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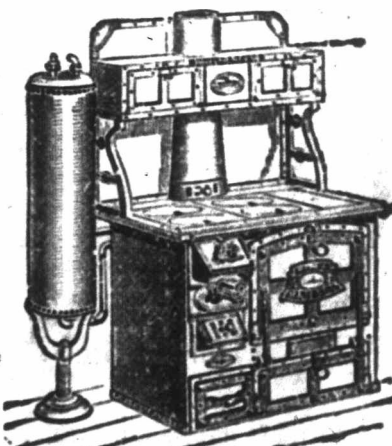
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#### A SIBERIAN RAILWAY.

A matter far more generally important to Russia than the wedding of the Czarevitch is the construction of the wonderful railway across the whole length of Siberia. All intelligent Russians are following the progress of this mighty undertaking with the keenest interest, and justly so. It will in time revolutionize the trade of the country, as well as open up a vast continent crammed full of every natural resource. With pardonable pride the publicists and prophets of the Russian press continue to pour out brilliant forecasts of what Siberia will be, and what Russia will be when they have the whole trade of the east diverted to their territories, when China and Japan will cease to use American and English ships to transport their exports, and will pour their riches through Siberia, when the superfluous capital of the west will be used to tap the enormous coal fields of Siberia, and the forests and gold mines and fisheries, when great cities and smiling villages will take the place of the howling wilderness at present utterly devoid of human habitation.

It looks as if the committee who have charge of the forthcoming exhibition were determined to make it a success. The show will be held in Victoria from the 1st to the 6th of October. The various days of the exhibition will be divided as follows: Monday, October 1, regatta; Tuesday, October 2, opening day by the Governor-General, Lord Aberdeen; Wednesday, October 3, American's day; Thursday, October 4, societies' day; Friday, October 5, citizens' day (public holiday); Saturday, October 6, children's day. On the various days different sports will be held suitable to the occasion.

The Board of Customs at Ottawa has recently called attention to the fact that in collecting ad valorem duties under the Customs Act such duties are to be levied upon the fair market value of the goods as sold for home consumption in the principal markets of the country, whence and at the time when the same were exported directly to Canada.



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