

PUBLIC OPINION.

Regina Leader: Canada is British to the core, and if she makes a commercial treaty, it will not be one discriminating against England. This is not mere sentiment, but if it were, what nobler bond than pride in a great historic past, like that of "the august mother of free nation?" But there is more than sentiment. We wish to see the freest and fullest intercourse with the United States and all countries, consistent with our own development, but if there is to be a comparison between the English and American markets, we believe the former is the better one for us.

Calgary Tribune: On Thursday, some twelve or thirteen first class settlers arrived from Plaza, Wash. They had five carloads of horses with them, and were bound for Wetaskiwin. They present a tale of woe which, we believe, is too largely the experience of settlers coming into the country, notwithstanding the promises of Mr. Daly's vigorous immigration policy. * * * It is something wonderful how this country is filling, with the Government clogging the wheels so powerfully, and the question arises, what may we expect, if the powers that be put forth ordinary efforts and remove the disabilities that surround settlers at every turn.

Halifax Critic: It is with pleasure that we note the actual working of the new steamship line between Canada and Australia. The new vessel, the Miowera, made excellent time on her voyage. The Australian produce which she carried—meat, fruits, and butter—will find a ready market on the Pacific coast, and on her return Canadian goods will be shipped for the Australian market. The Governments of New South Wales and of Queensland, are so delighted with the success of the enterprise that, notwithstanding the pressure of hard times in the far-away colonies, they have cabled their consent to a further subsidy of some \$60,000 to the new line.

Victoria Colonist: We find, from the report before us, that there are now growing, and under test, on the British Columbia Experimental Farm, 887 varieties of fruit, 569 of which are different sorts of large fruits, and 318 of small fruits. "To bring together this collection," says the Director, "which is probably the largest on the continent, the nurseries of many countries have been laid under tribute, and whether received from the North, or the South, the trees seem to grow equally well, and with such rapidity, as to astonish those who are accustomed to the slower growth seen in the East." Besides fruits, grain, fodder crops, and roots are under test at the Experimental Farm at Agassiz.

Montreal Witness: You cannot expect boys to rise above the ideals put before them. If parents and teachers do not work together, we are in danger of even worse illiteracy than is now complained of. Parents should take pains to talk with their children, even at some sacrifice to themselves of time and money. They should take a more lively interest in school work, not to make the boys work harder, but to cause them to think it more worth while to work. They ought to try to make them see the advantages of an education, by sympathy and a due appreciation of earnest effort. They ought to give them good books to read, and to talk with them about their reading. To all of this, "amen" will be most heartily said by every one interested in education. Not a whit more is required of parents than is in their power to contribute to their children's intellectual development.

It were better to have no opinion of God at all than such an opinion as is unworthy of Him; for the one is unbelief, and the other is contumely; and certainly superstitious is the reproach of the deity.—Bacon.

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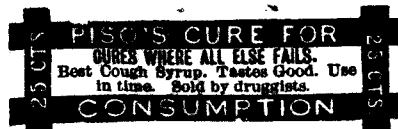


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