

here next Monday night, those who have seen Mr. O'Neill will not have long to wait to satisfy themselves on this point.

Mr. Vinton's star is emphatically in the ascendant, and Victoria lovers of the drama are to be congratulated that this clever young actor has decided to remain with us for some time to come. During the course of a pleasant conversation with this gentleman, I learned that he was, by birth, an Englishman, having first seen the light of day in the city of Liverpool. Although born in England, Mr. Vinton spent most of his youthful days in the city of Glasgow. He has played parts with nearly all the celebrated English and American actors, and is well up in all the modern plays. Off the stage, he is a very pleasant companion, and will, no doubt, make many friends during his stay in Victoria.

The following original poem has been handed to me, and really, I believe it is so good that the readers of THE HOME JOURNAL should be favored with an opportunity of enjoying it as much as myself. It is entitled to a place in our national songs:

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Oh land of treasures hid and seen,
Embedded 'neath thy mountain green
Lie stores of wealth that cause to turn
This world's hard heart with hopes to burn.
Home, friends and all that tender ties combine,
Hath men forsook, to worship at thy shrine;
Even life itself hath offerings made,
To bask one moment in thy glittering shade.

Men, from the very depths of woe and grief,
From thy abundant store, hath found relief.
Oh land, where equal competence is shown,
Where peers and outcasts dwell and find a home,
Thy wealth much good hath caused to spread;
Thy produce, famished nations fed;
The fame of thee, proud land, has gone
Throughout the earth from zone to zone.

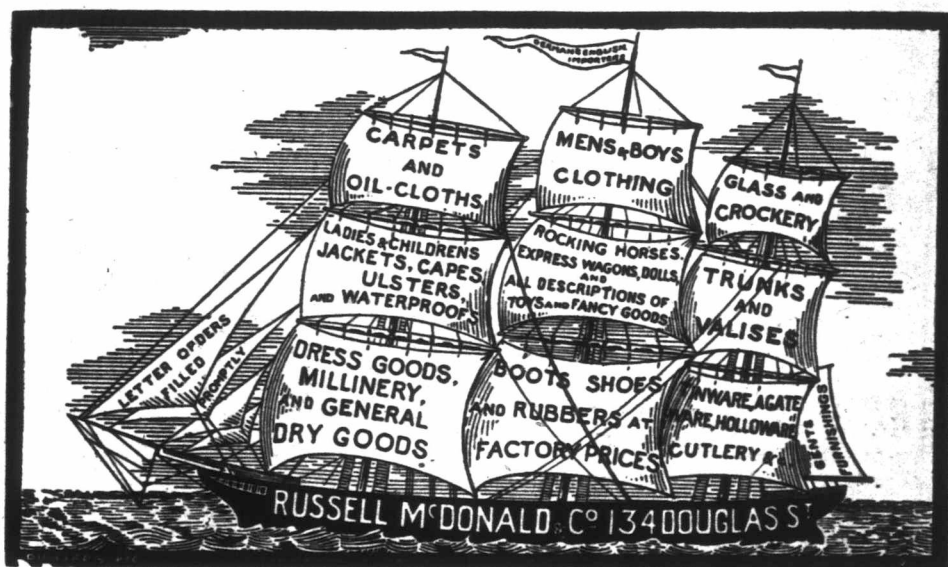
I observe that a crusade has been inaugurated against the lotteries which have hitherto been thriving and reaping a rich harvest in some of the eastern provinces, and an effort is being made to stamp them out. Such a movement commands my most earnest sympathy, for the evil results are too patent to be overlooked. The legal question appears to be whether the provinces can legalize what the Dominion forbids, and this, to an ordinary mind, unembarrassed with the quibbles of a legal training, is an extremely simple question and admits of but one answer. I am opposed to gambling in every form, whether it is done in a gambling room,

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