enter an era in which commercial and industrial interests play a prominent part. Formerly Victoria was the business centre of pritish Columbia. The volume of business transacted here has not at all diminished, and has indeed increased, but the development of other er parts of the province has led to the establishment of other centres of trade, which have, to a certain extent, occupied the fields in which our city was supreme. This change was to be expected, and other changes of a similar nature may be looked for. The progress of other cities, notably Vancouver, created an impression in the minds of many people that this city was no longer to be considered seriously as a business point. Many Victorians talked in that way, and we were often told that, if we could become a residential and tourist centre, we ought to be content and permit business to go elsewhere. The Colonist is glad to be able to say that it never accepted this view, but contended that a great commercial and industrial future was open mercial and industrial future was open to Victoria, when once the advantages of its position were realized and the vast resources of the island were utilized. We have never taken a position hostile to other localities, for in our view the vastness of British Columbia, the incalculable extent of its resources, the commanding importance of its seaboard, present such a tremendous

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seems to be any conflict. To take this position is not to adopt one of hostility towards the federal authority. We assume, and we know we are right in so assuming, that if the Conse tives were in power at Ottawa, the McBride government would take ex-actly the same stand as it does now, and we would expect the federal authorities in such a case to insist that the open questions should be deter-mined by a competent fribunal. So far as the settlement of principles in-volved is concerned, there is absolutely no politics in the matter, although there might be politics in the way one government or the other attempted to exercise rights which the other dis-

puted.

The exact limitations of the rights of the provinces in respect to the fish-eries ought to be settled. Certain of these have already been decided by the courts in cases arising in the east-ern provinces, but these decisions do not touch the points, at issue in this Those cases were decided in suits inter partes, and because the

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A TURNING POINT

It is very evident to those who have taken note of the course of events that Victoria is at a turning point in its history. The city has emerged from the status of a provincial capital and residential point and is about to enter an era in which commercial and industrial interests play a prominent content of the course of opinion among lawyers on this form the possible contingencies. The position taken by the Witness cannot be successfully challenged. The time has come when Canada must look upon the defence of its coasts from a purely independent standpoint, by which we mean that the policy to be adopted ought to be such as would be sufficient if the Dominion were an industrial interests play a prominent enter in which commercial and industrial interests play a prominent enter of opinion among lawyers on this

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Great progress and development is reported from the Peace river. So many people are pouring into the country, notwithstanding the lack of railway facilities, that the Dominion government is about to erect it into a separate land district. In this district the 3,500,000 acres obtained from the province of British Columbia will be included. A large number of claims have been applied for. The centre of this British Columbia area is Fort St be included. A large number of claims have been applied for. The centre of this British Columbia area is Fort St. John. In a direct line Fort St. John is practically as far from Edmonton as from the head of Bute inlet, measuring the latter route by way of Fort George on the route of the Grand Trunk Pacific. The difference is not more than fifty miles. We suggest that this is a very important fact. The administra-



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Great Paper Mills. "Personally I am glad I because it has afforded m tunity to see the great paper Ontario and Quebec. Fifteen y this ladustry was of microsod today the combined mills more than a million tons of paper a year, Reflect a million tons, and then a These enormous mills have c existence mostly during the l to nine years. The great mil Que., stands today a magnific ument to Mr. E. B. Eddy. At did not know much about pap-ing, and approached it like horse approaches a buzz say dark, bue he was one of those inant characters who are and out of his mighty effor sulted the enormous E. B. E milh, giving employment to

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you reach Grand Mere, Que, of the Laurentide Pulp & Pa one of the largest pulp and pa of the world. This company a duces over a thousand tons per week, and is generally as one of the most modern a oughly up-to-date mills now tion. The company has se chines, and in 1908 showed a chines, and in 1908 showed a rafter the payment of all in bonds, etc., of a quarter of dollars. The company was o started by American capitalis ed by General Alger, of Mich ultimately passed into the English and Canadian stockho "Sir William Van Horne, occupies the presidency, is a rently fitted to direct the dethe great concern. Another

the great concern. Another mill, which is frequently ret with pardonable pride, is tha great Booth mill at Ottawa. virtually a new mill, having operation but two years, but st ly long enough to stamp its on the markets of the world. wonderful mill, such as wou British Columbians yelp with present capacity is about 600 news per week and was for Mr. J. R. Booth, one of sturdy pioneer lumbermen

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