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THE CONVENTION.

No one will dispute that the Convention of the Conservatives of British Columbia, which closed its session yesterday, was in point of attendance, harmony and enthusiasm, the best that has ever been held by any political party in this province.

The objects of the association are stated as four in number. The last three are naturally of a party character; but the first is of a wider nature. It is the promotion and development of a general interest in Canadian and British Columbia politics and government.

AN IMPERIALIST.

Mr. A. J. Dawson, whose writings on Canada have been frequently referred to in the Colonist, seems to be taking a place among the leading exponents of a sane Imperialism.

It will be remembered that one of the decisions reached by the last Imperial Conference was that there should be a permanent Secretariat to deal with all the business connected with the conference.

B. C. FRUIT IN BRITAIN.

The exhibit of British Columbia fruit which Mr. R. M. Palmer has taken to England is attracting great attention and winning high awards.

and will also advertise it extensively in the country. As a direct result of the exhibit many people are planning to come to British Columbia in the spring, and for the purpose of aiding the movement by arranging to give a lecture at Hereford in January, illustrated by lantern slides of British Columbia subjects.

Mr. Burrell will be available for this work, and as you are aware, especially suited for entertaining lecturing. It is also forwarding press reports referring to the exhibition.

MR. BALFOUR DECIDES

Mr. Balfour has been a long time mulling up his mind on the fiscal question as it affects the relations of the United Kingdom and the rest of the Empire, but he seems to have done so.

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ember the call loans outside of Canada were more than \$25,000,000, but they have been reduced by over \$20,000,000 since called upon to pay a large sum to the Canadian Bankers' Association.

LORD STRATHCONA.

Lord Strathcona's statement, on the occasion of the presentation to him of the Order of the British Empire, is a career, that he must soon make way for a younger man, is the first intimation by him that he contemplates retirement.

HURTING CANADA.

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expect too much of the Alliance, which has not exhibited the courage of its convictions as strongly as it might perhaps have done. We venture to think that the Alliance really holds that a party's duty ought to be devoted to religious training and instruction in those things, which make for righteousness, but it seems very loth to say so.

A FABLE

Once upon a time there was a Youth who thought that he was a little the Best and Biggest Thing that ever was, and he was very proud of it.

Out of the gloom comes one cheering message. Radium is now cheap, an ounce costing only \$1,000,000.

No one here has any objection to the doctrine of "Japan for the Japanese," but it ought to be country ought to be sent here for money to pay the cost of the railway.

Hebrew influence has been sufficient to cause the failure of all sons referring to Christ or Christmas from the school books of New York.

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Advertisement for Gift Furniture Pieces. 'Excellent Gift Things at The One Price Store'. Shows various furniture items like chairs, tables, and beds. Mentions 'NEW SHIPMENTS' and 'Excellent Gift Things'.

Advertisement for Bedding. 'How About Your Bedding—Got Plenty?'. Lists various quilt and blanket options with prices. 'EXCELLENT BLANKET VALUES HERE—COME AND COMPARE'.

Advertisement for Cocoon Mats. 'These Muddy Times Should Suggest These'. Promotes 'COCONA MATS' for their durability and value.

Advertisement for Weiler Bros. 'Some Discounts' and 'Dainty New Cushions'. Promotes furniture and bedding with special offers. 'WEILER BROS. HOME, HOTEL AND CLUB FURNISHERS—VICTORIA, B.C.'.

ORIENTAL People do not view that Christianity is that is, it had its Eastern people, and we read in line with wise men came from ship Him. From their came may be lecture, but the fact laid by St. Paul, the ing shows that he incident as he. Of those who remain an unsolved far as light is cast in Persia or soothsayers who but this is of int directed being that teacher, who spoke and who began h period of contem personal advantage place to place with of in the ord term, is peculiar t "The foxes have h the air have nests, hat not where to the Great Teacher asked for the man and letters, had Before he began long period in fast, after which superior to all t distinctly Eastern, adays call Oriental pled to Persia, in the acqui spiritual power b temptation is a fe ligious teachers. perior (?) point of wandering men, thought for the m place delivering kirs and other na be complimentary eminently practic vated people, whi nineteen hundred looked upon Jesu not been the way. Our great u sopher working learned men who probe into the e nature, have disc things, but in p we are profus of not, as the acbie worth knowing in look elsewhere. " but by prayer an The above con possess interest b dely the contra dence, and the Or which the domin kind are descend whose descendant ponents of Chr given to contem men, using the people who cov from fifteen to were men of ac them something when food was a high living; the d ers to whom the we are accus of love and arm Christianity, the presented to the could be accep course, and a ritu panied by a stru There is no pecture of the built upon the Jesus that can templatation, pray There is much t expediency, com and political in we are accus of Christianity is a human fabric, and inconsistent the authority of Theological Col Mandarin, desir be on Christ, dente was accord prepared, because books that had that was simply often contradic little or no val study by an o preparing the b non-Christian C to have made a tianity, as pres makes little pro pated people of but Christianity from its demoi celving much of inevitable that, have a profound dental concepi faith. One of scholars to visit netted with the Japan, and was a minister. In delivered in this five years ago, braced Christi of all religion t a country in t most was the sponability and sonal piety wh cates. A gent prominently co of the British piety, and who in China, told