

The Colonist.

MONDAY, APRIL 11, 1898.

A CRITICAL MOMENT.

The people of this city, in common with those of the whole Coast region of British Columbia, are face to face with a crisis of the gravest possible kind.

We do not think any one will dispute the transcendent importance of this question to the very large majority of the people of British Columbia.

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A wagon road is needed as soon as it can possibly be made. After navigation opens on the Stikine thousands of people and thousands of tons of freight will be on the way to Teslin Lake.

large. Every dollar of that cost, can be saved, the road can be secured at the earliest possible date and can be kept in repair by making arrangements for the construction as a part of a contract with a railway company.

The advantage of such a road would be very great. It would mean that a safe and regular line of travel would be established to Teslin Lake as soon as the river opens.

1st. The immediate construction of a wagon road from Glenora to Teslin Lake by a company that will construct stopping places on the way, leading to the finest stretch of water in all the Yukon basin, and to what promises to be one of the most productive of the northern gold fields.

2nd. A railway between the same points to be ready for the transportation of goods this season, and

3rd. To extend the railway to a point on the British Columbia Coast within two years.

Messrs. Mackenzie, Mann & Co. have the preliminary arrangements made for carrying out such a scheme. Let their views on the subject be obtained and if they are such that the province can afford to meet them, let them be met. We say this because they are the only people who are ready to take the work up at once.

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of what the northern market will mean to them. Every other consideration now before the people of this province sinks out of sight in comparison with this one.

We welcome the support of the Times in this momentous work. It would not voice the sentiments of its political friends if it did not lend its best aid to advocating a project of such vital importance to the city.

The New York Commercial Advertiser thinks that if Nelson were in command of the United States navy, the Spanish squadron would never have got across the Atlantic.

Some correspondents claim that their letters have not appeared in the Colonist. We are sorry to disappoint them, but the press of advertising matter has so abridged the space at our disposal that many interesting letters on general subjects have been necessarily withheld.

The terrible accidents at Dyea will have a tendency to alarm the public and lead temporarily to the partial abandonment of that route.

The Colonist extends an Easter greeting to the Nation and begs to assure it that there are several things besides Cleopatra which it does not know well.

The Inland Sentinel urges the farmers to raise beans. The advice is good. It is infinitely better than the advice it so freely bestows in regard to provincial politics.

BY WAY OF VARIETY. "Let me see," said the man who had picked up an old volume; "don't mean to put things on, doesn't it?"

Mathematician—Figures never lie. English scholar—Neither do hens. Princeton Tiger.

Deacon Jones—What! Not going to church any more? I thought you told me not long ago that you hadn't missed a Sunday in three years?

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