

OUR SERIOUS ARTICLE.

No one will deny that B. C. is suffering from the general depression of trade, our own portion of it especially. The reasons for these circumstances, we think, are not hard to find. Two rivals for the terminus of the C. P. R. naturally result in want of confidence in either; and speculation in town lots at both places by people too poor to afford such expensive amusements. We know of numbers who are to-day unable to meet their payments promptly for the reason that the money they require for that purpose is invested in land, and they find it impossible to realize it, except at an enormous sacrifice. This want of confidence, we are afraid, will continue as the Premier plainly stated in the house, that on the completion of the road to Coal Harbor a ferry would be put on to connect the C. P. R. with the Island railway. Such being the case Victoria will be the real terminus of our railway as she is to-day of the N. P. R. Under these circumstances what kind of a city will Vancouver be, and will not capitalists be afraid to invest? Another matter of vital importance to our city is the deepening of the main channel of Fraser River at the sands heads. Experienced navigators claim that for an expenditure of \$30,000 the river can be deepened to 27 feet at high water. On this being proved satisfactorily to the Dominion government, the citizens of New Westminster ought to leave no stone unturned until their object is attained. Twenty-seven feet of water at the mouth of Fraser River and then the Great Eastern herself could come to our wharves. Our future would be assured; both Coal Harbor and Port Moody would be nowhere in the race. On our branch line connecting New Westminster with the C. P. R. and a railway connecting us with the American system of railways, being completed, our city would be in a position to command the

whole of the mainland trade. Now is the time for us to awake. We have slept long enough, and allowed Victoria to reap a rich harvest while we have been dozing away; questioning which is going to be the future capital of B. C., Port Moody or Coal Harbor. We answer neither, neither. We have the start and all the natural advantages and intend to keep them, that is while there is a Mosquito left.

THE MOSQUITO.

It is our intention to claim the same privileges as our namesake, viz: to buzz, light, and feed on the fattest subjects we can find. In introducing our little paper to the public we wish to inform them that our principle object is fun. We do not intend to take any side in either politics, religion, or civic affairs, but whenever we can call attention to any thing whatsoever which we deem is injurious to our City we shall use our efforts to their utmost to prevent such things occurring. We deem it necessary to inform the public that we do not intend to follow the example of the "old man and his donkey." With this short introduction we leave THE MOSQUITO in the hands of the public, hoping that they will appreciate our efforts, and prove the same to us by allowing us to live, and not squash us as they would our namesake.

I. O. G. T.

We always thought that this society was a temperance organization but we were informed it meant Independent Order of Great Tipplers, and in support of this assertion, our informant said, "They don't drink whiskey? You should have seen Mr. H— last week; he was stretched out on the sidewalk just paralyzed, and several others drink like fish." If this information is correct the society will have to look after these offenders.

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