploration of the James Bay region of Ontario will be undertaken next spring. There are valuable timber lands, it is believed, as well as farming lands there yet to be developed.

The treaty between Great Britain, Russia, Japan and the United States for the protection of seals in the North Pacific has been signed.

The group of islands known as the New Hebrides, which has been governed jointly by the British and French, is to be divided between the two nations, the joint government proving unsatisfactory.

Beginning with the new year, the entire telephone system of the United Kingdom has passed from private ownership to government control.

Marconi announces the important discovery that the wireless telegraph can be used in the desert without masts, the wire which is usually raised on a mast being simply laid on the sand in the direction in which the message is to be sent.

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