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THE BOUNDARY AWARD.

A perusal of the statements relating to the award in the Boundary case must leave on any person's mind the impression that Canada has been unmercifully "josped" in the settlement of another territorial dispute with the United cerity, and when they failed, as was in-States. As Sir Louis Jette and Mr. Aylesworth say in their statement, the award could not have been given as it was on judicial grounds, because in regard to some of the important points there is no rule followed with any show of consistency. At the very commencement of the line there is a curious twist tention was that no chain of mountains made, whereby two islands at the en- could be found parallel with the coast, trance of Portland canal are handed over to the States. Lord Alverstone verposes his own inconsistency on this drawn at the distance of ten marine point when he says the line should follow "The channel which runs north of tion was that such a chain could be Manager Parrish sent to the directors selves in much the same position as the private agency can be so effective in Pearse and Wales islands and the is- found quite close to the coast, and that in London is of extreme importance to man who had the tiger by the tail and such a matter as government action lands of Sitklan and Jannaghunut and fact was established by actual surveys. the camp as well as to the Le Roi com- wondered whether it was more danger- and the delegation pressed this view issues into the Pacific between Wales The four commissioners rejected the island and Sitklan island." As the Can- American claim, thereby establishing may work out to this community, and ton inside the cabinet would have been The latter, it was urged, should take adian commissioners point out, the four the Canadian contention, but instead of also to a much wider portion of the a great factor of danger, and outside steps to bring about a change in the islands should have been found to betaking a logical course they proceeded province. Assuming that the immense of it he may prove even worse. It is long either to one side or the other, to locate a fanciful line which had no body of ore located at the great depth altogether likely that there was much it to deal fairly with this province in whereas a line has been arbitrarily fixed evidence in its support. As much as to which divides them up, two and two. say: "Canada is in the right, but it fair profit—which seems a safe assump- er course of action before the premier's ular flow of immigrants through Brit-A similar inconsistency appears in sel- won't do for us to say so." ecting mountains to mark the boundary further north. Canada's claim that a mountain chain exists near the coast fulfilling the requirements of the treaty is conceded, yet inland peaks are fixed their fleets and their armies round have similar resources at a great depth ernment" so much talked about has not upon for apparently no other reason about Korea, and the noise of their to develop for the benefit of the owners yet arrived when a government must have established a sort of boycott than that Lord Chief Justice Alverstone warlike preparations attracts the directly and the city indirectly. It may deliberate on the advisability of admitwished to side with the American com- world's attention. The great queution even encourage further development ting John Houston to its inner ranks. to be means of stopping it. What are missioners. It further appears from the is whether they will go to war for the of properties now allowed to lie idle, a statements made at Washington that possession of Korea; how Korea likes contingency all the more likely now that in the neighborhood of the Klehini riv- being the bone of contention between costs of mining, freight and treatment er, in the Chilkat country, more terri- the two is a matter to which the world have been so greatly reduced since the tory has been awarded the States than appears to be giving little or no days of their former working. Moreover has recently been brought to Nelson to the ostensible purpose of diffusing inwas hoped for or seriously contended thought. for by the state department. It is not The ancient empire of Korea-for its scale from even a few mines cannot fail riage of hogs for so great a distance ities afforded immigrants here. The ex-

THE MONTREAL CONGRESS.

sioners can give away.

In reviewing the results of the congress of chambers of commerce of the other metals, precious stones, hard empire at Montreal the Mail and Empire says: "One of the resolutions passed marks a long advance in the commercial sentiment of the empire on the subject of mutual preferential trade. The congress, in fact, gave its unreserved approval to the policy, though in terms qualified by consideration for the feelings of the beaten free traders. It is not too much to say yielded fruit. It probably was the influence that swept the lingering hesitation from the mind of Mr. Chamber-* preferential treatment of the food prolain, and brought him out of the Montreal congress the pro-preference press of the United Kingdom became more aggressive. To no country within the British empire would the fiscal scheme sketched out by Mr. Chamberlain at Glasgow be of more benefit than Canada. Canada produces most of the wheat, flour, meat, butter, cheese and fruit that would be exempt from the duties the ex-secretary for the colonies proposes to levy on such imports from foreign sources. There are certain to be other Canadian benefits traceable to this congress. And not least will be those well armed, well trained, well provisflowing from the circumstance that the ioned Russian soldiers, and the transmeeting was held in this country. Had Siberian railway has been busy carit been held in London, as in the case rying out more troops and munitions for the resolutions would no doubt cutting timber under concessions obthe presence nere of so large a numthousand soldiers into Korea to "perwas any idea of disputing it after it subject: "The influential and repreup what is only a personal quarrel on people of the Poplar camp by the Can-Der of Brush merchants and representative of the fect and guard her telegraph inter- had been rendered. Nevertheless Can- sentative delegation from the agriculthe part of its representative. Of adian Pacific railway?

was a revelation to the majority is to result. He has no army to fight with, there can arise no other territorial of the Dominion. They have gone won over by Russian agents. home filled with wonder and admiration. Their visit will have far-reaching educative effects and will be productive of large measures of good for

this country. Men like Hon. Thomas A. Brassey are now telling the Brit-being led into favoring a union with north that has been lately dealt with. ish people about our possibilities. It the United States through irritation will open their eyes to learn from a at the boundary award. For instance, British member of parliament what Rev. Elliott S. Rowe is reported as complaisance, or sometimes stupidity, they would never look into a statistical volume to find for themselves, always been a Britisher, but if Great ain. However, we have an exceedingthat there is in our Northwest 125,- Britain is to hand Canada over piece- ly good country left, with the positive 000,000 acres of wheat land, of which only a few million acres is yet under Daily, per year, by mail........... 6 25 cultivation. This will give British Daily, per year, foreign........... 10 25 Mr. Chamberlain's policy would de-

"NO CASE."

on the boundary award says: "That richest territory is given away, we the people of Canada ever supposed they had a case is not to be assumed, intelligence of the Canadians. They es- al, but it should not lead any person evitable, it was their cue to accept with should be remembered, in any event. graciousness." This is singularly idiot- that there is no more territory in disvery best possible evidence that Canada | could be robbed. had a case is the clear acknowledgment made by the American commissioners themselves. The American con-

IN THE FAR EAST.

Russia and Japan continue to mass

facts like these should ruler is an emperor no less, Yi Heni to have a good effect in the encouragethankful that there is left no territory feeble and unprogressive—has for cen-influences would soon be forgotten if purposes generally. There is a ready for and complaisant British commis- Japan. Extending as it does out into the sea so as to almost touch Japan, it forms a natural trading ground for the latter. Japanese merchants and great numbers in Korea, which is a land rich in gold, silver, copper and woods, furs, and various kinds of clay suitable for the fine pottery of the Japanese. For centuries, when both empires were shut out from the rest of the world, they traded actively with

each other. At the end of the Chino-Japanese war, Japan had a strong foothold in Korea, and counted upon obtaining possession of the peninsula; but Rusacteristic intriguing managed to pretory on the mainland. Russia herself method would mean much to Rossland private enterprise, chiefly on the part The Nelson Tribune, Houston's own ducing colonies. Certainly after the she began to build forts. Thirty of tween the two methods. No man can been undertaken by the government. them have been completed and fifty tell the extent to which the mining op- The chief object just now is to secure more are in course of construction, erations may be increasel in the camp Barracks for 50,000 soldiers have been by the institution of successful treaterected, and barracks for 50,000 more ment of our great bodies of low grade grants may be directed for reliagle in- it is in order for the citizens of Nelare in the course of construction. Port cre. Arthur and Vladivostok are now like the two extended arms of the Bear, be viewed as pointing to a great imwith Korea lying between them, a provement in the situation over what it

rich, supine prey. The arms have already closed around certainly on the up grade. Manchuria, to which Korea is a peninsular annex, so to speak. In Manchuria there are nearly half a million

FOOLISH TALK.

would be potent enough to have something to say in the affairs of the republic of which we would form a part. An American paper in commenting But if we wait until our best and shall simply be absorbed. It looks to me as if Canada had won the case and lost the territory." Irritation because sayed the futile task of simulating sin- to so foolish a length as that to which

PLEASANT INDICATIONS.

idend stage. good prospect that even lower grades of would be calculated to have solid re- mood; whether his bitterness will take cre than were counted upon can be min- sults. ed and treated at a profit by this pro- The other day a deputtation of prom- the government remains to be seen. cess. At the same time there is the inent men went down from New West- It is rather rough on the people of best possible evidence that the method decided upon by the Centre Star and ministers on the subject. Regarding have in so large a degree the power War Eagle companies can be profit- their mission the Columbian said: of deciding whether or not their govably employed on the camp's ores. This "For some years the effort to bring to ernment shall continue in its present is furnished by the operations under- the notice of prospective settlers from form, and one would certainly suptaken by the companies after thorough the east the advantages of farming in pose that they would rather put an and exhaustive tests. Success by either this province has been left entirely to end to so anomalous a state of affairs. and the whole surrounding district, but of real estate agents who believe that paper, has the following statement in

Taken altogether, the conditions must was but a short time ago. Rossland is

GRATITOUS ADVICE.

Apropos of the boundary award, the London Spectator is reported as believing that Canadians "wil 1 realize that they are as much bound by the per year to establish the desired agency the feeling of the citizens of Nelson of past congresses, or had it been held of war from Russia. Russian troops, decision as they would have been had in Winnipeg and even if half a dozen when we say that nothing short of a of past congresses, or nad it been neith to the number of several thousands, it been wholly favorable to them." settlers of the right sort were diverted seat in the cabinet will satisfy their in Australia, it could not have failed to the number of several thousands, it been wholly favorable to them." to be productive of good to Canada, have entered Korea on the pretense of Perhaps it would surprise the Spectator to learn that Canadian nave all government would be amply recomhave been the same. But Canada tained by Russian merchants from the along realized that they would be pensed." mave been the same. But canada Emperor Yi Heni. Japan, watchful bound by the tribunal's decision, amust reap additional advantages from the presence here of so large a num- of her rival, has sent some twenty whatever it might be. There never ers the following remarks on the same to induce the city of Nelson to take treatment as has been accorded the

many of the erroneous views they had ernment has been pressing forward its to a judgment being given against ed on the government on Tuesday last, of it were corrected by the visit. For preparations for war, and at the same them on other than judicial grounds, directed the latter's attention to a matthey did not content themselves with time asking with determined repeti- which plainly seems to have been the ter of great importance to British Col- and regard him as fully qualified for coming to Montreal and returning, tion that Russia shall recall the troops case. We have certainly to accept umbia. It is no exaggeration to say a cabinet position, but Nelson must but they made an excursion across the that are now "cutting wood" in Korea. it, however, and can do nothing else that there is much ignorance in East- be well aware that it would in that whole continental breadth of the Meanwhile the Korean emperor slum- than turn to and make the best of cir- ern Canada, the United States and Great case be running counter to the opincountry. To say that what they saw bers at Seoul, his capital, awaiting the cumstances as they are. Fortunately Britain as to the agricultural resources state the literal truth. They had no if he wanted to fight, which he does dispute with the United States; we was pointed out by more than one memconception of the immense magnitude, not; and it is said that a large por- now know the very worst. Canada ber of the delegation, the Dominion the mighty resources, the prosperity tion of the Korean nobility has been would have been a larger country than government—or at least the officials and it is if justice had been done in all agents who carry out its immigration such disputes that have arisen. We policy-appears to ignore British Col- at the coast, for he is reported as should have had all Oregon and umbia as a field for successful agricul- saying there: Washington, a considerable slice of tural operations. Yet for dairying and Minnesota, a large portion of Maine, fruit raising no part of Canada offers resent several people at the coast as and the substantial territory in the These were lost to us because of the astuteness of American agents and the saying: "I am a Britisher and I have of the representatives of Great Britassurance that no more can be taken us join the American republic also. away. Canadians have every reason By doing so we are large enough, to feel proud of their land and go forpopulous enough and important enough ward with perfect confidence that it to have something to say regarding will in no long time take its place well the terms of such annexation and also in front in the ranks of the nations. disheartened by this defeat before the boundary commission.

TURNED DOWN.

The unexpected has happened in the thing is to take steps to induce immirefusal of Premier McBride to place gration of the right sort. In this matter lumbia." for to do this would be to impugn the of the extraordinary award is natur- John Houston of Nelson at the head of there has been hitherto no systematic one of the vacant departments. As the effort on the part of the Dominion or up another possible phase of the matmember for Nelson virtually held the provincial government. The former, in- ter, namely, that the objection to it was natural that the public should umbia as regards immigration. It is came from Lieutenant-Governor Joly. expect the granting of his demand for merely stating a fact to say that some This is possible, but does not seem ic, even for an American paper. The pute. We have lost all of which we a portfolio. However, the event has of the Federal immigration agents and probable. It is far more likely that turned out otherwise, and now the pub- officials in Great Britain have warned the question was never presented to lic is left to surmise the causes. It may intending agricultural emigrants not to the governor for decision, and that be safely assumed that some of the oth-, go to British Columbia. Some of the the opposition of the present ministers, er ministers had at least as much to do delegates to Victoria gave actual in- outside of Mr. Green, was the stumblments made in our col- with the refusal as Mr. McBride him- stances of this fact-incredible as such ing-block in the way of the ambitious umns today should further encourage self, and perhaps a good deal more. a thing may seem to many persons. as specified in the treaty, and that, the feeling of hopefulness for the fu- In all probability the member for Nel- During the last year or two private therefore, the boundary line should be ture which has lately been growing in son had no friend in the cabinet beside firms and individuals have done some-Rossland. The report on the ore body Mr. Green. One can fancy the other thing in the desired direction and have leagues inward. The Canadian conten- in the depths of the Le Roi mine which members of the cabinet feeling them- met with a measure of success. But no pany. In many ways this importance cus to hold on or to let go. John Hous- strongly on the provincial government in the Le Roi mine is workable at a fine balancing of possible effects of eith- its immigration policy. There is a regticn-its presence and its exploitation course was finally decided. The sharp- ish Columbia to the state of Washingmust ensure a long continued contribu- est possible commentary on the govern- ton. Yet lands equal, if not superior to tion to the camp's success from the big ment's weakness is the fact that it had those across the line, can be obtained mine itself. The discovery may also to weigh such a question for any length here at much lower prices than purbe taken to mean that other mines of time. The hour for "stable gov- chasers must pay there."

A CHANCE NEGLECTED.

A whole trainload of Ontario hogs London at a considerable expense, for the extraction of profits on a goodly provide pork for the district. The carleave a painful impression on the Can- by name, who has reigned for more ment of capital to turn our way again, ince has so much land available for the a return, and it should either be stopedian mind. Perhaps we should be than forty years and is described as for the rebuffs occasioned by artificial raising of live stock and for farming ped or made to serve its purpose. which grasping Americans can reach turies had the closest relations with our mines were to get back to the divwhich could be raised even in Kootenay The second bit of encouragement at a smart profit, if the right class of The member for Nelson has returned comes from the announcement that suc- agriculturist would take advantage of home with his disappointment, and place was a small, narrow platform, cess is ensured for the Elmore concen- the opportunity. The great cause of his future course is naturally a subminers have established themselves in tration process at the Le Roi No. 2. failure in this respect is that the op- ject of interest to the public, in view There would seem to be little room for portunity is not sufficiently advertised. of his indubitable power to make datory animals, unless the consignees doubt left as to the applicability of the A spasmodic sort of attempt is made to trouble for the McBride government. were on hand to receive and care for process to an enormous quantity of ore attract immigrants, but there is no sys- So far nothing is known beyond the in the camp. There is apparently a tematic line of action pursued which fact that Mr. Houston is in a bitter as the principal train usually arrives

> minster and Vancouver to interview the British Columbia that this man should the oppointment by the government of formation about the available lands of within the last three months received in the government. The as the provincial government should furnish intending settlers. The government has tons of advertising matter on to fight; but they were not prepared cost would probably not exceed \$1,000

The Vancouver News-Advertiser off-

such opportunities for success. While the climate and soil offer the conditions requisite for such pursuits, the produce can be readily sold at good prices and the demand is far greater than the lions of dolars going out of the prov- of any other government. ince annually in payment of imported foodstuffs of all descriptions, there is will overtake the demand. Besides the home demand there is a rapidy growing market for fruit in the Northwest Territories and already very satisfac- am done. I have worked hard and tory relations in that direction have been established by the fruit growers of the Okanagan and other districts in this province. Being assured, therefore, with an ultimatum to McBride. Howof the bright outlook for those engaging in fruit raising and dairying, the dirtiest deal that ever a white man

If it be true that Dominion agents the representatives of the province doing in the case? Then all the while the province is maintaining an agency in penditure seems to be wholly without

him the length of actual hostility to

Advices received yesterday point to the absolute ignoring of the claims of this city for representation in the cabinet. Our member is on the way home and full particulars will an agent in Winnipeg to whom immi-forthcoming on Monday. Meanwhile formation about the available lands of portance of the province, to consider this province. Mr. Hart stated his firm the fact that it is the intention of Mr. had spent hundreds of dollars in this McBride, probably with the assistance kind of advertising and besides had, of a nearby member and minister, to deny us our rights to representation twenty letters from Winnipeg land ag- above party feeling. It is a civic matents asking for just such information as the provincial government should for the announcement that John the announcement that John Houston had been given the portfolio

of lands and works and was prepared hand which should be distributed. The to hear that Nelson had been brushed aside in order to make way for de feated members at the coast. We echo grounds of her commercial importance present representative.

This looks like an ingenious attempt

country was greatly enlarged, and ests." For months the Japanese gov- adians are quite justified in objecting tural districts of the province that wait- course there is logic in the contention that the city of Nelson, having elected him as member, should go further and possibilities of this province. As any event the Tribune's statement seems to indicate that Houston will make a further fight for cabinet hon-

"The World was wrong in saying that I went to Victoria to deliver my ultimatum to the premier. I didn't I merely mentioned it to him that I the chief commissionership wanted and I fancied I ought to get it. You can say this for me.'

The member for Nelson went on to say that: available sources of supply. With mil- of the McBride government. No, nor tell them that John Houston is going to go back to Nelson and that he is going to close up business there and no fear that agricultural production that he is going to leave British Columbia for good and for all. "Why this sudden change?" he wa

asked. "I am done; you can put it that I faithfully in this province for fifteen years. I have been a Conservative and a loyal, consistent one. I did not ever, I expected to be used at least got in the province of British Co-

The dispatches from Victoria open member for Nelson.

In the confusion of varying reports and surmises the main fact clearly evident is that the government is in an extremely awkward position.

SELFISH AND INDIFFERENT.

That the Canadian Pacific railway is both indifferent to and careless of the interest of the public is strongly shown in the manner in which it has treated the important mining camp of Poplar creek. This place has grown, through the energetic enterprise of its residents, within less than half a year, from a single miner's cabin to a place of importance with a population which is between 500 and 600, with six hotels, several business houses and numerous residences. It is a growing and important place, and is destined, because of the richness of its mines of free gold to excand to large dimensions. Should the properties prove as rich at depth as they are on the surface, and such underground explorations as have been made so far go to prove that this is the fact, there is not the slightest doubt that Poplar creek will eventually become the largest free gold centre in the Dominion.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Caoly of the traffic of Poplar creek, and has received a very large sum in the aggregate for its services, it has seen fit to almost completely ignore the wants of the place. Up to about a week since the only accommodation it gave the on which freight was dumped and left to the mercy of the elements and preshipments, which was not often the case. about midnight. Dogs and hogs frequently destroyed provisions and sometimes they were considerably damaged by rain. In response to numerous complaints, a small freight shed was recent-

ly constructed. The people there, however, have long pleaded for a telegraph office and a commodious freight and passenger depot. Those desiring to send telegraph messages have either to go to Lardo; 23 miles away, or to Gerrard about ten miles, before they can have them telegraphed. It is certain that a branch telegraph office at Poplar City would pay, and why does not the Canadian Pacific railway establish such a con-

verience? It is difficult to see why, except that the company is totally indifferent to the crying needs of its patrons and supporters. It has a monopoly of the traffic of the new mining centre, and no other transportation company can, for the time being at least, interfere with it or take any portion of its monopoly away. The management of the road in pursuance of its usual selfish and greedy policy says by its acts: "What is the need of doing anything more than we have to for the Poplar camp and district? The traffic is ours, it cannot immediately be taken away, and where is the necessity for providing even necessary conveniences? Besides we own no interest in the townsite."

How much longer will a patient people put up with such flagrant ill

For upwards of been applications ment of lands an to develop coal in the Flathead di nay. The applica bona fide prospec plied with all the law. There is not any valid reason demanded should granted. While it vincial governmen a reserve on the lands in question, departmental regu the chief commiss

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THURSDAY ...

EAST KOOTE

it, to permit the coal and petroleun head district is a p general disgrace t it has operated mo all attempts to de natural resources British Columbia. Flathead section ar deposits of coal and would be a valuable ing of taxes if thos to develop them w sion. But this is ne Nest coal monopoly "hold up" every in British Columbia t ment of the count lieries are brought with it. As The M remarked, this secti suffers to an incalc an unnecessarily ex quate fuel supply pendent upon the company. There are from one cause or coke to be had at a dition of affairs has

One of the reaso government became its stubborn refusal velopment of the When Hon, Richard ed upon to form a generally supposed comply with the majority of the peo manifestly his duty ses to all bona fi went so far as to would issue licens ter the elections, pr ed in office. Near elapsed since the ele he is still at the h has disregarded his

not without good present administrati under the control of otherwise, McBride have deferred actio monopoly seems present premier as did his predecessor, cially interested in Coal company.

We have come to

WORSE THA

William Fleet R vincial mineralogis a delight in decryi terests of the provi dom that he has a g the districts that established reputation scientific Jeremiah. The latest distric

hands is the Popla

which he damns wi he can see nothing seems to be the bes province that could anything in the nat praise. Mr. Roberts of committing hims firmed pessimist, w view of everything the sombre way in things in general col lications on the mini e gives to the pub he says, the Popla not yet developed, pect it to be when nade on the surface only a few menths ook into the ground s metal wealth ther could traverse the lo pan out the free g composed quartz find here and there gold; who could obt the veins, the regula ion and the other ibterranean wealth nthusiastic, must i idual who is devoi lagination, and ha ie instincts of a m We hold, and we th ajority of the peop

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