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A Jaundiced Attitude

The Editorial comments of our morning contemporary on the visit of our public men to the Humber will not, we feel safe to assert, commend themselves to the general public. Apart from the injurious effect that the thinly veiled attempts to belittle the enterprise must have upon those who are watching the industries developing in this country with a view to investment, the editor appears to adopt a lord-I-am-not-as-other-men-are attitude that is not convincing nor inspiring. The Daily News with the other city papers has urged the necessity of encouraging the development of our resources, and has frequently emphasized the necessity for advertising them. Surely no better method could have been adopted than that which the News refers to as the "Humber Jaunt."

Even if the country had borne every cent of expenditure in connection with the visit, it would have been money wisely expended. We do not hesitate to proclaim that we sent our representative to the Humber under that impression, and suffered no qualm of conscience. Publicity is of paramount importance if we are to advance with the times. Too long have we hidden our light under a bushel. Economy primarily refers to careful management, and a tight purse where wise expenditure will obtain results is just as deserving of blame as lavish waste.

There can be no better augury than to find that our politicians, however much they may differ in opinion on the floor of the House, can leave their differences there, and fraternize in every day life. Our contemporary frequently refers to the difference which exists in our political life to that which obtains in England. Perhaps there is no aspect more noteworthy in the Old Country than the absence of animosity in private life among political opponents.

The Account of the Humber Activities.

We commenced yesterday a series of articles on the operations on the Humber. Further accounts will appear to-day and in subsequent issues.

The descriptions brought back by those who have had the privilege of witnessing the work in progress will impress the public, perhaps for the first time, with the wonderful possibilities in store for this country in general, and for the West Coast in particular. It has often been predicted that the future of this Island is in the West, and that remark does not reflecficiti fifii remark does not reflect in any way upon the facilities that the country offers in many other parts for the investment of capital. We have however, needed some great activity to be started to attract the attention of the outside world, which has too long been ignorant of the affairs of Britain's Oldest Colony. Even in England there are many people who have but a hazy idea of our position, who seem to think of Newfoundland as a land of cod, dog and fog and little else.

The future of this country depends upon the encouragement in every legitimate way of our present industries, and in developing others, and in compelling those who control our raw material to manufacture it here if it is economically possible. This can be done by forbidding the export altogether, or by imposing a duty on shipment abroad sufficiently high as to make it prohibitive.

Not only is it desirable to encourage outsiders to invest their capital in our industries, but our own people should be induced to support them as well. Apart from the fisheries and certain established factories, few new undertakings have received much encouragement from ourselves. A member of the Legislative Council made a remark recently very much to the point when he said that the best stimulus to awaken a public spirit would be the investment by the public in local undertakings. Our diffidence has been due to lack of confidence. We are too inclined to dwell on past events rather than to use them for a guide as to what to avoid sn the future.

While our mineral resources, as yet barely scratched, give promise of a great future, we have an attraction for the prospective manufacturer in the form of cheap water power upon which the attention of capitalists will be fixed as soon as the undertaking of the Armstrong Whitworth Company receives full publicity.

It behoves us to guard well this gift of Nature, and to see to it that it does not pass into the hands of individuals or corporations to be held by them as a mere speculation, shutting out thereby bona fide investors who would turn it immediately to practical account.

We have entered upon a new era, the pioneers of which are the Harmsworths at Grand Falls. As day by day the panorama of the Western activities unfolds itself the public will realize how pregnant with possibilities is this stupendous undertaking in which the Armstrong Whitworth Company is systematically expending its millions.

Gale Causes Damage to Hay Fields.

Out in the country yesterday the gale played havoc, particularly with the hay fields. On Carpatian Road about two tons of hay was practically all swept o ffaff fffffff