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TRADE AND THE EMPIRE.

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Let us discard the argument of commercial exclusiveness, since one of the chief elements of strength for the Empire consists in the freest possible interchange of the products of all its colonies and dependencies with the rest of the world.

But we are all of us conscious of the potency of a sentiment which had its birth in the long generations of struggle which made the people from which we have sprung what they were, and I ask "What could the Britisher of Canada, of Australia, of New Zealand, of the Cape, find to take the place of the patriotic devotion which gives a new meaning to his attachment to that particular part of the Empire where his lot has been cast?"

"I can imagine the greatness of the colonies in population, in commerce and in wealth, transcending that of the Mother Country itself, but I can also imagine, more readily than a process of gradual estrangement, a sentiment which will grow with their strength and strengthen with their wealth; of satisfaction that nothing can temper and of pride that nothing can lessen in the distinction of being able to say: 'I am a citizen of the British Empire.'"

SCHOOL GARDENS.

The value of manual training has been proved beyond all possibility of doubt. It has been shown again and again that the time diverted from the regular school work to devote to training in handling tools deftly does not retard the student in his or her intellectual work, but has rather the opposite effect.

Gardening is one of the most ancient of occupations, and at the same time under modern conditions one of the most fascinating. The person who plants or sows, and throughout the seasons watches and cultivates the young plant, protecting it from the ever-urging weeds until it comes to fruition, has experienced a pleasure that is all his own, a satisfaction which comes of having done something use-

ful for the world. There is a continuity of work which involves a certain amount of sacrifice, but which at all times brings increased health and pure enjoyment. Here, then, is a field for the exploitation of the manual training idea. It has been tried in connection with numbers of schools in the United States and a few in Canada, and when properly conducted has been always found to be a success.

FARMERS AND THE DOMINION GOVERNMENT.

The farmers of Canada, particularly the farmers of the prairie provinces, have invaded Ottawa for the purpose of laying before the Dominion Government claims for legislation which they considered would be in their interests. They went in large numbers in order that the demands they made might be impressed more strongly upon parliament and the nation at large.

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SIGNIFICATION OF BRITISH ELECTION.

The British elections are practically over and the Liberal Government finds itself returned to office with a solid majority behind it. This means that the power of the House of Lords to veto all important progressive questions must go. We hardly think the Lords will oppose the "Parliament Bill" when it is again submitted to them.

HOTEL DESTROYED.

Revelstoke, Dec. 17.—Fire completely destroyed the hotel and boarding house owned by C. D. Morris at Rogers Pass. There were no fatalities. The blaze is said to have been caused by a defective or overheated chimney, and the flames, spreading with lightning rapidity, swept through the building until the whole place was gutted. The premises were covered by insurance. The C. P. R. employees did great work in saving the store; they got two engines and supplied the water and saved the store, although it was badly scorched. The C. P. R. employees who were residing in the hotel lost all their belongings.

HELD BY BANDITS.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 15.—Preparations for receiving Enrique Gornoros and L. E. Wolheim, the latter an American citizen, from the hands of Mexican bandits, were begun here today. The men are held for a \$25,000 ransom. It is said Gornoros is the son of a wealthy Chihuahua family and a graduate of Cornell University. The bandits seized the two men while they were touring Santa Clara in an automobile last Wednesday.

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To-day Commences a Very Strenuous Week at the Big Store. Our Christmas stocks were never better, and for many of the departments we are able to make a better display than last year.

Monday Evening Specials at 7.30. MUSIC CABINETS, regular \$9. to \$14. Monday, 7.30, price \$5.00. UMBRELLA STANDS, regular \$2.90 to \$3.90. Monday, 7.30, price \$2.50.

Brief List of Useful and Inexpensive Gift Suggestions to Be Obtained on Main Floor At 25c. BEAUTY PINS, gold filled. SAFETY LACE PINS. NOVELTY HAT PINS, in gift boxes.

At 35c. PEARL BEAUTY PINS. LACE PINS, gold plate. COLLAR PINS. LINEN AND INITIAL HANDKERCHIEFS "TITWEAD," a patent bill fold.

At 50c. BRILLIANT BEAUTY PINS, gold filled. ORIENTAL HAT PIN in gift boxes. MONOGRAMS. FANCY HANDKERCHIEFS. CASHMERE HOSIERY.

DAVID SPENCER, LIMITED. UNBLUSHING YOUTH. Chief Witness in Case of Sellinx to Minors Against Russ House.

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"MIKE" KING CROSSES DIV. FAMOUS FRONTIERSMAN DIES AT THE HOSPITAL.

Succumbed to Injuries He Received During Recent Trip on a Cruising Trip. (From Monday's Daily.) The death occurred yesterday at Royal Jubilee hospital, of Mike King, the widely known timber

STANDING OF PARTIES IN OLD COUNTRY. London, Dec. 19.—With three alternatives yet to be heard from, standing of parties is as follows: Liberals..... Laborites..... Nationalists..... Independent Nationalists..... Unionists.....

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