

In the past fifteen years or so the "World" newspaper has undergone two or three changes in management and the morning "Sun" has arisen and, after somehow absorbing the other morning paper, the staid "News-Advertiser," has, so far, remained the only morning daily. In the meantime the "Daily Province" has given evidence of steadily continued progress, and has been generally recognized and accepted as easily the Leader in its line of service.

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IN PAYING OUR INDEPENDENT AND SINCERE RESPECTS to the "Province" as a newspaper, and to the men whose work has brought it to its present state of worth, it may be permissible to note that it was not the fault of the management of this "British Columbia" magazine that we had not an article on the growth of the "Province" years ago—and before high public honour came to its Head. It just happened that, in our own way, we had—as we still have—occasion to be as busy as other "builders" and the opportunity passed without being utilized.

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FROM PRACTICAL NEWSPAPER EXPERIENCE AND OTHER TRAINING, we know how easily critical and condemnatory comment can be made; and of course there are times when these are well-warranted. But in public and personal affairs alike, we hold it more worth while for humans in this all-testing and ascending life, to be on the outlook to emphasize what can be commended, and only fair—even if the conditions change—to remember and to credit unselfish service or friendly help.

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IN SEEKING IN THESE TWELVE YEARS, as far as business conditions and our western population permit, to publish articles by local writers, bearing on community or national topics, the management of this "British Columbia Monthly" has often had occasion to note with appreciation the reviews of B. C. M. issues or articles appearing in the daily newspapers. Such publicity we reckon real co-operation in the community service this magazine aims to give.

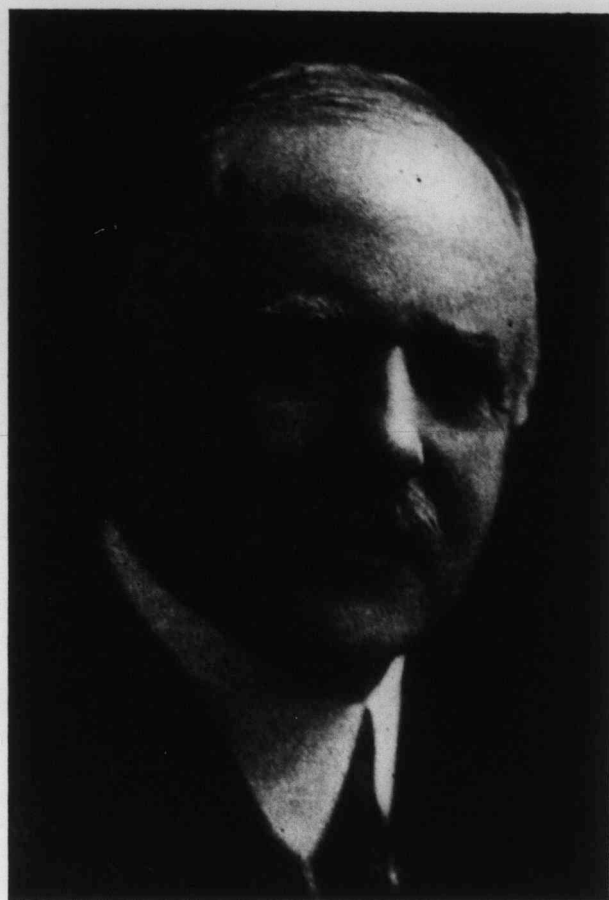
Now, to be fair and candid in this reference, we must add that while in the case of one daily the notices have sometimes seemed carelessly and perfunctorily written and in another so inaccurate that a correcting note from us would have been well warranted in the interest of our contributors, it is a simple fact that the notices in the "Province," were of real value to the work of this magazine. In the earlier years indeed one member of the staff (Mr. Pierce, we believe) sometimes introduced into his reviews what the Magazine editor considered too generous references to him and his work. But the main thing was that throughout the years the editorial and business management of this big Daily was ever ready to give space to reviews that helped in the magazine's expansion.

On the part of the B. C. M. an occasional book review by its editor has been almost all we have been able to do, reciprocally, so that the references to the magazine issues have been published solely under the inspiration of a good-will recognition of its work.

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AS WE WOULD RATHER PASS ON ONE GENUINE COMPLIMENT or word of thanks to a living man, than wait to write columns about him after he has passed beyond, we hold it fitting at this time of change to record our appreciation of the consideration given our work. In the Editorial column itself the "Province" in other years was not above taking independent notice of this magazine. But for sustained interest we have to thank the managing editor, Mr. Roy Brown, and other members of the staff have, from time to time, not been indifferent.

If the crowding of business interests has latterly lessened the newspaper space available for such notices and comments, we can only hope that the importance of some contri-



Hon. W. C. Nichol

Hon. W. C. Nichol, enterprising builder of VANCOUVER DAILY PROVINCE, who now assumes the Presidency, under a re-arrangement of management. It is generally understood that Mr. Nichol has been ably seconded in the development work by Mr. Frank J. Burde for many years Business Manager, who, since Mr. Nichol's appointment as Lieutenant-Governor, and during his absence from City or Province, has been practically Managing Director.

butions—such as Principal Smith's article in this issue—will now and then challenge independent review not only by Vancouver and Victoria press but by all western newspapers.

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BUT WHATEVER THEY DO OR SAY ABOUT THE B. C. M., we wish when writing on this subject, long "pigeon-holed" for comment, to add our tribute to features that undoubtedly have helped, no less than the capable handling of the business department, to make this Daily the premier one in the West.

Who, that has read the "Province" for years, has not made a habit of looking out for "Street Corners"? There big-hearted "human interest" is revealed, combined with a wealth of literary knowledge as expressed through the genial and happy-spirited "Diogenes." Even if the "Corners" must appear less frequently (as they now do) may the writer of them be long spared to cheer and entertain us by his comments, stories, and reflections—to say nothing of his equally notable contributions in verse.

Observers, who are interested in personality as revealed in literary style, may (without depending on any "inside" information) place in the same category and attribute to the same fine spirit, the special articles on religious or kindred themes which usually close the editorial section of the Saturday issues. Such articles themselves must have made the week-end issues of the "Province" a source of helpful inspiration to many people of all churches—and of none.

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ANOTHER DEPARTMENT THAT OF RECENT YEARS has become attractive for its historical reviewing interest as well as its literary worth in suggestion and comment, is that of "The Week-End," by "Lucian." Thought formerly editor of the "News-Advertiser," this commentator is one of those modest men not prone to claim all he duly may as a writer. Whether or not he takes credit for it occasionally, it is not in prose alone that "Lucian" can express himself well. He is more than a newspaper man, or even a journalist. Probably others have heard him (as this note-maker has) refer to the ephemeral nature of his newspaper writings; but "Lucian" is just the type of expositor, who, given convenient conditions, could compile in book form historical Canadian reviews of lasting worth.