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LORD ROBERTS' VIEWS.

Field Marshal Lord Roberts addressed the veterans of the Ottawa valley on the occasion of his recent visit to the capital of the Dominion. It is not necessary to repeat his expressions of approval and satisfaction in regard to the things he saw in Canada. His views as to the duty of Canada in a military way are more important. The key-note of what he said was that "it is absolutely essential for the safety and welfare of the nation that the whole male population should be prepared to take their share in its defense in times of danger."

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The man must be self-reliant, or else his powers of observation have been advantageously exercised, who does not see the imminent danger, at a more or less remote date, of an armed collision between America and the Orient. It may arise from a variety of causes, but one of the principal of them will be the unwillingness, inability, if you will, of white labor to compete with yellow labor. Patched up agreements, such as those embodied in the Anglo-Japanese treaty, may postpone the inevitable conflict of interests between the races, which confront each other from opposite sides of the ocean, but sooner or later they will assert themselves and the best laid plans of diplomats will be powerless to restrain them. We do not say that this assertion will necessarily lead to an armed conflict, but if we are to be prepared to defend ourselves against assault. The position of Western Canada, with practically no efficient military force, in the event of a serious conflict of interests with Japan or China, with millions of armed men, would be disastrously weak. We would hardly be in a position to take a firm stand, if to "back it up" we were compelled to rely upon an armed force, or if it is prepared to face an influx of Oriental aid, it need be, to resist it with force, and yet the same people who are averse to this point are the most opposed to fitting themselves to bear arms for the defence of the country. We do not wish to enlarge upon this aspect of the case, because it is not our policy ever to treat subjects from the alarmist point of view; but as there never has been a racial contest, that did not at some stage call for the arbitrament of the sword, so we fear that Canada must prepare for such an emergency in connection with what is called the awakening of the Orient. The probability that hostilities may never arise out of the conditions referred to, conditions that are bringing very fast to some climax or other, will surely not be lightened by the fact that the people of Canada are ready to a man to defend their country against all invaders.

RAILWAYS ON THE PRAIRIE.

Nearly fifteen hundred miles of new railway will be available for the transportation of the prairie crop this year. All this mileage will not be open for regular freight and passenger business, but it will be available to some extent to get wheat to the market. The Canadian Pacific is about to open for general traffic a piece of new line from Asquith to Wilkie. Wilkie is 114 miles west of Saskatoon, and is in a great wheat producing country. This new piece of road is part of the C.P.R.'s line between Saskatoon and Edmonton. The Canadian Pacific branch line from Moose Jaw to the south will be opened to traffic for general traffic a piece of 123 miles from Moose Jaw. The following branches of the Canadian Pacific will also be available for their full length: Wolsley to Reston, 123 miles; Sheehy to Stoughton, 89 miles; Sheehy to Leland, 89 miles. Northern expects to take over from the construction company its line from Brandon to Regina, 100 miles. The Goose Lake line from Saskatoon to the southwest, which will ultimately

cannot be too prompt to act upon the advice of Lord Roberts and propose every able-bodied man to fight, if need be, for the defence of his country.

A WEST COAST ROAD.

The Colonist has been asked to say something in regard to the need of a road from the head of Ucluelet Arm to Clayoquot. We are not very well informed as to the details of the country, such a road would traverse, but are told that it is not specially difficult. The road would be a very desirable one to residents of Clayoquot and vicinity, because it would enable them to reach Alberni without the necessity of going out upon the open ocean. From the head of Ucluelet Arm to the head of Alberni Canal is approximately forty miles, and the water route is well protected by islands, so that a small steamer could make the trip at any season of the year with no discomfort to its passengers. When the railway is extended to Alberni this would be the route that would be taken by all passengers en route for Quatsino. It would also be used to some extent by the residents of Nootka Sound, although their case is a short cut in the open sea would be unavoidable. It seems as if such a road is really essential for the proper development of the coast.

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be extended to Calgary, the Tander Hill branch, and the Roseburg branch; and perhaps the Pas Mission branch, which will form a part of the line to Hudson's Bay, will also be able to handle the grain produced in its vicinity. The Grand Trunk Pacific hopes to be able to haul grain over 873 miles of its road west of Winnipeg, which will cover the route to the Battle river, and it may be able to send its cars through to Edmonton before winter sets in.

The construction of these new lines, which set a record for railway building in the Prairie Provinces for a single year, will enable farmers to get their grain to Winnipeg much more readily than they have been able to do hitherto. This will make a greater demand than ever upon the facilities afforded by the lines from Winnipeg to Lake Superior. On the other hand the roads are better able to handle traffic over that section than ever before, and as what will come in earlier than usual this season of transportation will be longer.

A DISCARDED PLATFORM.

In 1893 the Liberals met in convention and framed a platform, whereof the following were the planks: Plank 1.—The Dominion of Canada to have free trade as it was in England, but free trade. The promise of this plank has been fulfilled neither in letter nor spirit.

Plank 2.—Reciprocity with the United States. Absolutely nothing has been done in this direction.

Plank 3.—Purity of administration. It would be a very strange man who would claim that the promise of this plank has been fulfilled.

Plank 4.—Economic government. There has been no such thing as economic government in Canada since the election of 1904.

Plank 5.—Independence of Parliament. There never was a parliament in Canada less independent of ministerial control than that elected in 1904.

Plank 6.—Redistribution of the Franchise Act of 1885. This has been carried out, but an attempt was made at the session just closed to establish in certain parts of the Dominion a control of the lists such as was never contemplated by the Conservatives.

Plank 7.—Senate Reform. Our friend Senator Riley once said that the Senate is a picture gallery of the past.

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"A KING FOR CANADA."

To say that we do not know Mr. G. Frederick Hamilton may be to argue ourselves unknown, therefore we say it with fear and trembling, because it may be that we ought to know him. We do know that he has written a page article for Collier's under the caption, "A King for Canada," and the New York paper prints it in an exceptionally prominent way. He begins by stating that Sir John Macdonald wanted our country to be called "The Kingdom of Canada," which is understood to be the "King of the North." He then proceeds to tell us what a very excellent king how very wise a man, how useful a member of the body politic Edward VII. by the Grace of God, King of the Britains, was to us, and how most heartily. Then he proceeds to ask if it would not be a good thing if Canada had a king in a true sense of the word, a man who for twenty, thirty, forty or more years had known the name of the British Empire, and who would be a true king in a true sense of the word. He then asks if it would not be a good thing if Canada had a king in a true sense of the word, a man who for twenty, thirty, forty or more years had known the name of the British Empire, and who would be a true king in a true sense of the word.

ELECTION FIGURES.

The Times is quite incorrect in saying that the election returns printed in the Colonist were taken from the figures gathered by the Toronto Mail and Empire. There was only one set of figures in the article, and that was the one published in the Toronto Mail and Empire, namely, the totals for the whole Dominion. The figures relating to the Province of British Columbia, the Parliamentary Companion, a book which our contemporary can refer to for details. There is an effort to make capital against what we said by attempting to show that the Toronto paper is unreliable, fails to the ground.

THE OTTAWA MINISTERS ARE SCATTERED.

The Ottawa ministers are scattered in all directions. Some of them will be seen in the city, some in the country, and some in the provinces. The fact is that the government is in a state of confusion, and the ministers are unable to perform their duties. The result is that the government is unable to carry out its policies, and the country is in a state of uncertainty.

MR. EDISON SEEMS ABLE TO DESCRIBE HOW A FLYING MACHINE SHOULD BE MADE.

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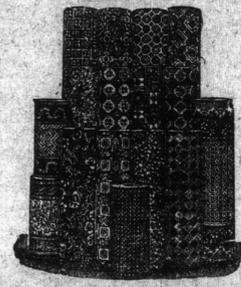
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WE CAN EASILY UNDERSTAND THAT MR. TEMPLEMAN'S PAPER DOES NOT LIKE THE APPEARANCE OF THE FUTURE, BUT WE CAN TABULATE. IT CANNOT BE PLEASANT FOR THE ORGAN OF THE MINISTER TO CONTEMPLATE THAT THE BOASTERS "WOLD SEVER" REALLY REPRESENT A MINORITY OF THE ELECTORATE, EXCLUDING MR. SLOAN FROM THE LIST, BECAUSE AS HE WAS ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION THERE IS NO MEANS OF TELLING HOW THE CONSTITUENCY OF COMOX-ATLIN WOULD HAVE DIVIDED IF A VOTE HAD BEEN TAKEN, ALTHOUGH WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT IF AN ELECTION HAD BEEN HELD IN THAT

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Coal Company's Help—Good Maintenance

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