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AN EXHIBITION.

The determination of the City Council to hold the regular exhibition this fall meets with general approval. We hope nothing will be left undone that will contribute to its success.

A great deal has been said about the Fair. It is a very serious matter, if there is nothing to show for it, but the city has not only fine grounds but fine buildings.

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criticise it before accepting it. No doubt the Liberals would be very much pleased if Mr. Borden would place himself and his supporters on record as opposed to what the government proposes shall be done; but he will not do that.

THE HUDSON BAY RAILWAY

We have before us a map issued by the Department of Railways showing the proposed location of the Hudson Bay railroad. Two routes are shown. One is to Port Churchill at the mouth of the Churchill river, and the other is to Port Nelson at the mouth of the Nelson river.

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The President of the Imperial University of Kyoto denies that Christianity has been of any assistance to Japan. He says that the Japanese did not learn their morality from the West.

Col. Conrad has been telling the people of New York that "the Canadian Northwest has been getting a great start in Alaska." Well, why shouldn't it?

It is announced by Mr. Robert Kelly, of Vancouver, that Sir Wilfrid Laurier and three of his colleagues will visit the Pacific Coast during the latter part of the coming summer.

Sir James Whitney told a delegation that he believed Ontario would have local option established in a short time on "a firm and irrevocable basis."

The matter of pilotage is under consideration by the Department of Marine and Fisheries, and the latest information on the subject will be found in another column of today's Colonist.

Commander Peary is to organize an expedition to the South Pole. While there is a vast area in the Antarctic continent yet to be explored, Sir Ernest Shackleton has left very little glory to be reaped by any one else in the way of polar discovery.

The proposal made at the meeting of the Canadian Club, that a monument to Vancouver shall be erected in this city, is very interesting. The picturesque and able mariner stands depicted in gold on top of the Parliament Building; his great achievements ought to be commemorated on a monument that every one can read.

The people of the United States cannot have a parcel post, because the express companies will not bear of it; they cannot have postal savings banks, because the private savings banks will not allow it.

Switchmen to the number of 32,000 and in the employ of 60 railway companies in the United States, have demanded an increase, varying from 20 to 25 per cent in their wages and certain other conditions.

A "Society for the Suppression of Unnecessary Noise" has been organized in the United States. The possibilities of such a body are numerous, especially if it extends its operations to legislative bodies.

By the way, Wednesday was "ground-hog day." According to a tradition of ante-deluvian times, if on February 2nd the ground-hog comes out of his hole and sees his shadow, he goes back again; for he knows that there will be six weeks of cold weather.

Parliament will be asked to vote \$50,000 for the relief of the sufferers by the Paris flood. The amount is not large, but it will serve the purpose for which it is intended.

We are asked when we mean by saying that there has been no demand in Victoria for a Normal school. We did not mean that no one had asked for such a school; but only that there was no such demand for such an institution here as called for its erection at the present time.

President Taft wants an appropriation of \$25,000 to pay for a commission to study the Payne tariff law. There was talk enough over it in Congress to make its meaning plain, if it has any meaning.

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Almost nothing is known of the history of America of Columbus, and only very little has been made as to the degree of civilization of the people, except in the voyages of Eric the Red. Norsemen are themselves shrouded in mystery, and the story of them does not tell anything about the people. There is a Welsh tradition of a colony of a colony from Wales of the Continent, but much doubt exists as to its authenticity. The Indians residing in the United States and Canada have no historical records. So far as can be ascertained, they have never been living from time immemorial in primitive conditions in which the European settler came; and their tribal customs were well shown that they were the result of development. What traditions of development. What traditions of development. What traditions of development.