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## COMPLEMENTARY PROVINCES

In the course of his interesting talk before the Canadian Club, Mr. Frederick Villiers coupled British Columbia and Alberta together, and described them as likely to become the greatest industrial centre in the world. In the economy of nature these two provinces have been created to be the complement of each other. Very naturally the East looks upon everything between the Atlantic and the Rocky Mountains as its territory, to be developed and exploited from the St. Lawrence valley and the Atlantic seaboard, but those of us who look into the future from the standpoint of western observers, and who think of all persons who like Mr. Villiers are able to take a view of the future broadened by world wide observation, realize that whatever may be the case with Manitoba and Saskatchewan, the destiny of Alberta is pointed towards the Pacific Coast, and that its future is inseparably and very closely bound up with that of British Columbia. These two great provinces, with a united area of nearly 900,000 square miles, are so stored with incalculable resources, and so filled with limitless possibilities, and have an ocean frontier that is nearer Asia than any other part of North America across which commerce can find a course. If these two provinces were one, they would constitute a political entity which could make a claim to potential greatness such as no other part of the world could rival, and the fact that a statute has drawn an imaginary line between them makes no difference.

In considering the future of this province we ought to keep this idea in mind, and we ought to act in concert with our neighbors as far as is possible in all questions of general importance. We are not now speaking in a political sense at all, but from a material standpoint, for the two provinces may fittingly be developed as one, there being no real rivalry between them except in respect to their mutual advantage. We are glad that Mr. Villiers spoke of this community of interest of the two westernmost provinces, for it will serve to attract general attention to it. We are apt often to think locally, and when a gentleman of his standing points us farth afield than our own surroundings he confers a great benefit upon us.

## A DISTINGUISHED VISITOR

Victoria may be honored by having Sir Ernest Shackleton as a visitor. There will be much regret if he comes and goes without the citizens having an opportunity to hear him tell of his experiences in the Antarctic. Sir Ernest is a representative British explorer. He is modest in his claims, and if he is seeking to make money out of a lecture tour, it is only because the expense of his great expedition has made it imperative for him to do so. If no arrangements are made for his public appearance, he need not on that account think that his achievement is not fully appreciated by the people of the city. Victoria does not, as a rule, think much about lecturers, and there is no exhibition here that makes a specialty of arranging for them. And then this is June, the month of roses, when it is a grievous thing for a Victorian to have to stay indoors on an evening. Sir Ernest Shackleton is a man of whom all the British Empire feels proud. He set about his great effort without any flourish of trumpets, and he came home and told modestly what he had done. There was no controversy over his report. Every one accepted what he said as strictly true. Compliments are proverbially odious, but it is worthy of note that he did not make the last stage of his journey so that the glory of reaching the Pole might be shared by no one but himself, or otherwise conduct himself so that the prestige might all be his; but in the determined British fashion he pressed towards his goal and when he came back to tell how nearly he had reached it, he gave the credit of the achievement to others. But the fact remains that he knew how to organize success, and this is a quality that is of incalculable value. Sir Ernest has intimated that Canada is to be his future home. We suggest to him that Victoria would be a good place for him to live. We cannot promise him any Antarctic weather, but when he gets tired of our genial climate, there will always be the Butte Lake glaciers where he can go for recreation amid eternal snows.

It looks as if the United States will have postal savings banks. In the course of a few centuries our neighbors will catch up with progressive countries.

Our friends in Alberta are rejoicing because of a snow storm. We would hardly go into ecstasies here over such an occurrence, which goes to prove how true it is that what one man's meat may be another man's poison.

Vancouver is going to try the experiment of government by commission. By and bye the people of Victoria will see that this is the only true way of solving the various problems of municipal administration.

An English aviator has beaten them all. Charles Stewart Rolls has flown across the Channel and back again. There have been Charles Sturats who would have been glad to have been able to perform the trick.

Man in Toronto went out on the street to see the comet, car was coming along street; man got in front of car; man had leg broken. Score one for comet even if it had to get a trolley car to do the business.

The Ottawa Citizen says that Mr. Roosevelt has joined the ranks of the unemployed, to which we may add that he is demonstrating how true it is.

That Satan finds some mischief still For idle hands to do.

Mr. W. J. Bryan exhibited a disposition to transfer United States politics to the United Kingdom. He felt called upon to rebuke Mr. Roosevelt. We do not suppose that many people will thank him, for the British public likes to settle its own quarrels in its own way.

The landslide report from the Panama Canal may prove somewhat serious, not in itself, but because it may be the precursor of similar and formidable occurrences. It will be remembered that the French engineers have always said that the canal project would be shipwrecked in the Cul-de-sac.

Mr. Villiers says that the time may come when the retention of India in the British Empire may depend upon the presence of a Canadian Army there. Be this as it may, there is no disputing his proposition, that the time is at hand when the Dominion should be made strong on the Pacific Coast.

The provincial government has done nothing lately that has called forth such a general expression of approval as the establishment of the forest reserve at Butte Lake. Every one feels the greatest satisfaction, and on all sides there were expressions of opinion to the effect that this future national park will be one of the greatest assets of the province.

An amusing story is told of Queen Mary, which illustrates her quickness of wit. When she was quite young she was showing some one the state apartments at Kensington, and when she came to the nursery, she said: "Here's where I was born." Her companion asked why she had been born in the nursery, and she replied, "Well, I couldn't help it." This is a touch of nature that makes the whole world kin.

This is what Chairman Mabey of the Railway Commission says: "I go to the ticket office with \$2 in my hand I can't get a berth because a number of people have telephoned in to have a berth reserved. I have to wait round all day till five o'clock until somebody decides that he doesn't want to use his berth. I want to see some system whereby any man who goes with this money can get a berth until they are all sold. The same objection would also apply to steamship berths. Chairman Mabey also said that if \$2 was enough for a lower berth, \$1.50 was enough for an upper, wherein he was absolutely right.

Mr. Pugsley, Minister of Public Works, has been pleasing the people of Toronto by telling them that he will do what he can to secure them dry docks and a big ship-building plant. It is a tough proposition for which the genial minister cannot find words of encouragement. When he goes to Dawson, if he ever does, and he is approached in regard to the encouragement of banana culture there, he will promise to take it into his favorable consideration, with a smile that will cause his auditors to inhale their lungs full of the odor of the ripened fruit. If the minister would capitalize his suavity he could sell his stock in the concern to an almost unlimited amount.

The people of Nanaimo made a capital presentation of the advantages of their city as a site for the Provincial University. One of the speakers made this observation: "I believe the present condition of the population should be lost sight of, and that a locality should be chosen which has the most advantages, natural and so-

cial to offer." This is what Victoria says. The Nanaimo people set forth with great clearness and force the great possibilities of Vancouver Island. This was an exceedingly important contribution to the subject, and fortunately it applies quite as strongly to Victoria as to the enterprising city at which the facts were brought out.

It was stated in an address in Seattle that the trade of that city with Alaska amounts to \$60,000,000 a year. We venture to doubt if the resources of Alaska are any greater than those of the region in Canada, which includes the undeveloped part of northern British Columbia and the adjacent part of the Yukon Territory. We have seen during the past few months what has come from the corner of a corner so small that, if it were cut out of the map, its absence would not be noticed by the casual observer. Stewart may become the entrepot of a region whose relations to the rest of British Columbia will be as important as those of Alaska to the State of Washington.

It may be remembered that some days ago a stick of dynamite was found in a stove in a railway car in which were a number of Chinamen. The opinion of those who were able to judge was that it had got there by accident, probably by the car-cleaning having swept it off the floor upon which it had been dropped by a passenger accidentally. The occurrence is being related in the eastern papers as an illustration of the henish hostility of the Chinese, and the despatch goes on to say that every car in the train was prepared for an explosion. It seems to be the duty of the citizens of Vancouver to discover, if they can, who is responsible for sending out such wicked tales and make an example of him.

The Methodist Church of Canada is sadly in need of young men to take up the work of the ministry, so it was stated at the conference in London, Ontario. Fewer young men are willing to engage in the work than the requirements of the country demand. One reason assigned is that the material course of study is too severe and the remuneration of ministers is very small. This is a matter that concerns everybody, for what is true of the Methodists is true of other Protestant denominations, and if some remedy cannot be discovered, there will be a shortage of ministers of the Gospel in Canada, a condition of things that is not pleasant to contemplate. It will not be a good thing for Canada, if it will indeed be an exceedingly bad thing, if the country is settled up by people who are not able to enjoy spiritual advice.

One of the most exasperating people in this vale of tears is the person who rings you up over the telephone and having ascertained who you are, begins a series of remarks after this fashion: "Do you know who I am? Don't you recognize my voice? Make another guess. O, nonsense, don't you know me? And so on ad infinitum until the person at the other end of the wire feels like committing any heinous crime that could be suggested. It ought not to be necessary to tell people how to talk over the telephone, but it seems to be. When a person rings up another he ought at once to let it be known, in some way who he is. He has spoken in upon the other and politeness at least ought to tell him that he ought not to encroach upon the other's time by compelling him to make frantic guesses at his identity. It is a good plan also when you answer a call to say who you are. Then there will be no occasion for you to listen, when Central gives the wrong number, to something that does not concern you. How many times has this happened to you? You ring up some one, the call is answered, you proceed to state what you want to say, and the person at the other end of the wire puts you to the trouble of telling it all over again. Then there comes to you a voice which asks who you think you have been talking to, and you learn that you have been telling your business to some one that it did not concern. Then likewise the person who has been called up by mistake, goes off saying all manner of unpleasant things about Central and people who do not know how to give telephone numbers over the wire so that he can be understood. In the above observations the masculine pronoun has been used, but good madam, do not run away with the idea that you may not be a sinner in all these particulars, for the chances are that there was a Tower of Babel to fall upon misusers of the telephone, you would stand a first-class chance of being smashed.

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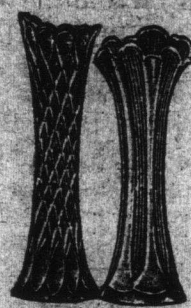
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## Dainty Vases for Summer Flowers

Many Styles and Many Prices—From 10c



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Flower holders are so low in price nowadays that there is no excuse for using various pieces of tableware as receptacles for the flowers. Come in and choose a stylish vase from our offerings. A great variety of sizes and styles are shown, and the price range is also varied. We start the prices as low as 10c.

## Excellent Values in Cut Glass Vases

If you are looking for something specially dainty in vases, we suggest the offerings in Cut Glass Vases. We have just received a shipment of vases that represent some splendid values. Priced from \$2.50.



## Big Shipment of New Table Linen

Beautiful, Snowy-White, Satiny Linens from Ireland  
Table Cloths, Table Napkins and Sets

We have yet to see the housekeeper who could have too much table linen. They all delight in having a goodly quantity of dainty linen, for they recognize the fact that if the linen isn't right, the whole effect of an otherwise well appointed table is spoiled.

We have good news for housekeepers—a big shipment of beautiful, snowy-white, satiny table damask has just been received direct from the largest linen mills of Northern Ireland. This is beautiful material. Quality the very best, and finish unusually dainty. Patterns are very pretty, and there's an excellent assortment.

## It Pays to Buy GOOD Linen

It's economical to buy good linen even though the first cost may be slightly more than ordinary sorts are offered at. We believe, however, that our prices will compare most favorably with any quoted. Certain we are that no better quality is offered in this town. Come in and inspect these newest arrivals and you'll agree with us that these values are unbeatable. You'll find these on the second floor.

Table Cloths—Size 72 x 72 in. At \$3.25 to ..... \$2.50

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Table Cloths—Size 90 x 144 in. At ..... \$10.50

Table Cloths—Size 90 x 162 in. At ..... \$12.00

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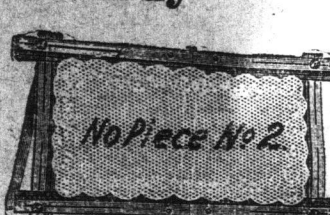
## Do Up Your Lace Curtains in the New Way



The old-fashioned way of stretching and drying curtains was to lay them flat on the carpet. This hard work made your back ache and your thumbs sore. Often the curtains, after being washed, were soiled all over by this clumsy way of drying them.

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## ENGLISH SOVEREIGNS

As this series of articles a history of England, but chief steps in the development of institutions as they exist to Elizabeth's reign will not any detail. It was a formal history of England. One of products was a spirit of overshadowed everything already been made of the refused to acknowledge the consequence was a prolonged at home and abroad which at some stages was the throne and at others of succession to Mary Stuart as Mary, Queen of Scots more devoted adherent of than Elizabeth was of Protestant intrigues at times resulted tions in Scotland and along brought the country often civil war; they led to fore which forced Elizabeth to pilities abroad; but they did not the peace of the kingdom ambition of Philip of Spain, bearing upon the affairs of the death of Mary her prop Elizabeth, and although his cepted, he nevertheless con time to be the champion of not for any love of that cou he wished to prevent Mary wife of the King of France, of England and thus uniting France, England and Scotland. In the end Philip's attitude the execution of Mary he had to fear such a union, and he to the demands of the Pope, vade England. He was the so because of his fear that would be exerted to deprive lands. The position of Philip was very influential. He was Naples and Portugal. The his territory. The New Wor him by the Pope with the which was claimed by Portugal had acquired the crown of only Brazil but all the Portu the East Indies passed under monarch before Philip ever won a domain, and only the has exceeded it in scope. It to tell the history of the Easting point to be noted in with was the complete failure tions of Philip and the Roman on the continent in respect to English Catholics. Spanish eported that at the approach the great Catholic nobles w Elizabeth, and as only a minor lation was Protestant, this se ensure the easy triumph of Ph spirit of patriotism had arisen spirit that would not brook a. The Catholic nobles were qu what in them lay to restore authority of the papacy, but th to see this done by the instr foreign conquest, and so the support of Elizabeth with the age and resolute determination ed those who were more in her policies. The affair of the strated that, however much, E distracted by domestic diffi united country as against the R This spirit of patriotism was a of national feeling. In mediae tism, such as characterized Gr had ceased to exist. Feudalis vaders found countries honeyc loyalty, or perhaps it would be that there was no other loyal individual rulers. Loyalty to a thing that had hardly been dries changed their rulers with difference, the people seeming concern as to what sovereign compelled to give allegiance t was the insular position of E other cause that contributed result, there had developed in a feeling of patriotism that v loyalty to the sovereign. Thou who flocked to the support of E have gladly seen her driven fr and her place given to some o have been more amenable to R were loyal to their country.