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ADVANCE, VICTORIA.

The good work inaugurated on Friday ought not to be allowed to flag. We have no expectation that it will be so far as the gentlemen at the head of the movement are concerned, but we are not so sure about the general public. The pessimist in a "kick-er" hid their diminished heads before the storm of enthusiasm, but they are like the grass, which stands erect when the wind has ceased. Like the poor, the pessimist is always with us, and the worst of it is that he manages to keep the rest of us from seeing him. We do not wish to appear in unduly haste about this, but the time for action is at hand, and we hope soon to be able to record that something is likely to be attempted.

Now it will be inconceivable that, if a vigorous campaign of development is undertaken, some people will benefit more than others. Some one has objected that the hotel-keepers and the "livery-stable men" will reap the principal advantage from an influx of people. This is true, so far as the first results go, but it is not true to any greater extent. And even if we take their case as a typical one, what do we find that they must buy from the farmers the produce whereby the one feeds his guests and the other his horses? Shall we not find that they employ other men, most of whom have homes in the city, which they either own or pay rent for, and which they must heat, light and supply with the necessaries of life? Probably on the transactions of the year the hotel-keeper or the livery-stable man makes a profit—at least it is to be hoped he does—but he only retains a very small part of the money he takes in. The very great bulk of it passes out immediately into general circulation. This may be elementary talk, but conversation with a good many people on this subject has convinced us that in this, as in most things, elementary talk is necessary.

Another objection made is that if development is to be better than the real estate agents will make money, which is true enough. But if they make money, they also spend money in a score of ways. And the money which they make will chiefly come from other than Victorians; and it will pass out into the hands of other people immediately. Some people have objected that if money is spent in publicity, the newspapers will not be able to do the course this is not true, but if the whole sum likely to be contributed in Victoria were given to the Colonist alone, it would hardly make good what the Colonist has itself paid out to advertise the city, without so much as a single dollar of a direct return. These means of advertising equal to printers' ink, but let us not imagine for a moment that any of the Victoria printing establishments received the whole, or even the most of what has been expended in the past in advertising the city.

Another frequent objection heard is that some one must be getting a secret profit out of what is being done, or otherwise would not devote their time and attention to the work of publicity. This is a calumny, which is usually whispered in secret for those who give currency to it would not dare mention names. There is no, and there never was, any foundation for such an objection. Victoria has been very fortunate in having a number of citizens who are sufficiently inspired by public spirit to devote their time and talents to the general advancement of the community, without hope of any other recompense than that which will come from the general advancement of the community.

We say: Advance Victoria! Now we know some will speak once of the handicap of our position, but what an island! In the first place it is as big as Switzerland, or to come nearer home, big as the mainland part of Nova Scotia, while in all things that make a country rich, it is greater than either. Switzerland's great asset is its scenery. Doubtless we have no mountains on Vancouver Island comparable to the Alps, but we have mountains upon whose snow-capped summits we may stand and see the Ocean on the one hand and the island and channels of the great inland waterway on the other. Switzerland has lakes, but none of them are more beautiful than ours, and we have what Switzerland has not, beautiful rivers teeming with fish, and the most beautiful coastline to be found anywhere in the world, as an asset our scenery is more valuable than that of Switzerland. Now the mountain republic is surrounded with populous countries, and its fame as a pleasure resort is centuries old; yet Switzerland is widely advertised in the newspapers, just as if it had only been discovered yesterday. When it comes to material resources, Switzerland is out of the race entirely, and the comparison must be made with Nova Scotia. We have a better climate than the Atlantic province, an immensely greater timber supply, and coal, infinitely more copper, probably more gold, and as much farming land and it is more productive, greater fisheries. In short there is not an item of natural wealth by which Vancouver Island does not possess as much as the Mainland part of Nova Scotia, and of many it possesses more. Then the comparative progress of the position of this Treasure Island must be considered. It is an element of prosperity that is made up of things. Everything is at hand for a future of surpassing progress and development, but all join hands and advance Victoria.

THE PEACE RIVER COUNTRY.

We have on former occasions pointed out how the resources of the Peace River country can be made tributary to the prosperity of British Columbia, and therefore shall not repeat the observations made upon that point. We direct attention to the following Toronto despatch of the 18th inst: Fred G. Lawrence, F.R.S.S., for 30 years a resident of the Peace River

district, aroused keen interest in an address before the Canadian Club on the possibilities of the west. He said along the banks of all streams flowing east or west from the boundary to the Arctic ocean gold was to be found. Along the foot of the Rockies the same has been made upon a work that means much for us all.

Mr. McBride, in moving a vote of thanks to Mr. Chapman at the luncheon, expressed his strong approval of the duty of the provincial government in the matter of publicity. While he did not commit himself to anything specific, he has no doubt that he expected, he gave abundant evidence that if the government is approached with any reasonable plan, it will give the matter sympathetic attention. It is well to know this. The government has spent money wisely in advertising the province freely in the United Kingdom, and that is no reason in principle why it might not pay forth efforts in the same direction in localities nearer home. This is as far as we feel called upon to go today, and we shall not forestall any possible action on the part of the organization having the matter in charge by making any suggestion.

The only remark which we wish to make in this connection is that the existence of such great natural resources, that may be made tributary to this province, seems to impose upon the provincial government the duty of determining upon some line of policy which will lead to the development of this region from the Pacific coast as a base, and the handling of the greater part of its future business from our ports and business centers. We do not wish to appear in unduly haste about this, but the time for action is at hand, and we hope soon to be able to record that something is likely to be attempted.

PARTIZANSHIP RUNNING MAD.

We are glad to see the Manitoba Free Press unite in the protest against the Colonist and some other Canadian papers have made against the manner in which certain politicians and party men are exploiting alleged public Canadian sentiment. The Daily Mail is the worst sinner in this regard. It has labored itself into a perfect enthusiasm over the intention of the Great Northern to extend its system into Winnipeg, and a belief followed by journals of lesser note, which seem to accept as law and gospel all that this blatant newspaper says. The Observer is nearly as bad. In a recent issue it said:

"Could anything be worse than this? Lord Grey's splendid and devoted efforts, forsooth! What in the name of heaven does the Observer think it is talking about? Why, the kind of people who write these imaginary Canadian letters to the Editor, and make a few journeys around the country, and produced even an infatigable effort upon public sentiment, other than to say that the Empire is going to him that he is a man of genial disposition and good sense? We venture to say that the Empire's sentiments have been more strengthened by his sojourn in Canada than the Imperial sentiment in Canada has been strengthened by his presence here, admirable and statesman-like gentleman though he is. And we also venture to believe that Lord Grey would be one of the first to admit what we have just said. Lord Milner came here and made a magnificent tour. He is a trained observer with a fine faculty of expressing himself, and some of the Empire's best writers have been saying that he arrested the decline of Imperial sentiment here, but we would be the first to give up our sign signs of any such decline. He left Canada a stronger Imperialist than he was when he headed our shores, and with a broader conception of what must be done to consummate the Imperial idea in this country. Who told the Observer that Imperial sentiment is weakening in Canada? We know the London paper which is weakening in Canada. That is the respect for some of what claim to be the organs of British public opinion. We are learning to hate the mad mad with partisanship, and we can tell them that this partisanship is the only thing operating to weaken the Imperial tie. When a Canadian reads the speech of a free-trader or reads the ranting of a despotic imperialist tariff arrangements with Canada, he regards it with respect, although he may think the emperor's presence are mistaken. He realizes that for more than fifty years the United Kingdom has had the protection policy and he is content to await the evolution of public opinion there. If this leads to inter-imperial preference, we will be pleased; if it does not, his Imperial sentiment will not be weakened. No Canadian has ever told the Empire that the United Kingdom they do not grant us a trade preference, we will bring ourselves into the arms of the United States, and a Canadian thinks so. Every true son of Canada is content that Britain shall work out her own problems in her own way. We can come more closely together on commercial lines, so much the better. If we cannot, then we must do our best we can without it. We must rest our imperial unity upon the foundation on which it has stood so long, and which stands—no long ago—upon the fact that the United Kingdom community of sentiment is the corner stone.

A TREASURE ISLAND.

Yesterday was the beginning of what may be a new era in the progress of what Mr. Chapman, of Portland, referred to as the Treasure Island of Vancouver. There seem to come psychological moments in the history of communities, and it must have been one of them when the Victoria Board of Trade resolved to inaugurate a campaign for the development of Vancouver Island. The assembly in this city of so many representative delegates from various parts of the Island, the presence of the number of business men at Mr. Sutton's address in the morning and the fine gathering which assembled at the Empress hotel to take luncheon, and hear what Mr. Chapman had to say about campaigns of publicity, certainly combined to make the occasion unique in the history of Victoria. The presence of the provincial Premier and members of his cabinet at the luncheon, and also of Mayor Hall and many, if not all, the aldermen, added to the importance and importance of the occasion, and also did the attendance of Mr. Marpole, who has the E. & N. railway in his charge and has done so much to demonstrate his faith in the future of our Treasure Island. The address of Mr. Sutton was full of valuable information, and though he al-

ways speaks under reserve, no effort of the imagination was necessary to show that he is inspired by an almost boundless optimism, which he imparted to those who heard him. Never before in the history of Vancouver Island has such an admirable beginning been made upon a work that means much for us all.

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MR. MARPOLE'S PAPER.

The paper read by Mr. E. Marpole, general executive assistant of the Canadian Pacific Railway and general manager of the Esquimault and Nanaimo Railway, is one of the very best ever read, and the attention of Colonist readers is invited to it. We are specially interested in the address by Mr. Marpole upon the advantage of railway extension on the island, so as to shorten and quicken the journey to the north as well as to open a valuable part of the country. This has been one of the Colonist's favorite projects. It can recall how only a few years ago some Victorians used to protest against such an extension as useless for transportation purposes. They used to argue that a traveler would sooner take a steamer nearer his destination, and that when it came to a steamer the traveling would never think of landing before they reached this city. More modern ideas prevail now. The advantage to Victoria of such a railway extension would be very great. For all practical purposes Victoria would be brought as near the North country as Vancouver is. As Mr. Marpole pointed out, from Campbell River a citizen's railway were extended further north, or say to Hardy Bay, and the journey in the journey by rail would not exceed ten hours. We do not say that by a fast steamer from the Bay or Nanaimo, Vancouver could not be reached in the same number of hours as Victoria, but it is not so certain that taking into consideration all the matter affecting transportation, the proposed railway would bring Victoria as near to the north as the Frigate Bay as Vancouver can be brought by any possible system of transportation. The development certain to take place in the North this consideration is one of prime importance.

DEBATE ON THE ADDRESS.

The address in reply to the Speech with which the legislature was opened was moved by Mr. H. G. Parson, of Columbia and seconded by Mr. J. Davy of Victoria. Both gentlemen acquitted themselves very satisfactorily, and it was a pleasure to see their appearance as a speaker yesterday, and he did it in a manner which indicated a good deal of force of mind, and a little of the discussion of public questions. Mr. Davy spoke with a good deal of force of mind, and a little of the discussion of public questions. Mr. Davy spoke with a good deal of force of mind, and a little of the discussion of public questions.

THE SPEECH AT OTTAWA.

The speech at the opening of Parliament at Ottawa was more comprehensive than the Imperialist ought to proceed simultaneously with an advertising campaign, and the latter would certainly have a stimulus upon private improvements. Victorians can do very much in that way, and, if the thing operating to weaken the Imperial tie with the proposed campaign, they would get an incentive towards such improvements.

So far we have spoken of this campaign solely from the point of view of the Imperialist, but it is a mistake to leave it upon such a narrow basis. What the promoters of the new movement have in mind is not such advertising only as will bring a number of people to the city, but something that will make the well-known illimitable resources and advantages of Vancouver Island known to the world. The benefit of some of the proposed publicity would doubtless ensue to the benefit of the Imperialist more than to Victoria; but if the whole Island is developed Victoria will profit by it. If it were possible by an active campaign to build up cities of 20,000 people at Nanaimo, Alberni, Quatsino or anywhere else on the Island, this city would be vastly benefited thereby, and they all could be benefited by the prosperity of the others. Therefore there should be co-operation between all parts of the Island. How that co-operation can be best brought about is a matter which is in the hands of the movement to determine. We can promise them that any plan they may adopt will receive the heartiest assistance from this paper.

COMOX-ATLIN.

Mr. William Sloan has retired from the office of the provincial government, and has been one of them when the Victoria Board of Trade resolved to inaugurate a campaign for the development of Vancouver Island.

It is Cough Time Now!

And it is very unwise to let a cough run on because frequent coughing increases irritation in the bronchial passages. Wise people cure their coughs with some good remedy such as

Balsam of Aniseed

We do not affirm this will cure a cough in one night, but a few days use will certainly cure a long-standing bronchial cough or cold. Unrivalled in all throat and lung troubles, asthma, etc.

PER BOTTLE, 25c. AT THIS STORE
CYRUS H. BOWBS
Government Street Chemist Near Yates Street

this altruistic spirit exhibited by Mr. Sloan, all the more because Mr. Sloan might have held out for the port- possibly his virtue will be his only reward. Mr. Templeman's friends expect that he will be returned by acclamation. We have no suggestions to offer the people of Comox-Atlin on this point. The matter is in their hands, and we have never assumed the right to dictate to any constituency as to the course it ought to take in any emergency. Our advice are to the effect that, in view of the possibility of the above mentioned line of action being adopted, the advisability of contesting the election has been canvassed to some extent, and that the conclusion reached was that Mr. Templeman could be defeated without any very great difficulty; but we have not been informed that it is the intention of the Conservatives of the constituency to put a candidate in the field. Until they decide upon the course, which they will follow, we propose to reserve all comment.

Sole Agents for "Libbey" Cut Glass Look for the Name Weiler Bros. Sole Agents for "Ostermoor" Mattresses \$15.00 Each

SALE OF LINOLEUM

Every Short-Length and Remnant in Our Linoleum Department Reduced to Clear at Once. Unusual Reductions in These Alterations in This Department Compel Us to Clear All Remnants at Once. Reductions Unusual Have Been Made

YESTERDAY STARTED THE SALE of short-lengths in linoleums. Many prudent shoppers took advantage of this sale to cover their floors and all were liberal in their praises of the splendid values. And grand, indeed, are these values. There is a reason. It is a semi-annual rule with us to clean out all short-length pieces in these lines, but this year we have a two-fold purpose in so doing. We are making extensive alterations in this department and it is imperative that all these pieces be cleared out at once.

You'll profit doubly by these alterations—you'll later have one of the most delightful places in which to do your shopping and you'll save now on the purchase of excellent floor coverings. You can cover two rooms for what one would cost ordinarily.

Remember that these are the finest quality goods, that the prices are cut in many cases to half regular, that we have pieces large enough to cover a large kitchen, and remember, too, that the supply is a limited one and that an early visit is desirable—is, in fact, imperative, if you would profit as you should.

PRINTED LINOLEUMS AND OILCLOTHS

Some very excellent patterns are shown in these. There is a fine assortment of colorings. Floral and tile patterns suitable for kitchen, hall or bathroom. Surely in this size range you'll find a piece to fit your needs.

Table with 3 columns of linoleum and oilcloth sizes and prices. Includes items like 6ft. x 10ft. \$1.25, 6ft. x 11ft. \$3.00, etc.

INLaid LINOLEUMS—THE VERY BEST QUALITIES

These are from our very best selling lines in Inlaid Linoleums. The pattern in these runs through to the back and you won't be worried with unsightly patches where pattern has worn off—the pattern wears as long as the linoleum and it'll last you for years.

Table with 3 columns of inlaid linoleum sizes and prices. Includes items like 5ft. 4in. x 6ft. \$1.00, 6ft. x 6ft. \$3.50, etc.

SAVE MONEY BUYING CARPETS HERE

Save Worry and Trouble Too. Let Us Talk It Over. We are in a position to save you money in your carpet buying this year. We offer you the very finest quality carpets—such renowned makes as Crossley and Templeton—at the same prices as you are asked for very inferior grades of carpet.

Our large cash purchases enable us to do this and if you are a wise housewife you'll investigate our carpet offerings before investing a penny. These prices represent savings. See the carpets.

Table with 3 columns of carpet types and prices. Includes Ingrain Carpets, Tapestry Carpets, Brussels Carpets, etc.

SEE THIS BEAUTIFUL HAVILAND CHINA

Don't pass our Government Street china window without taking a look at those delightful Haviland China Dinner Services we are showing there. These are our newest arrivals in the china store and are some of the most delightful china pieces we have ever shown.

WEILER BROS. HOME, HOTEL AND CLUB FURNISHERS—VICTORIA, B.C.

A REMARKABLE

A London dispatch of the 25th of the earthquake in Italy and the chief topic in London has been an incident in such a remarkable way. The principal witness was the English chaplain at Algiers, Dr. Astley, who was taking the place of the East Redham during the earthquake in Algeria, where he now is doing the duties of a chaplain, for case was not of a good man, but though not in very good health, he allowed to tell the story in his own words.

I met Dr. Astley for the first time in December and spent more than him prior to coming on here; a more of him until Saturday last, I received a letter from the Rev. English chaplain at Algiers, Dr. Astley had sustained injuries in on Wednesday, Dec. 16. On the 17th I got the letter, Saturday, Dec. 18, the dining-room when Mrs. Hartley, keeper, came to me and said, "Astley, and led me into the study. "Looking through the glass door, I myself distinctly saw Astley in clerical garb, standing which adjoins the dining-room, not the reflection of my own face, and the face I saw was that of Mrs. Hartley. I was distinctly Dr. Astley. I rubbed my eyes and was not dreaming. The figure was, but seemed to be plunged in tears. Mrs. Hartley had a candle told her to take me and said, "Astley, and led me into the study. 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