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THE OUTLOOK.

Local people are showing confidence in the future of Victoria as they never did before, and we are confident that they will find it not misplaced. When Mr. C. M. Hays of the Grand Trunk Pacific was here last summer, in the course of a conversation he said that his company would erect a largest tourist hotel in Victoria. "The Canadian Pacific people find that sort of thing pays," said he "and they are pretty safe people to follow." Mr. D. D. Mann said the same thing when he was in Victoria last October. We did not say anything about it during the election, because we wished to contine the discussion on our part to matters within the four corners of the contract. But it is a fact that it is a part of the programme of the three great transcontinental systems to erect hotels in Victoria, maintain hotels in Victoria, we have a part of the programme of the three great transcontinental systems to erect hotels in Victoria, maintain hotels in Victoria, os as to develop travel in this direction. The benefit that has already resulted from the Empress Hotel is very great, and as the years pass it will be greater. The other railway/ hotels will serve the same end. Those who know attribute very work of resoure equipped with the hour corners of the contract of the programme of the three great transcontinental systems to erect hotels in Victoria, maintain hotels in Victoria, we are connected with air pipes to the great transcontinental systems to erect hotels in Victoria, os as to develop travel in this direction. The benefit that has already resulted from the Empress Hotel is very great, and as the years pass it will be greater. The other railway/ hotels will serve the same end. Those who know attribute very work of resourced with the work of resourced with the work of resourced with the work of resourced which would be possible for men entombed through five a few parts of the mensure of household conveniences and to the scope of household conveniences and to the scope of household which the which is will look w end. Those who know attribute very much of the prosperity of Southern California to the fact that by the erection of fine hotels in the cities, thousands of persons have been attracted there and have seen opportunities for to them, and shall be glad if some of investment. This experience will be them would write to us on the subrepeated in Victoria beyond any doubt. ject. We are not so sanguine as to But the scope of this factor in pro- suppose that any reform along the

places throughout the Island. Canadian Northern will stimulate a may result from it.

new interest in Victoria and the whole The man said: "C island. What we now have reference right, I suppose, about farm laborers functions that are purely formal and to is not the completion but the beginning of the work. As yet to people outside of a small area the fact This is not a local question. It is provincial fruit exhibit was deemed that this railway is to maintain ferry asked everywhere, and it is an ex- worthy of his special inspection and connection with the Mainland as an ceedingly important question, because, that he was so pleased with it as to integral part of its system and to be extended to Barkley Sound, has no upon the home, and there is no use fail to be regarded with feelings other special significance, for they are not talking about social reforms and than of great satisfaction. in touch with the situation; but once things like that, if the home as an work of construction has been begun, people everywhere will begin to inquire what it means. The opportunities to get into what is practically a virgin country and to invest in a city, that is already growing and is bound to grow very much more rapidly, are not so many that such signal attractions as Vancouver Island and Nursing has been elevated to the transactions of the Fall Fair will be Victoria present will be overlooked. When people at a distance once realize that what we have been talking deed it enables those who conscient- counts for much of it. We are not will be such a pricking-up of ears among investors in regard to Victoria

When the railway is completed what with the railway is completed what vice be put upon a similar plane? will it mean? It will mean the es-tablishment of great industries in or within easy reach of this city. We anything else. The young lady, who sponsibility of such things that the region between here and Barkley Sound brought anything else. The young lady, who sponsibility of such things that the can sit down to a piano and render a title "Honorable" ought to be held of nocturne or a gavotte or something right by all ex-lieutenant-governors. tween here and Barkley Sound brought else in brilliant style, gives a little At present it is given by courtesy to tween here and Barkley Sound brought to this neighborhood to be worked up. Some of it will be; but we look for several towns along that line of railway, where industries will be carried on. There never was a case in the history of the world, where industrial development did not follow transportation facilities through a country they are not altogether works of art; they are not altogether works of art; they are not altogether works of art; to this music every now and then; some people like to look at paintings even if they are not altogether works of art; they are not altogether works of altoget tation facilities through a country ple like to look at paintings even if rich in valuable raw materials. We rich in valuable raw materials. We have between this city and Barkley Sound a country at least 100 miles long, rich in valuable raw materials long, rich in valuable raw materials long. The Consider Note that the Consid long, rich in valuable raw materials and the Canadian Northern is going to provide the best possible transportation. Can anyone suggest a reason to have its or her house in good order to have his or her house in good order. why this region should furnish the to have his or her house in good order why this region should furnish the first exception to the universal rule?
And so we contend that the outlook for Victoria is very bright indeed, and that without taking into account the thing to have some gentle girl or woman look after us when we are that without taking into account the woman look after us when we are that without taking into account the same kind of the year. Other cold years are mentioned in the books. Meteorology has not yet advanced far enough to justify even a guess at the cause of the variations in centering here of grain traffic from sick. Why not have the same kind of the Prairies and the extension of the people to look after us while we are

SAFETY OF MINERS.

the most optimistic views of the fu-

Mr. John Mitchell, who was president of the United Mine Workers for several years, and a coal miner for fifteen says, "coal mining is the most hazardous industry in America." He says that four out of every thousand coal miners employed in America are killed every year; whereas in Europe the average is one to the thousand. He says tat in the United States fifteen men are killed every day in coal mines, and estimating the number of working days at 200, this gives 3,000 a year. He attributes this high mortality to the fact that most miners are ignorant of mining conditions. He recommends certain safety devices. One of them was suggested by the Colonist a short e ago, namely, the instalment of a

telephone system in all mines. An- less servants to each other, from the other is the laying of pipes through all highest to the lowest. Domestic sergalleries and workings, and yet an- vice is looked on with disfavor, at other is the construction of air-tight least so we think, not so much becompartments. He also says that all stables ought to be removed from mines. The advantage of telephones the "maid-of-all-work" will to a certification of the control of th

mines. The advantage of telephones will be obvious without any explanation. The suggested pipes would be for the purpose of pumping air or liquid food into the mines, and the air-domestic service? In these days of tight compartments would serve as domestic service? In these days of havens of refuge in case of accident. We quote what Mr. Mitchell says on these points, and commend them to the consideration of mine-owners, miners, are supposed to build our houses to live in, but unfortunately many of us

IS THIS UTOPIAN?

no great difficulty in getting and keep-

ing female domestic servants; those

who have the greatest trouble along

remedy for their difficulties some

where along the line above suggested

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The King has visited the British

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has expressed his great appreciation

of its excellence. This is a fine cer-

tificate. While His Majesty of neces-

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The observations which follow were suggested by a conversation with a this line are those who can only keep man. We ask the attention of women one servant at a time. Is there not a gress will not be confined to this city. lines mentioned herein can be accomfor we are satisfied that the hotels plished at once, but as one can never here will have their branches in many tell what seed may bring forth fruit so possibly if we begin the discussion We believe the construction of the of the domestic problem, some good

The man said: "Captain Wolley is sity performs a great number of to which too much significance ought but what I would like to know is how not to be attached, the fact that our my wife can get a domestic servant." institution is going to be broken up." He went on to say that no one could permanent headquarters for its work. regard the assignment of domestic service to Chinamen or Japanese with good service, and we have not the least status of an honorable profession. No a very unpleasant surprise to the citi-one loses caste by engaging in it; in-zens, although the new building acabout is going to be realized, there jously pursue it and gives them a disposed to indulge in any moralizing standing, which commands the re- this morning; but there seems to be among investors in regard to Victoria as this city has never been the subiect of spect and admiration of all. To this mental picture followed this mental the exhibition must be conbetter fitted for domestic duties than suggestion to t

Canadian Northern system to other points on the Island. Neither do we propose to do more than mention in passing what may be expected from the extensions of the Canadian Pacific nor of the intentions of the Grand Trunk Pacific in regard to transportation facilities on the Island. We only have in mind the things that we think we have reason to know, and these, in our humble judgment justify

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So why not come in and choose at your leisure from complete assortments, and let us deliver at a date to suit you? You'll find it the satisfac-



Each year more women are sending "sensible" Christmas gifts-are eliminating articles of personal use. Not that some of these aren't "sensible." Handkerchiefs-to a friend whom one knew to be always well supplied with those most necessary linen and lace affairs, such a gift would be superfluous. And to send them to a friend who was careless in this regard, might offend.

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In 1849, the Tsar Nich a great sense of the mil sia, thought the time had tion of the Turkish emp proposed to the British Petersburg a plan for the between the Powers. To the Tsar thereupon so justify the invasion of A dispute having ariser Russia, relative to the r Greek churches in rest the Tsar proclaimed a p adherents of the Greek to enforce his claim, Danistrau principalities to avoid wa., but as the war was declared on first act of the Russians Turkish fleet at Sinope, ern shore of the Black S able, however, to resist and in the spring of 18 France came to the Sul ing a force at Varna, in There was not much when Austria sent a fe province, both the Britis ments ordered their com Crimea. Lord Raglan, er, and Marshal St. French troops, believed policy, but no course wa obey. Raglan was undo He had served under W sula and at Waterloo. table soldier of fortune less, commended him obedience to the order governments, the two their troops, and sailing landed near the mouth river in the Crimea. posed, but the next day into collision with the Menshikoff. This was The British force number 22,000, and there were the field. The Russian 45,000, but it had the The brunt of the fightin force, and the troops acgallantry. After a hard sians retreated. Lord low in pursuit, but St. vance, and thus the bar The Russians Sebastopol, where they stand a long defence. was magnified out of a portance, doubtless bec it was the first occasion nine years before, since countered a civilized for jubilant to learn that was yet alive.

> The delay in the adv the Russians time to si of Sebastopol, so that v an attempt was made t by bombardment, the s enough to the forts to age. The allies settl take the city by siege, tember 11, 1855. The s one that reflects credit tions concerned. The had the advantage of t ben, an engineer of un ing their fortifications, and missed more than ing the allies; the latt entire lack of military fighting went, the Fre showing, chiefly from British side there were valor. The management inable. The British to have run the whole ders. Supplies were s medical stores were lowed to lie at points where they were neede forward with the great larity. In fact, the wi down. An illustratio the department, often of thousands of boot Deaths from wounds and typhus took a terr The winter of 1854-55 ferings of the men in tents were exceeding! all, the soldiers main courage, and were ab British victories two r forgotten. One of the is Inkerman.

Balaclava is a por of the Crimea. Here their rendezvous, and Russian force of 12,0 and captured some re port, which a small d been ordered to defen to attack the port its by a magnificent char frustrated their atten battle that the famou Brigade occurred. W whether it was ever known, for the aide v tions to Lord Cardiga That Lord Raglan di but no satisfactory e given of the reason army in position. T tillery in front and o