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Mr. Edgar Dewdney, who is just returned from a three months' trip to England, says that there is a great revival of interest in that country in the affairs of British Columbia and that the disposition of the Government is to encourage probably any investments in this province that have any substantial prospect of profit. This is in line with what others have reported, and it is certainly a favorable disposition in England has rather been in the other direction. We never wish in discussing business matters to introduce anything of a political nature, and we hope, not be looked upon as inspired by partisanship. We shall endeavor

Mr. De Cosmos was gathered to his fathers more than a decade ago. Most of the people now living in Victoria did not know him. Most of those who did, however, were well enough taught to regard him as an eccentric individual who played a more or less important part in the days when the north-western coast of the most any notice of a man could get. His influence felt in the community, if not his name, was not likely to be lost. To say anything much about Mr. De Cosmos, but we are going to say something about the De Cosmos scheme, as it is called. It was a project which was intended to give Victoria railway connection with New Westminster. Vancouver and New Westminster were at that time. Mr. De Cosmos believed that Victoria was the proper out-port of British Columbia, and he proposed that a railway should be built from this city to Sidney, that a ferry line should be put on across the Gulf of Georgia, and that the Victoria railway way be extended from thence to New Westminster. He very nearly succeeded in his undertaking. We are not sure that he would have succeeded in his failure, because we wish to avoid reflecting upon any one, and it is not our business to tell the whole story over again. But we can say safely so, without hurting any one's susceptibilities, that if the people of Victoria had been as ready to take their hands with Mr. De Cosmos, the railway would have been built. What the people of Victoria would have made to this city no one now living in this city can tell. It is a pity that one who reads the reports on the Canadian Pacific railway issued thirty years ago, and who knows that there was less objection made then to ferrying cars to the Island than some people now make when cars are ferried to the Island, should have died. Then the fact that Victoria and Esquimalt are on an Island was no objection to the building of the railway. If the De Cosmos scheme had been realized, the first trains of the Canadian Pacific would have come directly to Victoria. Every one can judge for himself what that might mean.

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We do not want to be considered given to fault-finding, but there are some things in connection with city work that are intolerable, and also a completely honest excuse. For example, the city has a sewerage plant on the south side of Discovery street for a short distance east of Government. Will some one, who has some right to go to the plant, please tell the engineer in which work is done, be kind enough to go and look at the mess which the street crossing has become, and tell the city engineer how filling in the hollow on Gorge road just west of the junction of Rock Bay avenue. Will some one tell the people who are in charge of the work, that a reasonable excuse can be offered for the work in which vehicular traffic and pedestrianism has been interfered with, and that the city engineer should be told whose duty it is to see that rotten planks that have been taken out of sidewalks are not left along the road.

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Conditions in France are turbulent. PUNCH has a cartoon in which a workingtonian is represented as saying to a priest, "I have a confession to make, Father. . . . Events seem to show that this does not overstate the case. The country seems to have taken a wrong turn, and I leave of their senses. . . . Not only that, but remarkable than the manner in which the country seems to have taken this wrong turn is to have fallen into the hands of a man who came into power. Religion meant more to the people of France than appeared on the surface. . . . The Church, which has been against the Church, when the highest ecclesiastical dignities were treated as political tools. . . . In the centuries, one might almost say, was ruthlessly squandered. . . . The Church, which has been scoffed at religion, France became a ship without a rudder tossed to and fro by the winds of change. . . . The strike is threatened today not because the people, who will go on strike, are stupid. . . . They wish to give expression, for they propose to remain on strike only if they are not allowed to give expression the strength of the labor unions. There are times when demonstrations

It is that if the labor organizations in the United States are not the government of the country, and the existing authority proves unable to resist the forces of chaos, they will be called upon to interfere. Herein, I think, to us, is one of the greatest dangers of the present situation. For, if there is a strong socialist and labor element, it keeps itself very well under control, and does not interfere with it. He is afraid of anything that has a tendency against absolutism. I think that the labor movement is due to the liberal movement in Turkey; he urged Austria to curb the plans of the "Reds" and the "Browns" and to prevent the effect which would have been inimical to absolutism. He would not sit still by and watch the workers' movement of the workmen. There is a very grave danger ahead, for the masses of the people are not obedient to the Kaiser, more surely would mean demonstration in Germany against the rule of the Kaiser. There is a danger that the design to invade France in France, not now, of course, but before very long. Much will depend upon the attitude of the United States.

The rate of progress now in evidence in Victoria must satisfy the most exacting. Last year the critics said that while there were many residences going up, they would never believe the city was prosperous until they saw signs of improvement in the business section. We remember some

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