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THE GOVERNMENT AND THE WATER QUESTION.

In Wednesday's Times there appeared what alleged to be an interview with a member of the Executive to the effect that it was intimated that the government intended to take a hand in the water works dispute as between the city and the Esquimalt Water Works Company.

CANADA, THE EMPIRE AND THE UNITED STATES.

Lack of imagination, the London Outlook says, is the Anglo-Saxon weakness in statesmanship, and it proceeds to dwell upon the lost opportunity to cement the relations between Canada and Great Britain.

It is one of the misfortunes of having Great Britain ruled by little Englanders, it is pointed out, that the same views on Loyalty held by the same views in respect to self-government, but remained loyal to the British crown, believing that the inherent rights of Englishmen could be won by constitutional means, and the belief was justified.

How loyal Canada has been to this great tradition, men learned when the Confederation became a fact. But she could not get England to see eye to eye with her in this respect.

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And the people of Canada," asks the Major, "what is their attitude towards the Imperial idea? That these feelings for the mother country and towards a closer commercial union with her are really think of all of Imperial responsibility.

JAMS AND JELLIES.

The Inland Revenue Department, Ottawa has issued a bulletin on "Fruit Preserves," which furnishes interesting reading. According to the report of the department, 182 samples of fruit preserves, collected at random in each province, were submitted for analysis.

So that nearly 30 per cent. of the samples were adulterated in some way, either by the addition of glucose preservative or by the use of glucose in the act which specifically forbids the use of preservatives or dyes, and it is stated in the bulletin that, so far as dyes are concerned, the minute quantities used are not harmful.

Of special interest in this connection is the despatch contained in yesterday's Ottawa news, in which it was stated that the Inland Revenue Department will prosecute manufacturers of fruit preserves containing glucose, who mark the word "compound" in very small letters. The Act requires that the legend be printed in conspicuous letters, and it is evidently the intention to make manufacturers comply strictly with the Act, and we would not be surprised if the Act were further amended.

WIDE-AWAKE CHINA.

The South China Morning Post is authority for the statement that the "awakening of China" of which we are hearing so much, embraces a military and naval programme which should cause the nations to sit up and rub their eyes.

THE COLONIST'S BIG NUMBER.

Tomorrow's (Sunday) Colonist will consist of 52 pages profusely illustrated with scores of half-tones, vignettes, and illustrations.

Section one, of sixteen pages, will include the regular daily telegraphic and local news, together with many special features of interest.

The publication of a 52-page edition was made possible under an arrangement with the C. P. R. land department for the distribution of several thousand copies for the purpose of attracting the tourist trade to Victoria and the Island.

AN ALLEGED INTERVIEW.

Our evening contemporary, not content with publishing unfounded statements in its news and editorial columns in charging a member of the government with expressing a biased opinion on the water question, returns to the charge and, after declaring the original lie to be true, then proceeds to publish the name of the minister who was said to have been interviewed.

VANCOUVER ISLAND FOR AUTO-MOBILISTS.

Sooner or later the attractions of Vancouver Island as a resort for automobilists will be well known. At present, outside of the city of Victoria they are not well known.

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THE WATER QUESTION SIMPLIFIED.

Ex-Mayor McCandless has given an interview on the water works question which comes under the proper name of "The Water Question Simplified."

In the first place, it secures ample water within reasonable time. To lay a pipe to Goldstream would take one or two years, and in the meantime the present scarcity of water could be relieved by connecting our system with that of Victoria West.

In the second place, the amount of money necessary to pay for meters would be about all that is required to carry the main to supply the higher levels. It is a permanent investment, whereas the life of a meter is limited to ten years, or under, and involves a considerable sum annually for inspection.

Fourth, the only amount of money necessary to be borrowed is that required to build a main from Victoria West to reach the higher levels. That is, of course, in addition to the system of special legislation which must be enacted to whatever source of supply is decided upon.

Fifth, the crux of Mr. McCandless' proposal is this: That the city should enter into an agreement with the Esquimalt Water Works Company for a supply of one million gallons, or as much more as may be necessary, and obtain an option on the entire system of that company, for say, twenty years.

On this point, we believe that a great deal of unnecessary and unjustifiable prejudice has been created against the Esquimalt Water Works Company, through wilful misrepresentation or lack of knowledge of the facts. Convinced of this, we believe that Mr. Angus' suggestion of a committee of citizens acting as intermediaries between the council and the water works company, is a good one.

The gratifying news comes from Toronto that over one half of the railway construction of the present year is being financed by the Government loan of \$3,000,000.

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Compared, then, with the state of things fifty years ago, Vancouver Island and Vancouver have made wonderful progress, and it is not long to look back and yet wonderful things have taken place. The whole West of America has been settled up. Railways and trans-Pacific steamship lines were only a dream of enthusiasts.

In the special edition which we publish today we are telling the story of this growth and celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of a political birthday. It is not an historical review, but it tells the story of present conditions and indicates something of our possibilities.

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together there is a steadily expanding field for the employment of labor. It is therefore earnestly desired that the existing shortage of men for the progressive mining, smelting and allied industries of the Kootenay and Boundary districts shall soon be relieved.

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(From Saturday's Gorge Improvement.) Gorge workers have recently met wire fence around the Gorge bridge to prevent gathering on the platform of the occupants of passing through.

Grass Fire.

The fire were called out about noon on the grass fire at the station road, where a grass fire was burning. While on the way the Deluge engine came Douglas street, breaking the

Tourist Association.

The combined meeting of all the Tourist and Development Societies, held in the city hall last evening at 8.30 p.m. It was a business of great importance brought forward, as this first meeting to be held after the tour of the tour of the

Novelist's Trip.

Jack L. writer and socialist, has written in that city that he will sail from Seattle some time on a two years' cruise around the world. He has been assigned by the

Laid at Rest.

The remains of William Erlene were laid to rest yesterday afternoon. The funeral from the residence of his son A. Prescott, No. 12 San Juan 2.30 p.m., where service was by Rev. J. W. G. Hansen. The funeral services were held at the Right Rev. Bishop P. W. the B. C. Funeral Furnishings Company, 205 Hastings St. W. Friends accompany the body to resting place at Mission.

Bereaved of Only-Daughter

Mrs. Fitzgerald, of Missoula, was bereaved of her only child of five years, only by trying circumstances. The funeral services were held at the Right Rev. Bishop P. W. the B. C. Funeral Furnishings Company, 205 Hastings St. W. Friends accompany the body to resting place at Mission.

Surprise Party.

Mr. and Mrs. William Scowcroft of District were last night the hosts of a surprise party which had been arranged by the friends of the bride, Mrs. Scowcroft, at the wedding which took place at the Pacific Railway Company, Victoria, B. C. The party was given at the home of Mrs. Scowcroft, 205 Hastings St. W. The guests were numerous, showing esteem in which they are held.

For Eastern Fair.

The Pacific Railway Company east two carloads of agricultural exhibits to the fair to be held at Toronto and Ottawa. The exhibits will go to Toronto and Ottawa by the distributed amongst farmers of the River, Sherbrooke and Ottawa. The exhibits will be made for the benefit of the fair. The exhibits will be made for the benefit of the fair. The exhibits will be made for the benefit of the fair.

Looking for Cedar.

A Col. Wolf was received by the Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described lands situated on Skeena River, two miles below Skeena Canyon, and adjoining J. T. Phelan's property, adjoining the post planted and marked S. B. Johnson's initial post, these East 30 chains, thence South 30 chains, thence West 30 chains, thence North 30 chains to the place of commencement, containing 640 acres. Skeena Canyon, B. C., June 29, 1906. J. W. G. HANSEN, J. W. Graham, Agent.

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