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Editorial Notes

REFERENCE TO CHANGE AFFECTING ONE VANCOUVER NEWSPAPER was scarcely published before we learned of the big purchase arranged by the proprietors of "Vancouver Daily Province." The "Province" has earned such an assured place in the community life of Vancouver and British Columbia, that further development affecting its service is a matter of general interest. Congratulations are due to the management on their securing two such substantial buildings and central sites as are represented by the Carter-Cotton and Edgett buildings on Victory Square. Should the "Civic Centre" idea be realised, as is probable, in not-distant years, the present value of that location will be greatly enhanced, and in the meantime the situation rivals that of the General Post Office—usually associated with the business centre of any large city.

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MUCH AS THE CUTTING DOWN OF TREES in Vancouver West-end streets may be deplored, it is obvious that the responsible authorities will have to undertake more work of that kind. The fact is that many of the trees planted by the pioneers are too big for the size of the boulevards, and that in not a few streets, such as Barclay, it is desirable that every second tree should be cut.

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THE WORK OF EXCAVATING TREE-ROOTS which have been upraising the concrete must have involved the city—or Parks Board—in hundreds of dollars of outlay in recent weeks. And it was very necessary work; for the effect of raised portions on the concrete footpaths is not only objectionable but dangerous to pedestrians, and has no doubt been the cause of many accidents to citizens and not a little expense to the city.

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The latest inevitable tree-slaughter was at the corner of Nelson and Bute, but we understand Mr. Lightheart, who is building another apartment block there, intends to beautify the boulevard with shrubs, etc., after the building is completed.

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TO THE MAN IN THE STREET and more so perhaps to the man on the pavement—who walks—the recent Automobile Show in Vancouver Arena must have been a revelation of the wealth that is involved in this big modern business. The

model of that Cadillac "Chassis" was one of the sights of the show for which the leading Pioneer Motor firm of Begg Bros. were responsible. The production of this specimen really represented a small fortune—the cost being almost \$22,000. The way in which the engineering experts had that "chassis" cut open for inspection and then fitted with lights to reveal the workings in detail was matter for remark, and the fineness of the work suggested watch-making handicraft on a large scale.

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PRACTICAL EVIDENCE OF A CITY'S PROGRESS should give satisfaction to all its loyal citizens, and it is gratifying to see such apartment blocks as the Devonshire and St. Julien in Georgia Street nearing completion. If only some person or company would arrange to complete that erection—begun as a big hotel, was it?—on Burrard Street at Dunsmuir. Thousands of dollars must have been sunk in the foundation work on such a building, and leaving it in its present state for years must represent a loss of thousands more. We know nothing of the persons or interests involved, but it cannot be in their "interest" any more than in that of the Community to have a building begun and left in such an unsightly unfinished condition. It would indeed be well, and in the community interest at least, if after a certain period it were made compulsory for the responsible parties in such a case to complete the building SOMEHOW.

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"BEAUTIFY BURRARD STREET" is a slogan to which we gave expression in this column a considerable time ago. If the expense is too heavy for the City or Parks Board at present, this improvement might provide an opportunity for some public-spirited citizen to expend a portion of a private surplus PRO BONO PUBLICO.

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AS WE GO TO PRESS it is publicly announced that the Southams, who own a controlling interest in Vancouver Daily Province are donating Ten Thousand Dollars towards the beautifying of Victory Square, Vancouver. The "Province's" purchase of buildings there is no doubt an influence towards such action, but loyal citizens will none the less rejoice that some men or firms are thus beginning to set an example of what may be done in a private way for the public good. May their number increase!

Educational

(By Spectator)

THE BRITISH LABOR GOVERNMENT

If by any chance the spirit of the late Joseph Arch, farm-laborer and parliamentarian of a former generation, can view from the Elysian fields the assembly of the Commons at Westminster, his loyal heart must throb with ineffable joy. Labor is at last in the saddle, and is commanding the admiration and even the sympathy of tens of thousands against the opposition of whom it has resolutely fought its way up.

With due regard to the peculiar difficulties of the situation it is going forward with all circumspection, yet not without courage. Almost everywhere economy is being enforced, and

estimates of expenditure are being slashed; yet there are exceptions. There is to be no reduction in the amount devoted to education. British Labor is much less concerned about the promotion of social equality by a process of levelling down than it is with the promotion of social equality by a process of levelling up. Hence there is to be no diminution in the outlay for educational purposes. The fortress so painfully won is not to suffer destruction from within.

Nor is the British Labor party in any doubt as to the path popular education should pursue. Some charitable friends of the workingmen know exactly what kind of education his boy