

exercise of her powers, just as man does. Her own good sense and judgment, and not any such consideration as her "rights," will prevent her from making the mistake of choosing the rougher classes of work, for which man is better fitted. She has been so long noted for those sound qualities that there is no fear but what, in doing as she pleases, she will do the right thing.

The women of Canada are one of the nation's greatest sources of pride. They

are a noble, sensible, capable band, in whom rests much of the country's hopes. In all the world they have no superiors, and but few equals. As the queens of Canadian homes, as educationalists, as trained business women, they have long since proved their worth, and while in some countries it may be the rule to deny women what are naturally their personal rights, in Canada it is to the nation's advantage that they have every opportunity which their energy and ability demand.

CURRENT COMMENTS

Rosy Alaskan Picture

A MILLION PEOPLE TO FIND SUPPORT IN THE YUKON VALLEY.

JUDGE JAMES WICKERSHAM, of the Third Judicial District of Alaska, paints a gorgeous picture of the future of Alaska. He says that 1,000,000 inhabitants will find support in the Valley of the Yukon on the American side of the line. Time will tell of the unimaginable possibilities of this grand region beneath the Arctic Circle. Good gardening and farming is being done. Good roads is one of the crying necessities of the country, as they are of any new country. During the winter, however, he says, you can have good roads in any direction without any expense. What is needed is a general system by which a road that is greatly needed can be built. The country has no such system and no road law.

From this time on Alaska will have to be reckoned with as a residence country. The whole Yukon Valley is capable of comfortable settlement and will support an immense population. There is a peculiarity of the plant life of that country in that Arctic vegetation is found at Lake Bennett and a country void of trees, the farther one goes north the vegetation increases, until at Fort Yukon forests of a mercantile timber grow. These forests

fade away again before you reach the coast, and they do not reach the Behring Sea by 150 miles.

The interior is much warmer than the coast, owing to the dry atmosphere of the Yukon region. The high coast range of mountains precipitates the moisture on their westerly slopes, leaving a dry winter in the Yukon Valley.—*Baltimore American*.

Nationalize the Passes

NATURE has pierced the barrier of the Rocky Mountains with few gateways. The Crow's Nest, the Kicking Horse, the Yellowhead, the Athabasca, the Peace River, the Pine River—the list is soon exhausted. For the moment we are absorbed in the problem of getting railways from the East to the plains. The day will come, however, when it will be essential to connect the plains and the Pacific Coast, and in that day every available roadway through the hills will be choked with a roaring stream of traffic. For the Far West the mountain pass will become as important as the canal on our St. Lawrence system. That day is distant, but in sight, and it behooves the Government to look ahead.

A pass through the Rockies is a national asset, and should be nationalized as are the canals. An excellent beginning was made when it was stipulated that the C.P.R.