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CANADA MALLIGNED.

An individual, who conceals his identity, but discloses his character by the initials "D. F.," writes a letter to the *Indian Planter's Gazette*, giving his impressions of Canada. He begins by saying that the cultivation of Manitoba must ever remain backward, unless fall wheat is sown. He found the present season, exceedingly unfavorable for wheat. He condemns the roads, and represents the Canadian Pacific irrigation project as unnecessary. He says the wheat trade is controlled by magnates by means of graft, and asserted that an inquiry into the matter resulted in nothing, because "there was too much trust money flying about." But it is when he gets to British Columbia that D. F. makes his most remarkable statements. He says there is no cultivation anywhere in the province until you get as far west as Revelstoke, and he explains "this" by saying, "Soil there is none. Gravel and stones is everywhere, the soil mixed with a few inches of vegetable matter." Again, he says as a warning to intending settlers: "British Columbia has no soil—only a climate." To this piece of misinformation he adds: "They should also clearly understand that there are no free lands from the government." (The grammar is his.) Having delivered himself of this, he upbraids the government for not leasing land to actual settlers; but surely it would be a wicked thing to lease land on which there is no soil. Then he complains that the land is covered with heavy timber and immense boulders, and says: "The fruit crop, about which one hears so much, is purely imaginary, as there is no local sale, nor is there any exports." His observations in regard to fruit are simply outrageous. For example, he says that in Vancouver the whole apple crop had to be destroyed because of blights. He asserts that "you cannot buy a single fruit here that was ever grown grown in the country." He relates how people, deceived by the government, come here, spend their little all, and then begin a wandering life, cursing the day they ever saw British Columbia. "The disappointment of life here is gradually sinking them into a complete despair," he says. "We shall not take up space to refute these charges, for the proper place to do this is in the pages of the publication where they appeared. It is for the provincial Department of Information to take the matter up, and we are satisfied it will be handled in a manner that will afford a complete answer. The proper way, to meet such slanders is the publication of the facts as they are. We refer to the letter that it may not be said that the local press permitted such a gross libel to go uncontradicted. We shall only add that it is the most atrocious libel upon the province that ever appeared in print, and is gacked from beginning to end with abominable falsehoods."

B. C. AT TORONTO

The provincial government exhibit at the Toronto Fair is exciting a great deal of attention, and we are sure that readers will be glad to have us quote somewhat extensively what is said about it by two of our Toronto contemporaries. The following is from the *Evening Telegram*:

In spite of these days of steam-electricity and newspapers, and few people know of the vast possibilities of British Columbia. With a view towards enlightening the east, the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia is this year showing in the Horticultural Building at the National Exhibition an exhibit of some of the products of the province. These exhibits, comprising specimens of lumber, fruit (the finest in the world), fish, etc., form a most attractive display and are under the supervision of Mr. W. E. Scott, Exhibition Commissioner of British Columbia, assisted by Mr. W. J. Brandith, of Vancouver. It is impossible in this brief article to enumerate all the province's products, but among many others are compressed, gold, silver, copper, zinc, millions of acres of the finest timber in the world, inexhaustible supplies of salmon and other fish, thousands of acres of fruit-producing land, splendid pasturage, 300,000 miles of unprospected mineral-bearing country, and the most extensive coal deposits in the world. To the capitalist it offers the most profitable field for investment in the universe, and to the fruit grower and farmer (mixed farming), success is assured. As an example of her progress, in 1903 British Columbia could not supply her own market with fruit; in 1908 she not only supplied herself but shipped out 6,000 tons. The same scale of progress marks her rate of advancement in other industries. And, let it be remembered that the climate is probably the finest in the world, that the scenery is magnificent, that the laws are just and wise, and that all the modern conveniences of life exist there as here. There are golden opportunities in every walk of life—money, brains and brawn all find their outlet. It has been said that the 20th century belongs to Canada, and we believe it; but the province which will loom largest in fulfilling Canada's destiny in the 20th century will be British Columbia.

This reference to the exhibit is only what was to be expected, and the Colonist wishes to add its testimony to the efficient work done by the representatives of the province in connection with this admirable display. We

have on former occasions spoken of the admirable service which Mr. Scott has rendered in the United Kingdom. He is an officer of excellent judgment, reasonable, enthusiastic. The *Toronto World* takes a more general view of the exhibit, and its remarks are well worth reproduction. We quote: "When it comes to government exhibits, they've all got to take their hats off to the woolly west; that is, the extreme west—British Columbia. The exhibit from that province is the wonder of the Canadian National Exhibition, and the Queen Bee of the horticultural building. The biggest things that easterners ever imagined become miniature when the products of the Rocky Mountain Provinces are brought into view. Exhibition Commissioner W. E. Scott couldn't very well bring the forest giants down with him, but he has brought sections of them that tell a comprehensive tale. There is a cross section of a Douglas fir, cut 25 feet from the butt, that measures, diametrically, 5 feet 8 inches. Mr. Scott says he could have produced one double that width, but it would be too difficult to handle. The plinth shown is only 18 inches thick, but 12 men couldn't lift it. There are also sections of spruce and cedar just as remarkable. Some of the trees grow to a height of 315 feet. There is a magnificent plank 4 feet 6 inches wide, cut from a board 80 feet long, shown in the exhibit.

In the fish section, too, there is just as much to marvel at. Everybody knows the industry which made British Columbia famous; but few people can comprehend the mammoth size of the fish until they have seen a spring salmon weighing 75 pounds. Some very excellent samples of white sea bass, red sea bass and black cod are also shown.

The fruit raising industry of British Columbia has reached such proportions and proved such a successful venture, that the province now boasts of its possibilities in this field, as "the coming orchard of Canada," and the abundant array of luscious fruit of all kinds shown in the exhibit, does not belie the suggestion. The principal fruit market is in the prairie provinces, and despite the rapid rate at which orchards are being planted, it is impossible to keep pace with the growing population of the grain growing areas.

The big game, native to the province, is also represented in the display, including big horn, bear, panther and moose. An immense stuffed elk reached Toronto last night from Victoria, will be mounted in the horticultural building today.

THE KING'S HEALTH.

Dr. Ott, the King's physician at Maribad, has made a public statement that the King's health is as sound as a man ten years his junior would be normally. This is very excellent news, for of late there have been disquieting rumors to the contrary. Happily these were to a very great extent discounted by the numerous snapshots of His Majesty, which the illustrated papers have published. These never suggested anything but a man who was in good physical vigor. This is one of the valuable features of the snapshot. It catches a man off his guard, and shows him when he is in no position to judge of himself. The King walks with a vigorous stride, and without the suggestion that his years are a burden to him.

Dr. Ott's statement will be read with great satisfaction not only all over the Empire, but all over the world. His Majesty occupies a unique position among the heads of the nations. He is able to combine respect for the rights of the democracy. He is able to use his great personal influence in international matters without in the slightest degree violating the traditions of ministerial responsibility. That he may long be spared to preside over the Empire is the devout wish of every one.

WHEN THE POLE WAS LOST.

A correspondent wants to know when the North Pole was lost. The query is meant as a joke, but there

may be a whole lot of very sober truth involved in it. There are traditions, innumerable, which seem to locate the primeval home of man at the North Pole. Now we are well aware that to the man of science a million traditions would prove nothing at all. They would only raise all kinds of doubt in his mind. Nevertheless there may be quite as much truth in those referred to as in the stories which Cook and Peary tell, and perhaps more. Therefore, possibly the Pole was lost once upon a time. We know that there was a period in the history of the world when climatic conditions at the Pole were everything that mankind could desire. An exceedingly interesting ethnological field exists among the Eskimos, and now that the Polar quest has in a measure lost its interest, investigation might with advantage try to discover where the Eskimos came from, and if they have any traditions throwing light upon the ancient history of the Polar world. Most of the views that have been expressed on this subject by persons claiming to be authorities, start out from wrong premises. The assumption that the first home of mankind was in Central Asia is by no means free from very grave doubt. Philologists have discovered certain similarities in language, and hence they assigned the people who speak them to a common origin. This seems reasonable enough, but that common origin might just as well have been in circum-Polar regions as anywhere else. Indeed, if geological theories are correct the Poles were the parts of the world first suited to human habitation, and arguing from analogy, it seems reasonable to conclude that they were the first places inhabited.

Colonist readers found nothing new in the unofficial statement of United States Government officials that the mere declaration of an explorer or the hoisting of a flag would not give a country territorial rights at the North Pole, but that several countries, Canada among them, might have prior rights, for we said this at the time of the alleged discovery was announced.

Lord Strathcona spoke in Montreal of the fine country which Vancouver has "at its back." No doubt it is a fine country; but with all due respect to the region referred to, which the Colonist hopes it is able to appreciate at its full value, it is not equal to the country which Victoria has "at its back." The region directly tributary to Vancouver has been a little better developed than that directly tributary to Victoria.

We have a letter from a correspondent to whom we have previously alluded, expressing his views upon a subject on which he holds strong opinions. We do not say that we will not print the second letter he has sent us, but owing to its length we can make no promise. While we are glad to receive letters from correspondents on topics of the day, the space at our disposal is limited. Everything else that appears in a paper has to be condensed, and it is utterly impossible to give up unlimited space to any correspondence. Brief letters can always be printed at least within a day or so of their receipt, but long ones have to run their chances with a pretty fair prospect of not being printed at all. Will those who favor us with letters kindly bear in mind that brevity is the passport to the columns of a newspaper.

A contemporary "ventures to say" that the Colonist has received more "puff" from the Provincial treasury during the present year than all the Liberal papers west of the Great Lakes have drawn from the Dominion Government. Our contemporary has frequently given evidence that it will venture to say anything, but it would find the proof of the assertion made by it rather a difficult matter. There is certain work that the Colonist does for the Province, and we mean now Company Limited, that it has always done since its full job plant was established, and which it would expect to continue to do, if there were a change of government tomorrow, for the simple reason that it is the only establishment in the city equipped to do such work. For this work the company is paid ordinary commercial prices, just what any private individual would pay. Whether this is more or less than the amount mentioned by our contemporary we do not know and do not care. What we do know is that value received is given in every case. And we would like to add that no one, who knows anything about newspapers, thinks for a moment that their political attitude is affected by advertising or other contracts, that is, newspapers of any business standing.

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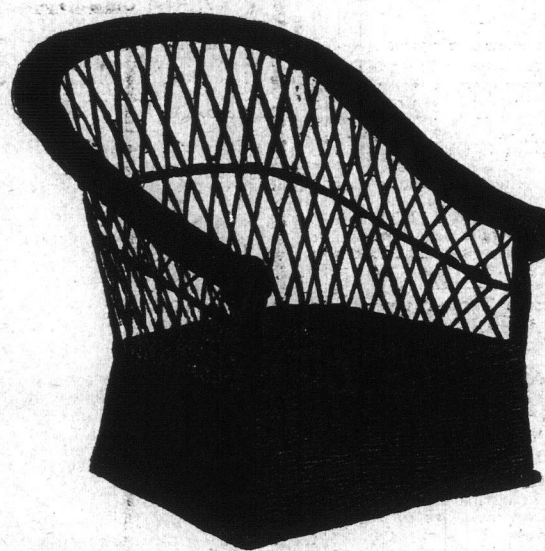
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Pleasing Reed and Rush Chair Styles

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IF YOUR fancy runs to stylish reed and rush chairs you'll be interested in this display shown on our fourth floor. Dozens of the very newest and finest designs are shown here. Chairs and rockers in a variety of styles that will satisfy 'most anyone. Well made—built for service.

A reed chair is desirable for any room in the home. No matter what your parlor furnishings may be you can find a style that'll add to the attractiveness of that room's furnishings. Equally desirable for living room. Ideal in summertime for out-of-door use.

Arm Rockers from \$5.50 Arm Chairs from \$4.50

Hotel and Restaurant Tableware for Fair

We Show a Big Assortment of Crockery, Cutlery and Linen

THE FAIR is just a week away and then look out for the crowds. This year is going to see a record attendance from other cities and towns. Mr. Hotel or Restaurant Keeper, are you prepared to handle the rush? Better to have an ample supply of crockery, cutlery and linen than to be shy. You'll need it later on, too, so put in a stock this week.

We are headquarters for hotel and restaurant supplies. In crockery, cutlery and table linens suitable for hotel and restaurant service this store excels. Let us know your wants. We can best satisfy you here.

Hotel or restaurant keepers who want to get something "different" in tableware would do well to ask us about our facilities for getting special monogram decorations. Come in and discuss it.

Dress Your Bedroom With This Swell Furniture

STYLISH, USEFUL AND LITTLE-PRICED—A BIG CHOICE OFFERED

DRESS your bedroom in an artistic manner—doesn't cost any more than having it "any old way." In the showing of bedroom furniture on our third and fourth floors are dozens of little-priced bedroom furniture items that are artistic in appearance, built to last, and comfortable and convenient. Our long experience enables us to buy with a knowledge of the requirements of this country and years of experience in buying tells us where to buy.

And it is vitally important to know WHERE to buy. Some factories specialize on dressers, others on chiffoniers, etc., and nothing but careful buying enables us to offer these splendid values in bedroom furniture.

Brighten up a room or two before exhibition time. Perhaps you'll have some friends staying with you and anyway you want to fix up your own room a little this fall. This quartette is simply a hint as to what awaits you.

COMBINATION DRESSER AND STAND—This is an attractive and space-saving piece of furniture. Has a large and a deep drawer and cupboard. Large bevel plate mirror, towel rack. Nicely finished. Priced at ... \$14

COMBINATION DRESSER AND STAND—Another combination of merit. Has 3 drawers and cupboard and attractive oval bevel plate mirror. Towel rack. Nicely finished in golden oak finish. Priced at, each ... \$15

DRESSER AND STAND—\$35 for this suite is little. Dresser has 2 large and 3 small drawers and round bevel plate mirror. Nicely finished in golden oak finish. Price for the two pieces is ... \$35

DRESSER AND STAND—This is an excellent value. Dresser has 2 large and 3 small drawers and large, round bevel plate mirror. Finely finished in mahogany finish. Stand designed to match. Two pieces for ... \$38

Little things such as a cracked jar, a faulty rubber or a poorly fitting top cause heaps of worry and trouble for the homekeeper when fruit canning. Why not get the best sorts from us. We handle the famous Mason jar—the jar of satisfactory service. Our rubbers are reliable—made of superior quality rubber. No matter what your requirements in fruit-canning needs they can best be filled from this stock of ours.

Fall Novelties—Scotch Art and Mission Rugs

DON'T miss these fall novelties in Art Rugs. They are the very latest ideas and have never before been shown in this city. You'll like them; like their pleasing color combinations and artistic designs. And if you purchase one you'll be delighted with the long, hard service it will give, for they are heavy wool rugs, woven in a special basket weave with an unusually strong warp. Thick and durable.

Arts and Crafts design that are particularly desirable for use with this style of furniture, though suitable for any. There's always a very appropriate niche in every home where one of these rugs can be placed—where it is needed. By all means come up to thesecond floor and see these very handsome and tasteful color effects. These colors are dyed with Alizarine dyes—the fastest colors used today—and are fully guaranteed.

SEMINOLE OR MISSION RUGS—These come in simple designs and pleasing colorings. There is a great choice. There are dozens of places in your home where one would be an excellent addition. Size 30 x 60 in. Priced at, each ... \$4

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News of the World

For

Lord Tweedmouth Dying
LONDON, Sept. 15.—Lord Tweedmouth, ex-Lord President of the Council, it is announced, is dying.

To Be Wounded Up
HAMILTON, Ont., Sept. 15.—A titian has been killed to the north of New York City, a 10-year-old boy, who was killed by a car. The company's liabilities are said to be \$20,000, with assets of \$10,000.

Accident Or Suicide
TACOMA, Sept. 15.—The body of George Homland, a logger, was found in the bay today. Coroner Shaver is unable to determine whether it was a case of accidental drowning or suicide.

New York's Schools Overcrowded
NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—The schools of the five boroughs of New York City opened today with many additional pupils. The schools are unable to gain admittance, and are now over 675,000 pupils for enrollment.

Tacoma's Good Roads
TACOMA, Sept. 15.—This city has over sixty miles of paved streets with many additional miles to be paved at the present time. The city is keeping the streets clean amounting over \$20,000 a year.

Natural Gas Explosion.
HAMILTON, Ont., Sept. 15.—A home at Felix O'Neill was blown by natural gas yesterday morning. The explosion was heard from a room from a flexible tube all day and this morning when O'Neill matched to light the gas there was a terrible explosion. O'Neill escaped with no more serious injury than singed whiskers.

Pleads Guilty of Abduction
TACOMA, Sept. 15.—John Andrews, a handsome young man who recently came here from Los Angeles, has pleaded guilty of abducting Stanup, the 16-year-old son of the late Peter Stanup, one of the hereditary chiefs of the P. Indians of the country where he Miss Stanup is quite wealthy. Dr. Prosecutor Burmeister has advised that Andrews conspired with brother, who married the widow of a decent chief and mother of G. to abduct and marry the girl and bolt with her ready cash.

Logged Off Lands
WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—M. L. Burke, of the Bureau of Soils, was in charge of soil survey on the Pacific Coast, will leave today for Washington to inspect the cooperative survey work which is being conducted in that state by his bureau. Six representatives of Federal and State Governments are now conducting the survey, and it is the intention of the agriculture department to continue the work number of years. The timbered lands in the timbered sections of state have been inspected and crop production values determined.

The Ruling Passion
TACOMA, Sept. 15.—As he was sentenced to a term in state for highway robbery, "Connie," a negro who has a very bad name, police court annals of the Pacific Coast, stole the hat of J. J. court stenographer. Later, Craig missed his hat and a search was made, it was found King's cell.

Assessments Approved
OLYMPIA, Sept. 15.—The O. N. \$110,000 increase in assessments by the State Tax Commission and the doubling over last year the assessment of the Spokane electric lines have been approved by the State Board of Equalization. The board, in fact, has approved the public service corporation assessments made by the Tax Commission.

Montreal's Old Home Week
MONTREAL, Sept. 15.—The 4th Montreal is thronged with visitors to the Old Home week, which was officially opened Tuesday, and in the fact that thousands of cameras are staying with friends and relatives crowded to their cars. This is the first event of the kind in the history of the city. The visitors from as far as Dawson to the north and Capetown to the south, whom are paying their first visit to Montreal in a generation.

No Encores Desired
TACOMA, Sept. 15.—Two of the most popular entertainers in a freight wreck at Eato and to the surprise of many who had seen them in the city, the accident occurred. The car in which the "Whitties" was riding was lifted off the track, hurled twenty-five feet and landed right-side up. The tramps burst from the door and ran like deer through the woods, leaving their scant luggage in the car.

Sudden Death of Architect
NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—Charles McKim, head of the firm of McKim, Mead & White architects, died today at his country home, St. James, L. I., of heart disease the age of 62 years.

Official Ignorance
TORONTO, Sept. 15.—Third President Hamlin of the Canadian Northern Railway, says he has nothing about the rumored deal between his railway and the Canadian Northern Railway.

Famous Water-Colorist Dead
NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—John James Davis, a well-known water-colorist and engraver, and one of the founders of the American Society of Painters in water colors, died at his home in New York today, at the age of 78 years.

Made Death Sure
FORT WORTH, Tex., Sept. 15.—Mrs. Jessie Gabel, a wife of a man who was shot and killed last night, and after the contents of a two-ounce bottle of carbolic acid, and opening the vein, sent a bullet through his brain.