

—In the speech from the throne at the opening of the British Columbia Legislature, the recommendation was made to push forward the scheme for an all-Canadian railway from some point on the British Columbia coast to the Yukon, the decision on the Alaska boundary question having created a warm feeling in that direction.

—At present there are six furnaces in blast at the Granby smelter, at Grand Forks, B.C., giving an output of 2,100 tons. Several improvements have been made at the smelter itself, and it is now capable of turning out 1,500,000 tons of blister copper daily. In the electrical department also considerable enlargements have been made, including an addition to transformer capacity of 11.00 horse-power. Other improvements by this company comprise the purchase of locomotives in order to do away with horse and mule haulage. They are up-to-date people.

—The Canadian Forestry Association are about to make strenuous endeavors to bring home the importance of the question of preserving our woodlands to the public mind. They are preparing several small tracts on the subject, both in French and English, for circulation among teachers, clergymen and others. Speakers on forestry subjects will be provided for the meetings of the Farmers' Institutes, and special meetings will be held at different places throughout the Dominion. The association has received a \$300 grant from the province of Ontario, besides promises of assistance from Quebec and British Columbia. The association has decided to start a journal. The annual meeting will take

place in Toronto on March 10th and 11th, when papers will be read by leading lumbermen and scientific experts.

—A general meeting of the Commercial Travelers' Association of Canada was held in Toronto last Saturday evening, there being a large and representative attendance. The chair was taken by Mr. M. C. Ellis, the president. It was stated that the current year had been one of the most prosperous in the history of the association. The following officers were elected by acclamation for 1904: President, Mr. Thomas McQuillan; first vice-president, Mr. H. Goodman; treasurer, Mr. J. C. Black. The result of balloting for other officers will be made known at the annual meeting on the 23rd inst.

CLEARING HOUSE FIGURES.

The following are the figures for Canadian Clearing House for the week ended with Thursday, December 3rd, 1903, compared with those of the previous week:

Cities	Dec. 3rd, 1903.	Nov. 26th, 1903.
Montreal	21,261,737	20,938,987
Toronto	15,958,676	14,221,238
Winnipeg	7,255,855	6,990,244
Halifax	1,840,537	1,761,694
Hamilton	1,081,235	1,111,038
St. John	994,291	958,499
Vancouver	136,172	1,345,709
Victoria	774,692	562,597
Quebec	1,663,808	1,547,352
Ottawa	2,220,300	2,259,242
London	951,866	740,571
	<u>\$55,364,718</u>	<u>\$52,437,171</u>

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