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THE DELEGATION TO OTTAWA.

At the Board of Trade yesterday Mr. A. W. McCurdy very correctly summed up the reasons for sending a delegation to Ottawa to urge certain matters upon the attention of the government, when he said in substance that what was needed was an acceleration in the speed at which the requirements of the city are being met. This is the spirit behind the movement, which has led to the dispatch of the delegation. It is not a step hostile in any sense, whatever to the government or the representatives or past representatives of the city. Indeed the fact that Mr. Simon Leiser, President of the Board of Trade, and Mr. J. D. Kingham, who has always been very prominent in connection with the Liberal party, constitute the delegation is proof, if proof were needed, that there is no political animus behind the mission. Mr. Jackson, speaking at the Board of Trade, said that the object of the delegation had been anticipated, and the evening paper publishes a copy of a letter from Mr. Templeman, which is relied upon as establishing Mr. Jackson's position. But those who think it does cannot be aware of the purpose for which the delegation is going. So that there may be no mistake upon this point, we reproduce the letter. It is as follows:

"I have your letter of January 27. Mr. Templeman writes, regarding the improvement of Victoria harbor. There is provision in the estimates under the general head of dredging, for a modern, up-to-date drilling plant for Victoria Harbor. I pressed this need upon my colleague, Hon. Wm. Pugsley, some time ago, and he has placed a sum in the appropriations which, the Deputy Minister of Public Works has informed me, will be adequate to provide the necessary equipment. I have received the resolutions of the Board of Trade and the Harbor Association, which confirmed the opinion I had expressed to Mr. Pugsley six months ago when the estimates were being prepared, and I have forwarded the same to the Minister of Public Works, although he probably also received them direct. This plant, I would assume, will be procured as quickly as possible after the appropriations become available, and should be in use during the coming summer. You can assure the Liberal Association that, although I do not represent Victoria, her interests are just as carefully considered by me as though I had received a thousand majority in that constituency at the last election."

A sufficient answer to the claim, that the statements in this letter show that the object of the delegation has been forestalled, is the fact that Mr. Templeman not only knows that the delegation is going to Ottawa, but approves of it and has arranged that Mr. Keefe of the Public Works Department shall accompany it. But Mr. Templeman's letter which we are glad to be able to print and at the same time to make an acknowledgement of the interest in Victoria's welfare which it exhibits, does not touch the real object of the delegation. The letter says that the appropriation will provide for "a modern, up-to-date drilling plant for Victoria harbor." This is very good news, but the delegation was not arranged for with the view of urging the government to provide a drilling plant to replace the old-fashioned machine that has been working in the harbor for more than a quarter of a century. It is to urge the purchase of at least two Lobnitz dredges, and to ask for appropriation to keep them working day and night in the enlargement of the available navigable area within the harbor. It is this matter which, as we understand the matter, Mr. Templeman has been asked to consider and it is to afford the delegation assistance on this point that he has arranged for Mr. Keefe to go to Ottawa. We do not anticipate that Mr. Templeman's cooperation with the delegation will be any the less hearty and successful because the suggestion of the immediate enlargement of the harbor area, to provide accommodation for the new coasting lines and the proposal to send a delegation to Ottawa both emanated from the Colonist. We repeat that it gives us pleasure to acknowledge what Mr. Templeman has already done and it will give us greater pleasure to be able to mention that the efforts which we are sure he will make to advance the objects, with which the delegation is entrusted have been crowned with success.

There are other subjects with which the delegation will deal, notably certain matters relating to the mail service, the need of increased dry dock accommodation and so. We cannot close this reference without an expression of appreciation of the public spirited manner in which a number of business men subscribed to the expense of the delegation, and of the personal sacrifice, which the delegates are making in absenting themselves from their business at this time in order to advance a matter in which they have no greater interest than any other citizens.

The London Times in a very recent issue stated that the British navy is "fully up to the two-power standard." Certainly this is not what we have been told recently.

THE COST OF LIVING.

Among the reasons advanced for the increased cost of living in the United States, are: Too much trusts, too much gold, too much cold storage, too high a standard of living. All the people who talk about it are not agreed that all of these contribute to the result; but each one of them has its earnest advocates. A good many remedies have been proposed, but the one that seems to have the most common sense behind it is that the cities are getting too big and that too few people raise their own food from the soil. If one will take the trouble to look at some of the deliverances of political economists in the days when machinery was beginning to supplant manual labor, and when specialists were taking the place of all-round artisans, he will see that they foretold the coming of conditions not unlike those existing today. It is difficult to believe that, in the long run, the products of human genius rightly directed will not lead to beneficial results but it seems very certain that in the course of progress towards such results, society is being somewhat dislocated. The United States is now feeling the economic effects of the War of Secession. That conflict completely changed the character of the people of that country. Before it began, the eyes of the people were directed to farming as the best and surest means of making a livelihood; since it ended the ambition of the great majority of the people has been to work for wages, and this new ambition has been exploited by capitalists to the last degree. Their cry to workmen has been, "Stand by us and we will stand by you," and consequently the rate of wages and the price of manufactured articles have advanced side by side. The outcome of it all has been that the people have been divorced in ever increasing numbers from the soil to build up over-crowded cities. And the end is nowhere in sight.

SPRING RIDGE.

It is about time that something was done for Spring Ridge. If you have any doubt on the point take a walk out in that direction. You will see improvements advancing towards it on every side, and even on the ridge itself signs of progress, but the unsightly sand pits grow each year more unsightly than ever. The people of this part of the city have, for the most part been taxpayers for a good many years and it is high time that something was done to enable them to enjoy some share of the general prosperity observable in all other parts of the city. Something ought to be done and that at the earliest possible day to do justice to this Chedoke of the city.

While speaking of this we may mention the city pound which ought to be removed from its present site and located in a less conspicuous place. It was not very much in the way until within the last few years, but it is now on the very heart of what is becoming an important residential section. Some place should be selected for the pound that is well out of the way of the residential district, even if it is necessary to go out of town to get a suitable site. The great objection to it arises from the impounding of dogs, and residents in that vicinity who are becoming more numerous all the time have a right to be relieved of what has become a nuisance and a detriment to the neighborhood.

Mr. Jardine is an animated inter-rogation point.

Mr. Alfred Lyttelton, a prominent Unionist, is quoted as saying that the House of Lords will pass whatever Budget the Commons sends up.

A meteor recently fell in Illinois, exploding with a terrific flash and noise and causing a tremor of the earth lasting for ten seconds.

The basis of the demand for "one man, one vote" in the United Kingdom will be apparent from the fact that in London nearly 18,000 persons vote there and elsewhere as well.

Mr. Macdonald, M.P. for Pictou, N. S., frankly says that a surplus on the Intercolonial is not a subject for congratulation and that if the road makes both ends meet, it will be doing well enough.

There is one point common to the four gentlemen who constitute the Opposition in the local House. They are all "agin the government." At this point their similarity begins to vanish. They are making quite a good showing at criticism of a sort, but they have a fairly difficult contract on their

hands. There is another point, by the way, in which their resemblance is perfect. They are almost invariably wrong.

It is said that on the larger timber holdings in the State of Maine more timber is being planted than is being cut. The lumbermen of Maine appreciate the value of forest conservation as few people in the business do.

The reason given by the House of Commons committee for not requiring wireless telegraphy to be installed on steamers is "that the development of wireless has not been sufficient to warrant it." This is an excuse, not a reason.

The Vancouver license commissioners are going to try to prevent the sale of "bad whiskey." They evidently do not agree with the Scotsman, who said: "There's nae sic thing as bad whiskey; but I'll admit that some whuskers are better than others."

With all due respect to the advocates of local option, we think they could with advantage look for the reason of the plebiscite nearer home than the Executive Council chamber. Their own violence alienated many persons friendly to the proposed legislation.

Apparently the United States Congress is not prepared to accept the assurance of Japan that the emigration of laborers to the former country will not be permitted, as a Bill is to be passed to provide for their exclusion.

In a circular letter issued by the Lord's Day Alliance asking that post-office lobbies should be closed on Sundays, it was stated that the practice "demanded seven days' toll in every week from many clerks and other employees." We do not believe there was the ground in Victoria for any such assertion. It is like the statement made by an officer of that organization to the Colonist as a reason for prohibiting Sunday papers. He said it caused too many men to work on Sunday, but when he was told that the facts were just the other way and they were explained to him, he frankly admitted that he had never understood the matter. This did not however prevent him from insisting that the publication of Sunday morning papers ought to be discontinued.

Mr. G. K. Chesterton says, in the Illustrated London News, that a lady asked him during the recent elections if he thought it well for Germany to rule England, and on inquiring what she meant, she told him that she understood it to be a part of Mr. Asquith's programme that the Kaiser should be made King of England. Mr. Chesterton is such an inveterate joker that one cannot always be sure when he is keeping strictly to facts, but the case which he cites is not very much worse than that of the young English fellow in Victoria who said: "I don't know what the Budget is, but I know the Radicals should be defeated." Such ignorance is not confined to English people. We have seen Canadians just as badly muddled over Canadian questions.

Mr. Joseph Shaw writes us another letter in regard to the mail service between Victoria and Comox. He does so in connection with a protest against any extension of the time for the construction of the E. & N. Railway to Campbell river. Upon this point we do not feel called upon to make any observations; but in regard to the mail service, we wish to repeat that, when the E. & N. is opened as far as Englishman's river, a daily mail ought to be despatched from that point to Cumberland. It would then be possible for a letter leaving Victoria on the morning train to reach Cumberland, Comox, Courtenay, and other places in that vicinity during the afternoon or evening. This is one of the matters to which the Board of Trade delegation to Ottawa will give its attention.

Speaking of the proposed farm near Calgary, where young English lads will be taught farming, the Post-Intelligencer says that the plan looks attractive, but it expresses doubt as to any considerable number of the lads taking up agriculture as a life work. We fear our Seattle contemporary is a bit old-fashioned. Farming is not what it used to be. It is no longer an exhibition of "main strength and awkwardness" rewarded with scant profit. It is not as an Easterner once said: "You work hard all summer raising a crop and you work hard all winter in feeding it to your horses while you haul logs; and in the spring there is nothing coming to you but the constable." The farmer of today is becoming a business man. He uses his brains and calls machinery to his aid, and his chances for success are just as good as those of men in any other walks in life.

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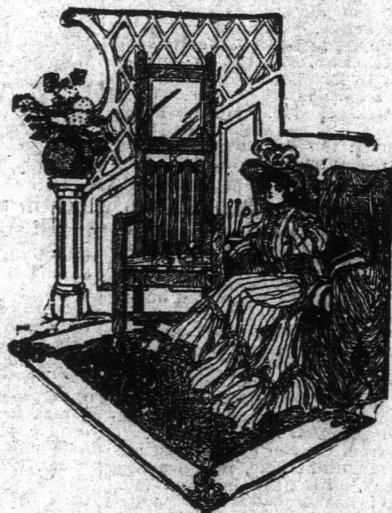
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Catsup Bottles, at each \$65
Nappies, at 55c, 45c and \$40
Footed Bon-Bons, each \$25
Sweetmeats, at each \$35
Nappies, per dozen \$1.50
Set, Butter Dish, Sugar, Cream and Spoon Holder, for \$1.25
Mayonaise and Plate, for \$1.25
Large Footed Bowls, each \$1.00
Cologne Bottles, at each \$35
Syrup Jugs, metal top, each \$50
Vases, at 75c, 50c and \$25
Handled Preserve Dishes, each \$50
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Jugs, at each, \$1.00 and \$75
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Celery Dips, each \$15
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