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Viceroy of India

In describing the qualifications for a good representative of The Queen in any one of her self-governing colonies,

The Outlook says he is amply endowed if he be "upright, courteous, accessible, deferential above all things to the limitations of his commission, and, for the rest, gifted with no more than that large round-about common-sense, in which, according to Walter Bagehot, Britons abound." But it seems that, in India, something more is required, and that something is what some of the best informed papers in Great Britain believe Mr. George Curzon to be—a self-contained strong man, able to govern nearly three hundred millions of human beings. Mr. Curzon is a young man—only forty next year. But it effaces the unpleasant revelations regarding Hooley's titled guinea-pigs to read in *The Outlook*, that Great Britain "is rich in historic families that count public service a traditional duty, and public service faithfully rendered the sole warrant of their privilege. They are the connective tissue of the nation's life, and visibly link its present with its past. From one such family, and from the elder branch of it, issues the new viceroy. He is the eldest son of Lord Scarsdale. It is but "an intelligent anticipation of events" to say that he will so serve India as to add a new lustre to the name he bears."

In the arena of politics and on the field of battle may be found the men whose lives and deaths wipe out any stains upon the escutcheons of the British nobility. Mr. Curzon in the vice-regal chair in India, and the titled soldiers following the fortunes of General Kitchner in his march to Khartoum, are the men who maintain the majesty and glory of Britain.

The Quebec Conference.

That the international commissioners should maintain a discreet silence regarding the proceedings of the present important conference is not remarkable. Nothing can be gained by yielding to the natural desire of the people for a report of what is taking place at the important meetings now being held in the historic city of Quebec. The same prudence displayed by the commissioners in declining to prematurely

make known their opinions will probably assist them in the adaptation of means to ends, and we can with confidence trust to the sagacity of the representatives of the interested nations to be prepared with mutual concessions and to approach the questions at issue in a truly liberal spirit.

The most pleasing and promising feature of the events occurring outside of the council chamber is the pronounced wish of the Boston Chamber of Commerce for complete reciprocal trade relations between the United States, Newfoundland and Canada.

The industrial, commercial, and manufacturing interests of this Western continent are more likely to make a permanent bond of union and emulous friendship between Canada and the United States, than all the post-prandial speeches embodying references to "hands across the sea," "same speech, same blood," and similar stirring but ephemeral expressions signifying tender susceptibility.

The prospects of a satisfactory settlement of some at least of the momentous matters being discussed at the Quebec Conference are brighter because of the exchange of ideas, the information imparted at each successive meeting of the commissioners, and surely it is not unreasonable to indulge the hope that with each commissioner striving to ensure the happiness and prosperity of his country, mutual concessions made in a proper spirit may remove many of the obstacles to a proper understanding and lead to friendly settlement of all outstanding disputes.

Lost and Found.

The recovery of the fifteen thousand dollars in bonds (recently lost and found), might have been accelerated had the finder communicated at once with the Mayor or Treasurer of Outremont, and it is surprising that this did not occur to the individual most concerned. The painful uneasiness and disquietude of the loser, the active and vigilant search of a clever detective, and the wrong impressions formed by a disinterested public, would have been avoided had the simple course of immediate communication with the municipal authorities of Outremont been followed. However, all's well that ends well.