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A WATER BOARD

Mr. Jardine in his speech on the Address yesterday spoke of the desirability of establishing a board to take control of all the sources of water supply in the southeastern part of Vancouver Island and make provision to furnish water to the whole area that can be supplied from Sooke Lake, and the other watersheds. He laid special stress upon the advantage of having an abundance of water for irrigation purposes not only in the city, but in the suburbs, and very properly pointed out that this would mean a very great and important increase in the productiveness of the areas thus supplied.

Mr. W. E. Oliver had already brought this subject under the notice of the citizens, but he had in mind chiefly the supply of water for household purposes and gardens. The principle is the same in both suggestions, and now that it has been brought forward in a manner having no connection whatever with municipal politics, possibly it will stand a chance of being considered on its merits. The fact that the ratepayers of Victoria voted to take the preliminary steps towards obtaining a supply of water from Sooke Lake need not in the least interfere with the working out of the broader scheme.

MR. JARDINE AND THE RAILWAY

There may be some criticism from extreme partizans, but all reasonable men will admit that the position taken by Mr. John Jardine in respect to the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway was in the best interests of his constituency as well as that of the province at large. The only objection that could have been taken to the proposed contract with the C. N. R. was one based on political grounds, and Mr. Jardine had to choose between taking what would be strictly a partizan attitude and supporting what was undoubtedly in the interest of the people who elected him to represent them in the legislature. He determined to support the railway policy of the government, and it is to be stated to his credit that he did not wait to see if the government would be sustained in it by the electorate, but that he went before the electors of Esquimalt promising to assist the government in securing a ratification of their preliminary contract by the legislature. It is necessary to keep this in mind if we would properly understand Mr. Jardine's position. He did not wait until the election was over, and then declare himself to be with the winning party, but at a time when the electors had yet to pronounce upon the proposal, and when he was being opposed by a candidate running as a government supporter, he placed himself on record, and by the position then taken he has stood manfully. Before the C. N. R. project was mooted, Mr. Jardine had interested himself to promote railway construction through his constituency and to the west coast of the Island, and his course in connection with the Canadian Northern is in every way consistent with his position towards the development of the country by railways. He may be condemned by former political friends, whom he greatly disappointed by being elected when they were defeated, but he will have the approval of all who put the welfare of the public above the demands of party.

MUNICIPAL SALARIES.

We are informed that a bill is to be presented to the legislature to increase certain municipal salaries and allowances. At present the Mayor receives a salary of $2,000 a year and the Aldermen $400 each. If these amounts are intended as pay for services rendered, they are quite inadequate. The office of Mayor of Victoria is a highly honorable one, and it makes a very great draft upon the time of the incumbent. The Aldermen devote, as a rule, very much attention to their municipal duties, and we doubt if their present allowance meets in all cases the hundred and one little outlays they are put to during their aldermanic term. We think there would be general approval of legislation that would provide a salary and allowance for the Mayor and a compensatory allowance for Aldermen somewhat in keeping with the importance of the city. A salary of $3,600 a year is none too much for the Mayor. In addition to this he should have an allowance for purposes of entertainment. Every year there must be many occasions when a mayor might wish to extend the courtesy of the city to visitors, and it is very unreasonable to expect him to do so out of his salary. It is true that the City Council may put at his disposal a fund for such a purpose, but this is a very unsatisfactory sort of arrangement. There ought to be a fund upon which the Mayor could draw when in his discretion it is desirable to extend such courtesies as have been mentioned. Aldermen ought to receive at least $600 a year. We are not advised as to what it is proposed to ask the legislature to authorize in this respect, but the figures we have named occur to us to be at least a minimum.

C. P. R. DIVIDENDS AND RATES

The general counsel of the Canadian Pcaific says that the 10 per cent. dividend, which the company has paid, does not bring its rates within the scope of the provision in its charter, which provides that neither Parliament nor the government shall reduce its rates until it has earned that amount upon its cost of construction. The above dividend paid this year was not out of the earnings of the railway itself, but from land sales and other extraneous sources. Asked by a correspondent of the Toronto Globe what the cost of the railway was, the general counsel, Mr. Creelman said:

"We do not know. Some time ago we took up this matter with the Supreme Court in order to have them determine what the actual expenditure was. We wanted to know whether it meant only the main line, or whether it included branches, terminals, etc. That case is still pending, but, as a matter of fact, the C. P. R. agreed some years ago not to claim the protection of the ten per cent. clause, and, further, we have repeatedly expressed our willingness to submit our rates to the Railway Commission to have them deal with them on their merits. In other words, in so far as our rates are concerned, we have been in the same position as any other railway in Canada. We have voluntarily submitted our rates to the Railway Commission whenever these rates have been attacked.

"And, after all, rates are determined by the business of the country and by competition. We could not arbitrarily fix rates which would be excessive. There has been a good deal of misunderstanding regarding this ten per cent. clause. But it only refers to a time when the road is making ten per cent. net on the actual capital expended on construction. And further, we have never taken refuge behind our rates agreement, but have freely submitted our rates to the Railway Commission. As far as our rates are concerned, we have been in the same position as other roads in Canada."

The position taken by the C.P.R. on this subject is of very great interest, especially in this province, where the question of rates is a constant matter of discussion by commercial bodies. The stress laid by Mr. Creelman upon the effect of competition demonstrates the wisdom of the policy that will secure for the southern part of British Columbia a competing line from the East.

A B. C. EXHIBIT.

Glasgow has held an exhibition devoted exclusively to emigration, travel and sport. The Canadian exhibit comes in for special mention in the Glasgow News, which says, among other things:

Another charming exhibit illustrative of the conditions ruling in the Western Continent is that supplied by British Columbia. It includes an elaborate and all embracing display of trophies—moose, elk, caribou, mountain sheep and antelope—transferred from the Canadian pavilion at Vienna, where the exhibit won no fewer than 24 medals, six of which were obtained in competition with the whoe word. Mr. Warburton Pike, one of the best known and most experienced of Canadian sportsmen, is in charge of the show, so that British sportsmen may obtain information on the country practically at first hand. Besides trophies, the stand embodies samples of the varied fruits grown to advantage in the rich soil and congenial climate of the colony. British Columbia puts forward a strong claim to be regarded as one of the leading fruit growing countries, and as arguments in this direction the choice and luscious samples of fruit displayed are nothing if not convincing.

This sort or advertising is the best possible, for it speaks for itself. The stanchest critics of the government will concede that in respect to making the attractions of the province known to the people of Europe, and especially those of the United Kingdom, Mr. McBride and his colleagues have done everything that could be expected of any one and have made a splendid record. It is very satisfactory to know that the government's action in this respect meets with the hearty support of the whole population, irrespective of politics.

In this connection the following extract from the Standard of Empire will be read with interest:

It would be interesting to know how many British Columbian apples were eaten in London during the Christmas holidays. Everywhere one saw the vivid coloring of the beautiful Pacific province fruit, certainly the best colored apples in the Empire, which is another way of saying the best in the world, for there are no apples outside the Empire to equal those grown within it. That is not sentiment, but fact. The clear, dry, crisp cold of the "benches" and lake country valleys in British Columbia, kith the generous mellow heat of the Pacific Coast summer, represent a perfect apple climate. We are inuuu uu etaoi nhrdl uhrdlu hrdlu luup and the man went dow nto the river dluf dluf dluf dluf dluf dluf dulf dlu debted to the courtesy of he Brilsh Columbian agen general for a number of fine samples of this fruit, which has figurd so largely in London this season, and will be likely to figure even more prominently in future, for the flavor and condition of the British Columbian apple is equal to its exquisite coloring.

Mayor Evans wants the next Canadian warship to be called the Winnipeg. Are we to understand that Mr. Evans contemplates the possibility of prairie schooners forming a part of the Canadian navy?

From February 1st to December 31st of this year it is said that one battleship will be launched somewhere in the world every nine days. Peace is getting to be an expensive luxury. If this sort of thing keeps up the nations will either have to go to war or into liquidation.

The Montreal Star thinks that about all there is in the reciprocity sentiment in the United States is the desire of the newspapers to get our pulp-wood. Fortunately the Dominion has nothing to say about this, so far as most of our forests are concerned. The British Columbia government has the say as to whether pulp-wood shall be exported from its crown lands, and it has not said so yet, and there is not the least probability that it ever will say so. The New York Tribune says there is not the slightest notion of annexation entertained either in the United States or Canada. This is quite correct and our British friends, who seem to fear the contrary, simply do not understand the situation.

Readers will recall that we had a despatch saying that Mr. Borden had expressed the opinion that the fate of the Liberal party is bound up in the result of the reciprocity negotiations. We expressed at the time some doubt if this was what the Conservative leader said, and now we find him explaining the remark attributed to him as follows: "This is not an accurate report of my remarks. I said that a commercial treaty must necessarily, be subject to parliament for ratification; that the fate of such a treaty involves the fate of the government which has negotiated it, that for the reason supporters of the ministry are apt to vote for it even if they did not approve it. I said that for this reason the government ought to submit to parliament a clear statement of the principles upon which they propose to negotiate, and of the basis upon which they intend to act, so that the country and parliament may have an opportunity of expressing their opinion before it is too late."

STEAMER BURNED

Parisiana Takes Fire While on Voyage From New York to Melbourne —Crew Rescued

MELBOURNE, Jan. 19.—The British steamer Parisiana, which sailed from New York for this port, October 29, has been abandoned at sea on fire. No details have reached here, but the British steamer Transport arrived today at Albany, West Australia, from Buenos Ayres and other ports with the crew of the Parisiana on board.

The Parisiana should have arrived here early in January. She carried no passengers, but a big cargo of merchandise.

She was the property of Furness, Withy & Co., of Glasgow, and was built in 1909 at Newcastle. She was of 3,084 tons, and measured 410 feet.

ARABS REBEL

Strong Demonstrations Made Against Turkish Rule in Yemen District of Arabia

ADEN, Arabia, Jan. 19.—The Imam of Sana, Seyid Kahya, has declared war against the Turks, and armed bands are gathering in the Yemen mountains. The notorious sheik, Benipasa, has joined the Imam's standard and a rising throughout Yemen, a region of southwestern Arabia, is expected.

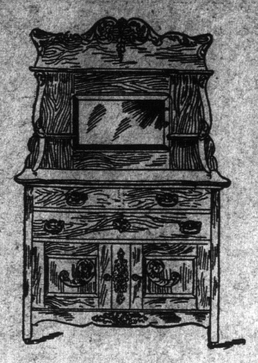
The Pretender Idrisee has assumed the offensive against the Turks. The capital of Asir province has been under siege since early in December, the governor and a large garrison being barred in. A new governor has been appointed but he has not been able to reach his post, owing to the activity of the Arabs.

Improvements in Wireless

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—In connection with the Telefunken Company, of No. 111 Broadway, New York, the naval wireless experts have been developing improvements in the naval wireless system of telegraphy, which it is deemed expedient to keep secret for the present, although it is said their official publication would doubtless follow a demonstration of the value of the device.

Guilty of Murder

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 19.—Guilty of murder in the first degree, with the recommendation that he be sent to the state penitentiary for life, was the verdict returned by the jury in the case of Andrew J. Mitchell this afternoon. The crime for which Mitchell, formerly a real estate dealer, was convicted was the brutal murder of Mathias Mau, an old German rancher, in Lawson Valley. Robbery was the motive.



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Golden oak, cane seat, $4.50, $4.00, $3.00 ..... **$2.50**
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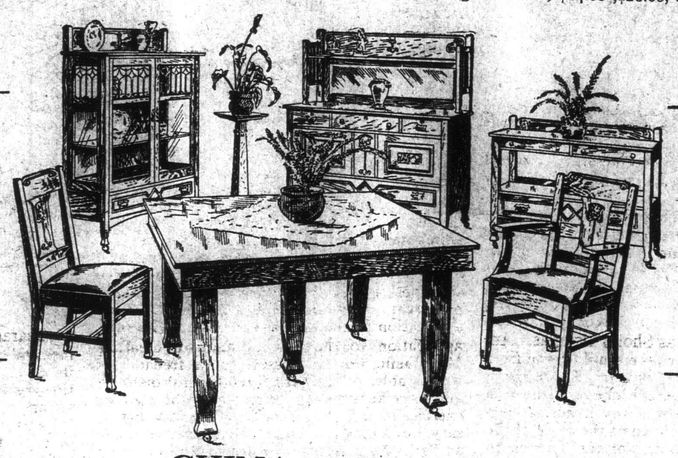
Golden oak, upholstered in leather, any shade **$4.50**
With Arm Chair to match **$6.50**
Golden oak, upholstered in leather, any shade **$6.00**
With Arm Chair to match **$9.00**
Golden oak, upholtsered in leather, any shade **$7.00**
With Arm Chair to match **$10.00**
Early English, upholstered in leather **$9.00**
With Arm Chair to match **$12.00**
Early English, upholstered in leather **$4.00**
With Arm Chair to match **$5.50**
Early English, upholstered in leather **$4.75**
With Arm Chair to match **$7.50**
Early English, upholstered in leather **$6.00**
With Arm Chair to match **$9.00**
Early English, upholstered in leather **$7.00**
With Arm Chair to match **$10.00**
Golden oak, upholstered in leather, any shade **$9.00**
With Arm Chair to match **$12.00**
Early English, upholstered in leather **$12.00**
With Arm Chair to match **$15.00**
Quarter cut golden oak, $24.00, $20.00, $18.00 .... **$16.00**

Fix Up Your Dining Room With Quality Furniture From This Store



This Is the Store with the Reasonable Prices. See this Dining Room Furniture

CHINA CABINETS

Solid Quarter Cut Oak, Golden Finish China Cabinets. Size 14 x 27 ..... **$20.00**
Solid Quarter Cut Oak, Golden Finish China Cabinets. Price **$25.00**
Solid Quarter Cut Oak, Golden Finish China Cabinets. Price **$30.00**
Solid Quarter Cut Oak, Golden Finish Corner Cabinets. Price **$30.00**
Solid Quarter Cut Oak, Golden Finish China Cabinets. Price **$35.00**
Solid Quarter Cut Oak, Golden Finish China Cabinets. Price **$45.00**
Solid Quarter Cut Oak, Dull Wax Finish China Cabinets. Price **$35.00**
Empire Oak, Early English Finish China Cabinets. Price **$25.00**
Solid Quarter Cut Oak, Early English Finish China Cabinets **$30.00**
Solid Quarter Cut Oak, Early English Finish China Cabinets **$35.00**
Solid Quarter Cut Oak, Early English Finish China Cabinets. Size 15 x 48 ..... **$50.00**

EXTENSION TABLES

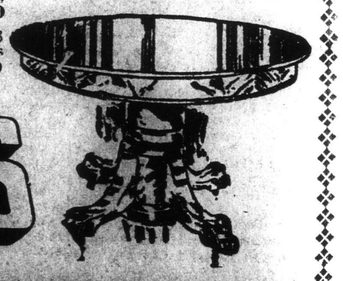
Solid golden oak finish, all square. Prices $18.00, $16.00 and **$12.00**
Solid quarter cut oak, square. Prices $60.00, $50.00, $40.00, $38.00 ..... **$35.00**
Solid quarter cut golden oak, round. Prices $60.00, $50.00, $45.00, $38.00, $35.00 and **$30.00**
Solid quarter cut Early English oak, square. Prices. $30.00, $32.00 ..... **$35.00**
Ash Early English finish, round **$27.50**
Solid quarter cut Early English oak, 8 feet **$47.00**
10 feet **$50.00**
Surface oak, $18.00, $16.00 ..... **$15.00**

DINNER WAGONS

Dinner Wagon, solid quarter cut oak, golden finish. Price **$20.00**
Dinner Wagon, solid quarter cut oak, golden finish. Price **$18.00**
Dinner Wagon, mahogany **$22.50**
Dinner Wagon, solid quarter cut oak, Early English finish. Price **$35.00**
Dinner Wagon, solid quarter cut oak, Early English finish. Price **$22.50**
Dinner Wagon, solid quarter cut oak **$18.00**

BUFFETS

Solid Quarter Cut, Early English Oak Buffet, top 22 x 54, glass 14 x 40 ..... **$60.00**
Surfaced Oak, Early English Finish Buffet, top 22 x 44, glass 18 x 36 ..... **$25.00**
Solid Quarter Cut, Early English Oak Buffet, 2 small and 1 large drawer, 3 cupboards **$55.00**
Surfaced Golden Oak Buffet. Prices $28.00 and .. **$25.00**
Elm Sideboards. Prices $16.00 and **$15.00**
Surfaced Oak Sideboards. Prices $22.50 and ... **$17.00**
Golden Ash Sideboards, glass 18 x 30, top 21 x 48 **$25.00**
Sideboards, solid quarter cut golden oak, mirror 16 x 28, top 19 x 48 ..... **$40.00**
Buffet, solid quarter cut oak, wax finish, top 22 x 56, glass 18 x 38 ..... **$80.00**
This is a beautiful Sideboard
Solid Quarter Cut Golden Oak Combination Buffet and China Cabinet, 5 small drawers, 2 large cupboards, china cabinet in centre, with mirror on either side **$85.00**
Solid Quarter Cut Golden Oak Buffet, 2 small and 1 large drawer, 2 cupboards and oval shaped mirror. Price **$40.00**
Solid Quarter Cut Golden Oak Buffet, top 19 x 46, glass 11 x 36, 2 small drawers, 1 large drawer, 2 cupboards **$45.00**
Solid Quarter Cut, Early English Oak Buffet, top 24 x 48, glass 18 x 40. Price **$50.00**
Solid Quarter Cut Early English Oak, 2 small drawers, 3 large drawers, 2 cupboards, and 2 colored glass cabinets on either side for china **$90.00**



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