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A NATIONAL PORT

We hold the following statements to be fundamental in their nature: (a.) The commerce of the Pacific Ocean will increase rapidly until it has

assumed an enormous magnitude; (b.) The completion of the Panama Canal will give an extraordinary impetus to the expansion of this com-

(c.) The grain products of the Prairie Provinces will form a very large item in Pacific coast than the Atlantic, except a portion of Saskatchewan, which is nearer Hudson's Bay.

(d.) The western seaboard of Canada

From these facts we draw the inference that it is desirable in the interest of Canada as a whole that there shall be established on the Pacific frontier a port that shall be in every sense of the word

What are the essential requisites of a national port? They are:

Accessibility from the ocean; Safety of approach at all seasons of

the year and in all weathers: Proximity to the great routes of traffie and travel;

The extent of natural and artificial facilities for shipping;

Connection with the continental railway systems.

In no place on the whole Pacific littoral are these the first three requisites more fully met than at Victoria. The Strait of Juan de Fuca plays a part in oceanborne commerce that is even now of surpassing importance, and its greatness in this respect will grow with a rapidity that will make its progress in the past, notable as that has been, seem slow in comparison.

The fourth requisite can be supplied here at least as fully as at any other port on the whole coast, and we are now in a position to feel confident that the necessary facilities will be provided.

There remains to be considered the

fifth requisite, namely connection with agree with the tribute for which Pretae Continental railway systems. This mier McBride is responsible can for the purposes of ordinary comferries to the rails on the lower mainout this is not enough. The time has come when, as Sir Sandford Fleming

said nearly forty years ago "rail connection with Vancouver island must be established irrespective of cost."

Sir Sandford, with prophetic vision, realized then, as Judge Hallburton realfized three decades before, that at Victoria or vicinity must be the great National port of Canada on the western ocean. To Sir Sandford other terming for a transcontinental railway secured sufficient for temporary purposes, and the construction of a railway to them would be more in keeping with the then financial ability of Canada than one implying the bridging of Seymour Narrows, future. We quote his observations on but the ports of Victoria and Esquimalt he regarded as the ultimate goal of Canadian inter-oceanic railway communication.

With the wonderful development of the Orient, the early completion of the Panama Canal, the rapid settlement of the Prairie lands, and in view of the own level, so surely would the trans- 316,019,846, as compared with 295,166,necessity of asserting and maintaining | fer of industry and wealth and power Canadian maratime supremacy in the Pacific Ocean, and of the revolution in When they remembered that a Japanese the size of ocean-carriers, we believe the or Chinaman was content with onetime has come when the anticipations of this great engineer should be carried out in action, and that a great National Port should be established at Victoria, with all that is implied therein as set out in the five requisites mentioned above.

ESQUIMALT'S DEFENCES

Indications that some definite steps will be taken by the Dominion Government to rehabilitate the defences of Esquimalt are contained in the news from Ottawa that it has been decided to . mount the two nine point two guns which have been lying so long in disuse at the foot of Signal Hill. The utilization of these two guns was clearly a duty of the late government but one which, ever since the defences of the port were handed over by the Imperial authorities, has been systematically sidestepped. We have had two indications following closely upon each other that this part of the Dominion is about to receive a just measure of treatment. Of course the question of defences is purely a national one and the value of Esquimalt as a base rendered it imperative that something more than the inaction which has characterized the past

is making good and is obviously pressing the needs of the city upon the at- thing is his already." ention of the ministers. He is being istened to sympathetically if we can judge from the announcements which have been made in the last few days, more before very many months have

WELL DESERVED TRIBUTE The Premier has paid a tribute to made that the Austro-Italian treaty laudation of the civil servants in the has arisen out of the war between province we quite agree. "In point of Italy and Turkey. It emanates from efficiency," he said, "we have officials here who can do public business equally to be prompted by a desire to know us well as the trained corps in the just what are the limitations of that speaking, to be satisfied with the public | power. Additional interest in the disservants of British Columbia, Consid- cussion arose out of the bellicose atof country and the newness of the duties | Prince during the speeches in the they measure up well with any civil that commerce, and the greater part of servants." These words were said the wheat lands are much nearer the in answer to a deputation from the local board of trade when state- gary is under no obligation whatever ments were made about the efficiency of civil servants. Perhaps no body comes in for more obloquy than civil servants. On account of their duties they are continually in the public eye. The honesty of purpose and attention to duty which in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred inspire their actions are lost sight of in the face of the one little omission which they may make. They are the butt of censure and at best they are only "damned by faint praise." The board of trade and other interests in registry office conditions. In other words they want a new land registry office, or changes such as will render the present structure more fireproof. It is regrettable that in any requests towards this end which have been made that any imputation should have been cast which might serve to bring discredit on the government employees. They are a painstaking body of men who have got to meet the needs of a new fit the crime, if the sentence is carried country which is growing rapidly. We believe that if the present registry office is insufficient for the needs of the city that the government can be relied upon to remedy conditions. But what the government will find it very hard to do will be to provide a better body of civil servants than exists in the province today. We believe

plaints that may arise from time to

time that the people, as well as the

government, realize that they have got

good men in the public service and will

in spite of any com-

St. Paul's, is disturbed at the industrial outlook. He is speaking of conditions generally when he says: "Work has been dehumanized and despiritualized, and the speeding up of monotonous processes has imposed an intolerable strain on the nerve of the workers, the conditions of town life had ruined the physique of the labouring classes, and a progressive degeneration of the physical, mental, and moral character of the people is taking place."

He thinks the industrial outlook for Great Britain very discouraging because of Oriental competition that is certain to be much in evidence in the this point as summarized in the Daily Telegraph, with the criticism that the Dean has over-estimated the wage of the Chinaman and Japanese at home.

He was afraid it was impossible that they could long remain the workshop of the world under these changed conto Eastern Asia be a necessary sequel to the European Labor movement. third of the European's wages and did considerably more work in the time. they would not feel much doubt that if things went on as they were Poplar and West Ham would some day have to be turned into grazing farms. In this country, at any rate, the twentieth century was the spendthrift heir of the nineteenth.

He regards the temptation offered by Australia, which he describes as "a nearly continent within easy reach of the-industrially-more efficient yellow races," as so serious that he laments in advance what will hap- thus mentioned individually: "Our Most pen to the Commonwealth "if ever the Dear Cousin and Counsellor His Royal British fleet ceased to patrol the ring Highness Prince Arthur Frederick Patfence." In such an event he says "the

the pampered trades-unionists." along the line. Our progress has "a tirey beloved Counsellor the Most Revsoft and flabby side," Democracy to him is a mere fetish. He says we want more "nationality, patriotism and imperialism." He tells us that, in basing its institutions upon the rights of the masses, society is "standing on its head." He expressed the astounding opinion that "the state of the future would take life mercifully, but more freely than they do now." Just what this means we do not know, unless the should be evidenced. Colonel Hughes Dean wants a restoration of the days realized this during his recent visit and of Louis XIV, of France, whose views he has been prompt to act, spurred on, were expressed by the tutor of his as he himself acknowledges, by the son, who said: "The lives, the persons beloved," and Lord Lorebun and

for this city. Victoria's representative king's to do with them as he will. The people can give him nothing, for every-

THE TRIPLE ALLIANCE.

The Triple Alliance is under discusand we believe that there is very little | This alliance consists of three treaties, doubt that he will accomplish much one between Germany and Austria, one tween Germany and Italy. The Austro-German treaty has been published. deserving body of men and with his shall be made public. This demand unofficial circles in Austria and seems country's obligations to the peninsular titude assumed by the German Crown This has led an influential Vienna newspaper to assert that Austria-Hunto assist Germany in an aggressive war. "The Triple Alliance." says the only exist if the German people does the Triple Alliance is fast becoming very doubtful. Italy by her course towards Turkey has provoked German ill-will, and Austria by her course in restricting the theatre of war to Africa has incurred the displeasure of Italy.

> If the Mountain Ash Choir will rehold the audience. Its concert on Saturday was the most remarkable illustration of musical phrasing, tone and expression ever heard in this city.

sentenced to imprisonment for life. This punishment will in some measure out. The chances are that some fool governor after a few years, moved either by sickly sentimentality or political considerations, will set the mis-

The despatch of Mr. Coste to Victoria by the Public Works department in water, may not be "an occasion for triumph." as a contemporary says, but there will be no difference of opinion among the Victoria papers on this important question and that both the daily journals will do all in their power to assist Mr. Barnard. That is the right principle. There is great work Dr. Nye, the newly-appointed Dean of to be done for Victoria. Let us forget politics for the time being and all pull

The final figures of the Census of India are published and show the following results. The number of male residents of the country is 161,326,110 and of females 153,806,427, making the surprising total of 315,132,537 persons. The London Times says: "Slight vestiges of the European contest for supremacy in India remain in the French and Portuguese. Settlements, the only portions of India absolutely independent of British rule. The Census of the French Settlements, carried on synchronously with the British enumeration, has yieded a provisional total of 282,379 persons (an increase of 3-4 per cent.) while that of the Portuguese Settlements. taken in December last, yielded a return of 604,930 persons. These figures bring up the total number of persons within the geographical confines of Inditions. As surely as water found its dia and Burma to the huge total of 039 ten years ago." This is an increase of 7 per cent., and is convincing proof that the outcry made against British rule, that it leads to the depopulation of the country, is without foundation. The increase shows that a problem of over-population is one with which the government of India may before long have to grapple.

Those who are curious as to the phraseology of courts will be interested in knowing how the Commissioners appointed to do certain things in the King's absence are styled. Their collective title is Counsellors of State, and they are rick Albert of Connaught, Knight of Our yellow men will make short work of Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight Grand Cross of our Royal Victorian The good Dean is pessimistic all Order; Our Right Trusty and Right Enerend Father in God Randall Thomas, by Divine Providence Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of all England and Metropolitan; Our Right Trusty and Right Well-beloved Cousin and Counsellor Robert Threshie, Earl Loreburn. Lord Chancellor of Great Britain; and our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Cousin and Chancellor John Viscount Morley of Blackburn, Lord President of our Council. Note that they are all "cousins" except the Archbishop, that the Duke of Connaught is "most dear," that the Archbishop is right entirely persistency of Mr. Barnard, the member | and the property of the people are the | count Morley "well-beloved,"



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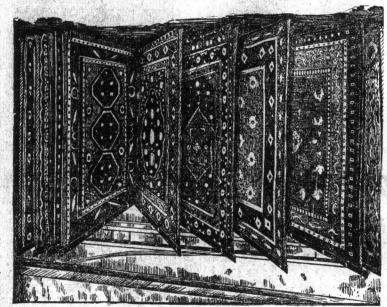
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