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SR WM. VAN HORNE'S NIGHT-MARE

Sir William Van Horne, when he first received the intimation of the proposed reciprocity agreement between the United States and Canada, was so overcome by patriotic emotion that he would not utter more than a few words about the "shameful thing."

Seeing that they have with them a group of men who are willing to put up the money, the Conservatives are making a great fuss. The big machine has been set in motion with the idea of influencing the people.

THE COMPANIES' ACT

The Vancouver Board of Trade is still wrestling with the Companies' Act, which is one of the pet bills put through by Hon. W. J. Bowser.

During the sittings of the legislature, just as business was being closed for the year, Mr. Bowser challenged the opposition leader to give the names of any firms which had been prevented from doing business in this province through the operation of the Act.

MAKING A TOOL OF CONSERVATIVE PARTY

The Conservative party is at the present time being used as a tool by the big manufacturers of Ontario.

dancing while the owners of the machine, the manufacturers, take in the dollars. By means of the "free and independent voters" the manufacturers expect to be able to continue to extract the highest prices from the people of Canada.

CANADIAN SENTIMENT AND RECIPROCIITY

We have heard a great deal about the opinions of nineteen protesting Liberals of Toronto on the reciprocity issue. Also a considerable amount of space has been given in the Canadian press to the views of British Tories, who deeply desire to have taxes transferred from land to food, respecting the effect of freer trade with the United States upon the loyalty of the Canadian people.

It is not difficult to gather from Sir William's direful forebodings that it is the spectre of one James J. Hill, a Canadian who made his millions in the United States in the same line of business as Sir William made his millions in Canada, that moves him to wrathful expressions.

At the meeting presided over by Dean Doull and addressed by Edward Terry, the actor, yesterday afternoon, the value of the drama was emphasized, and especially its value from a moral and educative point of view.

THE STAGE

We have before spoken of the value of the stage as an educator. We have tried to show that the appeal of the actor to the average man is very strong, rivalling in some respects that of the church, and often influencing people whom the church does not touch.

There are still a good many people who do not attend theatrical performances, as they esteem them either a sinful waste of time or absolutely degrading.

THE MAN OR WOMAN WHO IS ALWAYS looking for that which is low, debasing or bestial will find it almost anywhere. They certainly will not find it any more at a first-class theatrical play than they will at a church concert.

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combination of pressure by public opinion and official regulation should in a short time eliminate altogether that which is vulgar or suggestive and replace it with pure humor, elevating life studies and high art.

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the American people and of all other peoples seeking opportunities for improving their condition in life. Hence the significance of the prophetic prediction of the Prime Minister that "the twentieth century belongs to Canada" and the connection therewith of the application of President Taft for closer trade relations with us.

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will be able to take care of herself. There is no reason for the United States to interfere and such statements circulated injure business. The revolution has not assumed serious proportions.

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Galveston, Texas, March 9.—Private authentic advices received here today state President Diaz of Mexico is still alive, but that his condition is critical. His heart is very weak. It is asserted, and he is being kept alive hourly by the use of stimulants. His death is expected at any time.

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Quaint, unique and a somewhat cumbersome looking craft, the new bucket dredge, built in Glasgow for use in the Narrows at Vancouver, whose only name is a number, No. 508, arrived at Esquimalt late last night, completing her 15,000 mile voyage from the Clyde in 112 days.

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The following members of the board of officers: A. G. McCandless, Carter-Cotton; Col. M. H. A. Stead, W. G. Goddard, R. Ramsay, E. H. H. Gilbert Blair and five other members.

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