nely to discuss the very important oject of railway connection between its port and the western wheat fields. The time has come when the advantages of Victoria as a transcontinental nd trans-oceanic traffic terminus inght to be set forth in the strongest possible way. Fate and foggy weather seem to have combined to render these advantages conspicuous. Within a very short time several vessels have met with serious mishap in the inland coast waters of British Columbia, and it is of the utmost significant the seem to have occurred with the claim preferred by some people on their behalf. They are altogether too full of a sense of their duty, too truly inspired by patriotism, to desire to see the home life of the country resting upon Asiatic labor as Select Standing Committee of the House of Commons on Agriculture and the western wheat fields. In the treatment of their employees the treatment which the latter country will seem back securities instead of gold, which will lead to a further depreciation in prices. On the whole Mr. Clews is optimistic, but not aggressively so.

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Moving the distance, and because of her captain being unable to make out her position went ashore. There have been a great many instances in which vessels have been cast away on the Vancouver Island coast, but the chance of this is a peril of the sea common to ships bound to all ports reached by way of the Strait. Our point is that, as far as we are now informed, not a single vessel engaged in ocean navigation. When these are either entering or leaving by way of the Strait, with the exception of the strait with any large, and there is no doubt that the season has been exceptionally foggy. On the other hand there was very one of the strait with any one of the strain to increase very wise in its treasury at Washington or some of the sub-treasurity at Washington or the strain to increase very wise in its treasury at Washington or some of the sub-treasurity at Washington or the strain to increase very wise in its treasury at Washington or the strain to increase very wise in its treasury at Washington or the strain to increase very wise in its treasury at Washington or the strain to increase very wis season has been exceptionally foggy. On the other hand there was very much less smoke this year than we usually have, so that although we have had more fog than ordinarily, the season has not been quite as much worse on has not been quite as much worse. In Canada a different course of the sub-treasuries through area available for agriculture along the Mackenzle, Mt. Stewart again refused to commit himself on the ground that his observations were necessarily confined to the vicinity of the river; but the said. The whole stretch of country the said. had more fog than ordinarity, the season has not been quite as much worse
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cay. When we draw a line through the community and say that all persons, men and women, who work beyond it are doing labor which ought to be assigned to people who are alien in race, sentiment, traditions and almost everything which we regard as the special qualities of ourselves, we do an incalculable injury to the state. It may be true, as one of the speakers may be true, as one of the speakers t the Women's Council is reported FINANCIAL MATTERS.

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that all these have occurred vessels had passed Victoria. Increasing size of ocean-gonships and the increasing of craft engaged in coastwise in, the danger attending shiphen narrow waters, lying near-ctinental shore line than Victoria. We are anxious as any one to see this country settled by people from the United Kingdom and other countries of America and Europe, but we question the permanent value of any immigraion which is dependent upon an influx of a servile class from the Orient.

MOVING THE GRAIN.

can be approached with less danger than Victoria and Esquimait. We do not think that we are chargeable with displaying unfriendliness to any of the neighboring cities when we advance this proposition.

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Select Standing Committee of the House of Commons on Agriculture and number of craft engaged in coastwise navigation, the danger attending shipping in the narrow waters, lying nearer the continental shore line than Victoria does, becomes greater. If this city were the terminus of a transconstity were the terminus of a transconstitution and the fullest sense able, with their unaided hands, to make a home in which their husbands, because the fullest sense able, with their unaided hands, to make a home in which their husbands, because the fullest sense able, with their unaided hands, to make a home in which their husbands, because the fullest sense able, with their unaided hands, to make a home in which their husbands, because the full of the fullest sense and Great Slave lakes are united by the Slave river. Mr. Stewart sailby the Slave river. Mr. Stewart sailbare hold help is scarce, one remains to be not to attempt too much. There are millions of Canadians who can list been issued giving with other matter the evidence on this point. Among the evidence on this point, among the examined was Mr. Elihu Stewart, Dominion Superintendent of Forestry. The Athabasea and Great Slave lakes are united by the Slave river. Mr. Stewart sailbare hold help is scarce, one remains to be not to attempt too much. There are millions of Canadians who can list been issued giving with other matter the evidence on this point. Among the evidence on th colonization brought out some very in able, with their unaided hands, to the fullest sense of the term, it seems unreasonable to think that costly steamships with valuable cargoes would take the risk indeed hands, to sons and daughters would find all that sale cargoes would take the risk indeed hands, to sons and daughters would find all that solved in seeking ports lying behind the Georgian archipelago.

The Colonist has not in the past laid much stress upon this point, because it did not wish to take a position that could be construed as hostile to Vancouver, but it would be unjust to Victoria if it did not point out the remarkable demonstration of comparative safety afforded by the recent marine accidents Speaking under correction, we are able to precall only one instance, since the beginning of regular steamship service out of the Strait of Juan homes in any sense degrading.

The Colonist has not in the past laid more than a preciation of their duty of maintaining Canadian homes in which boys and girls are remarkable demonstration of comparative to their family, their state and their date and their date of the properties of th some interesting observations at Port Providence, which is in latitude 61 degrees, 25 minutes, or nearly 100 miles can afford to wait to see what will grees, 25 minutes, or nearly 100 miles north of the northern boundary of Brit-lish Columbia, and 550 miles north of Edmonton. Here he saw wheat in milk on July 15, the grain having been "The whole stretch of country along the Mackenzie river from Great Slave lake to the delta of the

WILL THEY RECIPROCATE?

The Toronto Board of Trade has asked the Victoria Board of Trade to join in requesting the Dominion Government to investigate the suggested Huron-Ontario ship canal, which estimated will cost \$45,000,000. local board has complied. It is undoubtedly of great importance to have a waterway for ocean-going ships all the way to the head of Lake Superior. We are not in possession of much data ed that stage of progress when come wholly through the instrumentality of private enterprise The West does not oppose

island of Vancouver, with its splendid ports practically upon the open ocean rectly accessible by a line of railway

the appearance of the timber lying on the bars of Great Slave lake and along Slave river and perhaps further down there, beyond where the Liard joins the Mackenzie, the size of the timber lying on the shore serve and perhaps further down the same spirit.



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