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THE COUNTRY PAPER.

We have before us a copy of the Fraser Valley Record, which is the first issue of the third volume of that paper. The Record is printed at Mission City and for a year it has been putting forth its best efforts to promote the welfare of the community in which it is published. It makes the very modest claim for itself that "the efforts put forward to advance the district and draw attention to the Fraser Valley, with the aid of our friends, have met with success." We feel sure that our contemporary could, if it had wished, have said much more than this, and when it thanks those who have given it moral and financial support, it might well have said that this has been repaid over and over again.

The part played by a country paper in developing a healthy tone of public sentiment, in encouraging those who are laboring to build up the community, in making known the advantages of the locality which supports it, can hardly be estimated, because it is indirect. The city man smiles sometimes at the local news in country papers and professes to be amused at their enthusiasm over matters of small general interest; but these things make up the progress of the whole country. The item which seems of no special interest to anybody may stimulate the ambition of someone, who only needs encouragement to accomplish something worth while. The country is full of "mute, inglorious Miltons" of industry, whose only chance of recognition is in the columns of the local weekly, and to whom publicity is a healthy stimulus. The editorial columns of the country paper are the seat of a power, which their city contemporaries sometimes envy. What the editor of the country weekly may say upon local matters is of vastly greater relative importance than what the editor of the big city daily may declare. We have always looked upon a battle as half won when the sympathies of the country weeklies were enlisted upon our side. Doubtless the city papers exercise a strong influence in molding public opinion, but as a rule they do not reach many people outside of the cities. The country people are the best readers of newspapers. The city man gets his paper in the morning, runs hurriedly through it, assimilates its contents in a general way and then goes to his business, with a hundred things to occupy his mind. He looks over his evening paper as he goes home from work and while he is waiting to begin his evening relaxation which soon diverts his mind from what he has perused. On the other hand the man in the country reads his paper. Its arrival is not an incident but an event. It gives him food for thought and subjects for conversation. We believe in the country paper as a factor in the development of the country. It is one of the most powerful of all factors, and that is why we congratulate the Fraser Valley Record upon its prosperity in the past and hope that its sphere of usefulness will widen as the years roll on.

PROVINCIALISM

"So far as the people of Ontario are concerned, the starting of a modern town in the region of Lake Abitibi is of more meaning than the founding of Prince Rupert." We find this statement credited to the Toronto Globe, and we might feel like pointing to it as an indication of the narrowness of Liberal ideas, if a Conservative paper did not seize upon it as showing the Grand Trunk Pacific to be "a transcontinental humbug," and proceed to belabor Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues for having committed the country to it. The latter paper, the Petersborough Review, frankly says that "the farms of Ontario have diminished in value by thirty per cent from the over-speedy opening up of the West." We confess to great surprise at this exhibition of provincialism. It is almost enough to make one despair of the future of the country.

"The founding of Prince Rupert" is an event of international importance. It is the beginning of a city which will before many years have a population of tens of thousands, a city which will furnish a market annually for millions of dollars' worth of the products of Ontario's factories, a city which even its rivals concede will play a very important part in the development of the Northwest Coast of Canada, and yet to the leading Liberal newspaper it has not as much meaning as the establishment of a town in the forests of northern Ontario, and to a prominent Conservative paper it is only the culmination of "a transcontinental humbug." The West has been developed too fast to suit the Peterborough paper. Now the West has not been developed any faster than its merits warranted, so that the Review substantially takes the position that Canada is too great, its attractions to settlers are too strong, its progress too rapid. The great advance which the Dominion has been making must be stopped, because, forsooth, in the opinion of the Review, the value of Ontario farms is depreciating on account of the call of the wheat fields of the West. Provincialism, like politics, makes strange bed-fellows. We were prepared for almost anything, but to see the Toronto Globe belittling the significance of the founding of the great northern terminal and to have its views endorsed by the Peterborough Review, and used as an argument against the Laurier administration, is very much of a surprise. Speaking as far as it may for the Conservatives of British Columbia, the Colonist says without hesitation that, notwithstanding their dissent from the Liberal policy as exemplified in the Grand Trunk Pacific contract and their disapproval of the manner in which the government has carried out its part of the agreement, they see in the construction of that railway and in "the founding of Prince Rupert" the dawn of a new era of prosperity and progress for Canada.

VANCOUVER ISLAND.

The Evening Post is unable to see what difference it can make to the people of Vancouver Island what route the Canadian Northern and the Grand Trunk Pacific may take in extending their lines to south-western British Columbia, because, it says, they both aim to reach Vancouver. Our contemporary seems to have made up its mind that Victoria and the Island must be content to be ignored in the plans of either of these companies, and it is with the greatest regret that we see it assume such a position. We had hoped that its efforts would be directed towards the accomplishment of those objects in the way of railway connection upon which the people of this part of the island have held such strong views for many years past. We were prepared for lack of sympathy from another local contemporary; but certainly expected better things from the Post. There does not seem to be anything left for the Colonist to do but to continue to wage its fight alone against the indifference of one contemporary and the hostility of the other.

We found in the Post last evening a series of interviews with the recent journalistic visitors to the island. They could not say too much in its praise. One of them said that "Vancouver Island is destined to become the England of the Pacific." Another said:

"To any vigorous and ambitious man of the United States, British Columbia and particularly the Island of Vancouver, is a shining mark. Why these conditions continue to exist seems hard to understand. We saw ease and contentment on every side as the result of the slightest effort. With no intention of being discourteous to the delightful people of Victoria and the city of Vancouver whom we met, I cannot help thinking what an invasion of new blood from the United States and other parts of Canada would accomplish in the way of waking them up to the full realization of the riches lying fallow and undeveloped all around them. Timber, coal, mineral, valleys and hills of great fertility where every plant and shrub which I have seen grow in the States attains twice the size I have ever seen before. All these resources but scratched by less than 50,000 happy and contented people. Ten times the population would not begin to exhaust the prizes to be taken for the asking. They have roses here in the gardens at Christmas, and spring ploughing and planting is finished in February and March. With the long days and the brilliant sunshine backed by the warmth of the Japan current there is time for two, and it seems to me for three crops. I have seen land in Oklahoma worked for double crops under conditions far less favorable, and where there is lacking the invigorating air of this marvellous section. There is a vast work to do here, but no place that I have seen holds out such a certain and assured reward. Here, nature will join you in producing her best, and the track to success is not overcrowded and strewn with handicaps.

Another said that the island only needed publicity to make it one of the world's greatest successes. Another said that the island was a "surprise," and he added:

"The fifty thousand people there are sharing in the division of a magnificent heritage of timber and coal resources, and mountains of iron ore which thus far have been little more than scratched. In a time when the search for attractive places for settlement is so keen, the wonder is that Vancouver's possibilities are not known to every man with a dollar to invest, or brawn to back up brain in its development."

From another we quote:

"A view of its fertile farms and orchards is calculated to be an awakening. Our little jaunt from Victoria to Nanaimo along one of the arms of the Canadian Pacific was a succession of illuminating surprises, not only because of the number of cultivated stretches of field and garden we saw, but for the apparent room for so many more. Its present condition and its confident promise of prosperity to those who are yet to come to it, make it quite the most tempting spot I have seen. I am told that its soil is peculiarly adapted to the profitable production of fruit, a statement unequivocally verified by the appearance of its trees, and the sole reason that I am able to give for the fact that every hillside is not covered with orchards is that the cramped farmers of the East do not know, as I did not know, what is beyond them."

In these interviews our contemporary will see the answer to its question as to why Victoria and Vancouver Island should concern themselves in the present plans of the transcontinental railway companies. We venture to think that if our contemporaries, instead of criticising what the Colonist may say in regard to measures for the development of this island, and securing for it the best possible connection with the transcontinental railways, would lend the benefit of their advice and knowledge to the solution of this all-important question, they would render the public a service that can hardly be over-estimated. Why do they not give their assistance to this end? Do they hold back because the Colonist has made a speciality of it? Do they not know that the business people of Victoria and Vancouver Island are anxiously desirous that something shall be done to secure the desired development and connection?

Let us define as clearly as we can the position which the Colonist takes in this matter. It is convinced from years of study that Vancouver Island will repay railway development and furnish traffic that will make the best possible transcontinental connection pay from the very outset.

It believes that these facts should be pressed home upon the transcontinental railway companies with all the force and intelligence that can be brought to bear upon the subject.

It believes the case of the Island is so strong that when it has been properly represented it will receive consideration.

It believes that when two transcontinental railways are seeking a route to the Pacific coast is the proper time to press the case of the Island upon these companies.

It believes, above all, that if we unite in pressing our claims for consideration upon the railway companies and the government we will achieve success.

It believes that stagnation will result from indifference, and, that there is every danger that a golden opportunity may slip by unimproved.

It knows the history of many railway projects, and from that knowledge asserts that the resolute presentation of a good case for railway construction never yet failed to accomplish success, if not exactly along the lines presented, at least along others equally advantageous.

IMPERIAL DEFENCE

The Canadian Gazette thinks that Mr. Borden and Mr. Foster might well be invited by the Dominion government to attend the Imperial Defence Conference to be held in London, and that it would be well for all the self-governing Dominions to be represented thereat by members of both parties. The suggestion meets with some favor in Canada both from the Liberal and Conservative press, the only objection to it being that Mr. Borden would thereby forfeit his right to criticize the policy, which the government might adopt. We are not sure that there is much in this point. The matter is hardly worth very serious discussion, perhaps, as no intimation has been given out that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will invite Mr. Borden's co-operation. If such an invitation shall be extended, it would be much more difficult to give a reason for declining it than some of our contemporaries seem to think. If he refused, he would leave himself open to the charge that he proposed to make Canada's participation in Imperial defence a party question, and this is a course, which we do not think he is prepared to take or that ought to be taken. It may be that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will not embarrass Mr. Borden by extending to him such an invitation; but if one is forthcoming we hope it will be accepted. If there is anything which Canada does not want it is the introduction into party politics of such a question as the participation of the Dominion in Imperial defence. Both political parties are agreed as to the principle, and the working out of details is somewhat similar to the perfection of the details of a measure, the principle of which has been adopted in Parliament. Neither Sir Wilfrid Laurier nor Mr. Borden has any commission from the electorate to commit Canada to any specific scheme of defence. We are strongly of the opinion that they might consult together with very great advantage as to the course, which Parliament shall be asked to sanction. It would be a mistake to suppose that there is anything like unanimity of sentiment in either political party on this subject, except on the fundamental principle that Canada has a duty to perform in the premises.

SILVER COINAGE.

The Mail and Empire pleads for the exclusion of United States silver and the substitution of a Canadian coinage. Its views are quoted with approval by the Manitoba Free Press. We find the Toronto News complaining that Canadian coins are not regarded with favor in the United States and the Boston Transcript complaining that too many of them are in circulation in Massachusetts. It is, of course, to be regretted that some $2,000,000 or so of United States silver is circulating in Canada, seeing that the United States government made $1,000,000 out of coining it. No doubt the good people of Boston do not like to see 50 cents worth of Canadian silver pass for a dollar in that city. It is very easy to point out the absurdity of such an arrangement, but not so easy to say what is going to be done about it. In the United States and Canada a certain weight of gold of certain fineness constitutes a dollar. There being no difference whatever in the name and value of the standard coin in the two countries, and the intercourse between them being very great, it follows, as a matter of course, that the fractional coinage of one will find its way to the other, especially when they are alike in size, value and general appearance. Where there is a marked difference as between the Canadian 5-cent piece and the United States coin of the same value, the coins remain mostly at home. In this part of the Dominion the convenient size of the United States nickel 5-cent piece makes it a popular small coin. A few years ago, as will be remembered, an effort was made to rid the country of United States silver, but it came to very little. When a man comes from across the border and pays his small bills with United States silver no one thinks of refusing it. In the interest of freedom of intercourse it is desirable that there should be reciprocity in matters of this kind, and so long as there is reciprocity we do not know that any harm is done by permitting United States coins to circulate freely in the country. It is easy to call upon the government to take measures to stop this; but we have yet to see a suggestion as to how it can be prevented without causing infinitely greater inconvenience than arises from the presence of the silver in the community. We would like to see more Canadian half dollars coined and fewer Canadian dollar bills issued. The circulation of so much United States silver in the country shows that our people like silver money.

Jumped From Elevator.

Special to The Evening Post.

New York, June 22.—A cripple, thought to be Thomas King, jumped from the station platform of the elevated railroad last night during the rush hour at a point in Harlem where the tracks are 100 feet above the street. He was horribly crushed before the eyes of the crowd and died almost instantly.

Are You Bilious?

Take Liverine

Its effect upon any disordered stomach, sleepless or feverish condition is simply marvelous.

One or two teaspoonfuls in half a tumbler of water

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KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH with the new arrivals by making frequent visits to this store. Purchases made by our Mr. Otto Weiler, when on his recent Eastern purchasing trip are now arriving, and if you would follow the latest in China, Glass, Furniture, etc., you should make frequent visits to this store. You are welcome to come often and spend as much time as you wish in looking.

TREAT YOUR BATH ROOM TO ONE OF THESE FINE RUGS

THESE JAP RUGS of cotton, in pretty blue and white design, are splendid for bathroom use or for the Summer bedroom. Cost so little that every bathroom should have one. Then, for bedroom use they are delightful and you should put one or more in your bedroom. We also have same style in green and white. Come in and see these — values are excellent.

SIZE 18 x 36 in., each.....$1.25 | SIZE 24 x 48 in., each.....$2.00
SIZE 30 x 60 in., each.....$3.00 | SIZE 36 x 72 in., each.....$4.50

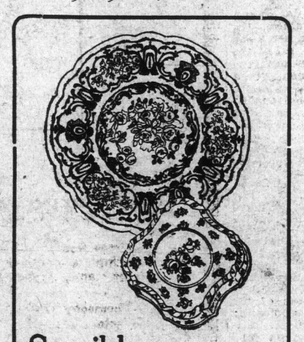
50c BUYS AN EXCELLENT MATTING MAT, 3x6 FEET

A Reversible Mat of Splendid Quality Suitable for a Variety of Uses

THESE MATS are made in same manner as the better grades of Jap matting. The designs are very attractive and the mats are reversible, giving double wear. Colorings are pleasing. These are suitable for a variety of uses, such as wall panels, cosy corner backs, bedroom mats and for camp use. We don't think you'll ever be offered better values. Mats are 3 x 6 feet and are priced at, each **50¢**

We also have two sizes in squares of same material—

SIZE 9 x 9 feet, each.....$3.50 | SIZE 9 x 10 feet, each.....$3.75



Sensible Souvenirs of Your Stay in Town

¶ This stock of ours is so pregnant with suggestions in the souvenir line, that it is quite impossible to itemize. It is a huge exhibition of souvenirs—that's what.

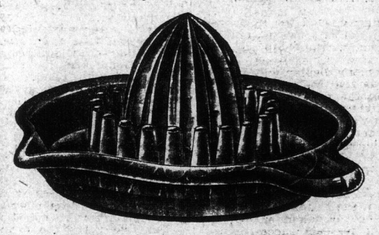
¶ Not showy, unsubstantial things, gimcracks or gewgaws, but—artistic bits of decorated china, useful and decorative, such as you will delight in keeping.

¶ Lots of little-priced things, which can be safely carried.

¶ Come in. You're truly welcome.

LEMON JUICE EXTRACTORS

Glass Styles at 10c and 15c



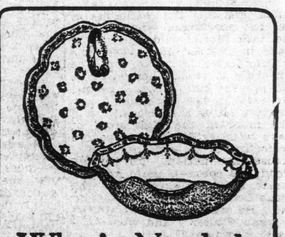
There's nothing better in Lemon Juice Extractors than these glass styles and nothing so cheap. You'll require something of this description during the Summer time and using the poor old fingers doesn't pay when you can get these excellent glass extractors at, each—

10c to 15c

LEMONADE SETS AT $1.00

A glass of delightfully cool lemonade is refreshing on a dusty Summer day. Here is an opportunity to make the lemonade doubly inviting—an attractive set from which to serve it.

These lemonade or water sets are priced so low that every home should have one. Set consists of six glasses, pitcher and nickel-plated tray. Plain, engraved and colored styles are shown—something to suit every taste. See the range at, from **$1.00** to **$2.50**



What's Needed in "Occasional" Bits of China?

¶ Does the china cabinet contain everything you desire for every occasion? Or, have you wished at times you had an "odd" piece for individual purpose?

¶ There are new arrivals in fascinating French and other imported china—making a superb showing still more remarkable in its varieties and economies. It deserves your interested attention.

¶ Perhaps your crystal cabinet lacks just a piece or two of cut glass—come in and see the new cuttings.

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An Excellent Range Suitable for Camp or Home—Many Prices

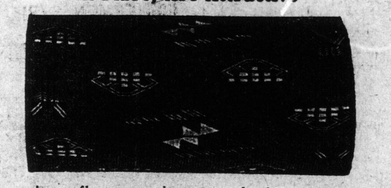
Whether you want a mattress for your home or for the camp or for the Summer cottage, you cannot do better than choose from this stock of mattresses.

Every possible requirement in mattresses may be filled from our stock and special sizes or special styles may be made to order promptly. Prices on full size range from **$3.75**

FULL SIZE OSTERMOORS.....$15

SUMMER MATTING STYLES

In Fibre, Are Attractive



There is no floor covering so cool, clean and altogether delightful as this Fibre Matting. Don't confuse it with the China and Jap Matting and their disagreeable odors. Fibre Matting is so superior to these that it is rapidly displacing them.

This matting is sewn like carpet and is much more attractive in design than any other matting. It may be washed and it is also reversible, giving double service. The merits, however, can better be shown in the materials itself, so come in and see it. Priced at, per yard, **50¢** to **75¢**

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THE SERVANTS ST CONTINUE TO TESTIFY

Trial in Case of Mrs. Goul Resolved Itself Into a of Domestics—End N Sight

New York, June 22.—The t rebutting the testimony of intox on the part of Mrs. Katherine ons Gould, who is suing her h Howard Gould, for a separati alimony, was continued by th nesses called by Mr. Shearn Gould's counsel. A the trial tod array of rebuttal witnesses i similar in make-up to called by the defence. The tri almost resolved itself into a ba domestics, with all the servan were closely associated with Gould, giving directly opposite mony in regard to their mistres duct at various times and place rebuttal is usually confined to th cific incidents to which the defe witnesses testified, but Justice ling has allowed Mr. Shearn a latitude. Mr. Gould's counsel s day he had about thirty more w es to call and that Mrs. Gould bly would testify again. The expected to occupy several days of court.

James J. Brennan, who was e ed as a foreman at Castle Goul May, 1904, to May, 1906, testifie he often met Mrs. Gould on the and never saw her intoxicated o ive in her language.

Brennan, disputed the testim Carlson, the coachman, who t that he took Mrs. Gould drive the brake in October, 1904, wh was so intoxicated he drove w hand in order to steady her w other to prevent her from Brennan said he saw Mrs. Gou Carlson start out on that occasi that she mounted the high s the brake with agility, and ap in a perfectly normal condition

On cross-examination, Mr. the defendant's counsel, again t the former butler, Flaherty, a mysterious Long Island roadhou the case. He wanted to know witness knew Flaherty and wh roadhouse, of which Flaherty w proprietor, was located. The said he knew Flaherty, but d know where his roadhouse was

Well Known Painter Dies

Great Marlow, Eng., June 2 ward John Gregory, R.A., presi the Royal Institute of Paint Water Colors, died here today. born in 1850.

Drowned in Saskatchewan

Edmonton, June 22.—While b ing himself on a moving log feet of water and without the to swim, Ernest Morenoy, a lad of 17 years who lived wi parents on Whyte avenue, Stra fell from the log and was drow the Saskatchewan at the mou White Mud creek yesterday aft

VICTORIA IS PL FOR THE B.C 'VARSITY

A. Blakely, of Torrington lege, Thinks This City Strong Claims to the P cial University

"Victoria is the place for th ish Columbia University."

Thus remarked A. Blakely, faculty of the Torrington Musi lege, Toronto, who, in compa Mrs. Blakely, spent several the city and left yesterday to Ontario.

Of the West, Mr. Blakely is thusiastic. While he has bee engaged ever since leaving ho ducting musical examinations ferent centres he has not be much occupied to make ment of the grandeur of Eastern Bri lumbia and of the more past just as striking beauty of the Slope. He was charmed w country along the lower Fras he was astonished at the grow commercial activity of Vancou his eyes were opened in silent ment when, as a passenger steamer Princess Charlotte, sighted the Isle of Promise presented to his view the glori ting of the fair Capital of Bri lumbia.

"Yes, Victoria is just the p your Provincial University Blakely reflectively reiterated.

"It has all the essentials of town. When in search of a the establishment of what is to become a great educationa you search first for room, sp of fresh oxygen. You have I don't know much about Vic sides what I have been able a couple of days, but if an id couldn't be selected on this close to your city, I'm sadly and my judgment is sadly at

"The next thing considered roundings. Could there be an satisfactory than those rou the Capital? I don't think there would be no difficulty out a campus second to none over is my opinion. Then a is the point where the stud seems to me, should gather Oh, I think Victoria has inco claims on the institution."

Mr. Blakely, leaving the u question, spoke of the develo the young Western Canadia musical lines. He had bee to note that those who we courses laid out by the Torri stitution, under the directio British Columbia representat making splendid progress an ing marked talent and com zeal.