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IMPORTANT PURCHASE.

It is announced that the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway company has sold to some capitalists represented by the American Financial Securities company, an area of 54,000 acres in the Cowichan Valley for the splendid sum of \$1,500,000. The first timber standing on the tract is said to be unsurpassed. It is also announced that the railway company will forthwith begin the construction of a branch line to the north of Cowichan Lake, and will also extend it to Salt Water at Cowichan Bay. This is an exceedingly important announcement, for Sir Thomas Shaughnessy stated when in Victoria that the branch line would not be built unless there was business in sight for it. Therefore the presumption is that the purchasers of the timber lands propose to begin the manufacture of lumber. Whether the mills will be erected near the timber and the manufactured lumber be shipped direct on cars, or the logs will be taken to Cowichan Bay and there sawn is not stated, and possibly the point has not yet been settled. Whichever plan may be followed, it is clear that the manufactured lumber, at least such of it as is not shipped foreign, will add to the traffic of the Canadian Pacific Railway from Vancouver East. It is stated that a line may be built from the head of Cowichan Lake over to the Nitinat waters for the purpose of tapping the valuable timber land there. This latter is a part of the timber which would be tributary to the Victoria and Barkley Sound Railway, and the fact that such a line from the lake is projected justifies all that the lake has said in favor of the Barkley Sound road. The construction of the Cowichan line will mean much to the whole country. We think it highly important that the business men of Victoria should not lose sight of what this means. Here is a line of railway that will carry cars loaded with timber for points along the main line of the Canadian Pacific, and these cars will pass through Vancouver. The merchants of that city will therefore have direct connection with a very valuable part of the island, and will be able to send their goods into the cars which go after the lumber. Not only is this proposed, but the whole plan, if carried out, will tap the timber area lying west of Victoria and divert its business to Vancouver. Under these circumstances the people of this city should spare no effort to secure the immediate construction of the railway to Barkley Sound. The Canadian Pacific is a business corporation, and does business on business principles. It realizes the possibility of a large part of its lumber freight being cut off by other lines before many years, and it is laying its plans broadly to secure business from this island. The line to Cowichan Bay will completely sidetrack Victoria. Against this we make no protest at all. From the Canadian Pacific point of view it is exceedingly good business, and that is all that the Canadian Pacific is under any obligation to consider. But the people of Victoria must also look after their interests, and while they cannot be otherwise than gratified at the prospective development of a nearby region, they are bound by their own interests to take such steps as will secure as much as possible of the business of the island for their own city. We will state the case more specifically. The Canadian Pacific proposes to construct a line of railway which, with a car ferry from Cowichan Bay, will bring Cowichan Lake, and all the region that can be made tributary to it, within sixty miles of Vancouver, and upon a line of direct communication. That is to say, it will be substantially as near as Victoria as part of the country will not be on the line of direct communication. The effect of this policy must be offset if possible, and the way to offset is to secure the construction of the railway to Barkley Sound, with direct and continuous freight connection with the Canadian Northern, if that railway is constructed down the Fraser valley.

CENTRAL BRITISH COLUMBIA

The Evening Post gives editorial prominence to the following extracts from a letter written to the Seattle Times by Mr. G. L. Brown, of that city: "I believe there is no better chance for a farm investment in a new country anywhere than in these fertile lands offered now at so low a price, and am more than pleased, and I purport to buy more. A part of the country is one beautiful chain of meadows and lakes. Most of the land is covered by maple and cottonwood growth, which is easily burned off when the land can quickly be placed in condition to cultivate at an expense of not more than \$5 an acre. The climate is ideal, and no artificial irrigation is necessary. All kinds of fruit can be raised and the entire country is filled with wild raspberries, strawberries, cranberries, blackberries, etc. Hazel nuts grow in great quantities. Wheat, barley, oats, rye, timothy, alfalfa and clover can be grown easily and profitably. The land is especially suited to wheat-growing. The uplands are of black loam with clay sub-soil. The first bench in the river bottoms is of black loam and

gravel sub-soil, and in many places there is silt soil, the same as the farms in the Yakima and Wenatchee valleys in Washington.

This is not wholly new, but it is wholly interesting and the Post has done well by directing attention to such evidence from a disinterested source. We say it is not new, because if any one would take the trouble to search the Colonist files for the last quarter of a century, he would find many statements to the same effect. At one time every person in the province believed these things, and at the time the British-Pacific was projected, and that was seventeen years ago, both the Victoria papers printed much about the great potentialities of what we then used to call "the Central Plateau." The names were unfortunate and it created a false impression. On this continent we are accustomed to apply the term plateau to elevated tablelands, and prairie to those of less elevation. As a matter of fact, very much of the Central Plateau is lower than much of the prairie region east of the mountains, but few people know this. This great region is one of the developments of which the Colonist has sought to promote for a quarter of a century. We are sometimes asked why the people of this city constantly look forward to the railway connection with that part of the province. The reason is that the older residents have always known it to be a region capable of great possibilities. It was thought worth developing even when there was no prairie market in sight to supply a market for the timber that can be shipped east over such a line better than in any other way. We do not recall in all the British Pacific literature a single reference to east-bound lumber freights from Vancouver Island and the country north of Seymour Narrows. The value of Central British Columbia was for a time overshadowed by the construction of the Canadian Pacific and the development of Yale and Kootenay. It is being recognized anew, and with the new recognition there will be, we believe a revival of the railway project upon which the people of this city have reckoned so much and so long.

THE NORTHERN INDIANS.

An indication of the feeling of the Northern Indians is to be found in the determination of the Naas river tribes not to take anyone up the stream in boats. The Colonist has never held an alarmist attitude on this matter, and does not think there is any cause for doing so; but those who suppose that the feeling among the Indians has subsided are in error. The situation needs closer investigation than has yet been made. It is not a matter that can be disposed of in a brief visit to the North by any official. A gentleman who "knows the Indians well" has suggested to the Colonist that a commission consisting of white men in whom the Indians and local white men have confidence, and Indians having the confidence of their fellows, presided over by an official of the Indian Department, ought to visit the country along and north of the route of the Grand Trunk Pacific and adjust all open questions. He said that while the Indians are inclined to be sulky, they did not fear any open violence, unless they got hold of liquor, but if that happened, no one could say what the result might be. Certain indiscreet white people have been instilling into the minds of the Indians the notion that they are absolute owners of the whole region, and that white people have no right to it, except with their permission. An understanding ought to be reached as soon as possible. The Indians are claiming the best parts of the country, although they make no use whatever of them. As settlers go in, these unused lands will be needed. It will also become very difficult, if not impossible, to keep liquor from the Indians, and serious consequences may result. We urge an adjustment of all open questions now, before there has been any serious friction.

That some of the suffragettes have gone stark mad on that one question seems the only conclusion from today's news from London.

It is to be hoped that Victoria has seen its last "tag day." Such a performance is more or less of an imposition and the people of Victoria have had quite enough of it. The anti-tuberculosis hospital has other and better ways of raising money than this.

It is in order for some Conservative paper to reprove the Ottawa Citizen for the following: "Hon. Mr. Lemieux deserves the highest praise for the straightforward manner in which he denounced the municipal misgovernment of Montreal, and the efforts to get back at him on the part of the grafting element will redound only to his honor and credit."

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Alberta has taken to growing Indian corn and melons. We shall soon be buying our bananas in Calgary.

The proposed installation of an electric smelting plant at Saanich Ste. Marie will be watched with the keenest interest.

The municipal government of the city of New York will expend \$134,000,000 during the ensuing year. It costs more to govern New York than any other city in the world.

The retiring vice-president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association advocates a sur-tax on imports from the United States. What good would that do?

Montreal has decided to adopt the system of municipal government by a Board of Control. We believe the citizens of Victoria would favor such a plan.

Those interested in the wholesale fur trade predict an advance in prices. The reason is that their use is becoming more general. In many cities, where, until recently no one ever thought of wearing furs, they are becoming regular articles of ladies' dress.

Australia's military preparations are to be on a generous scale. It is said to contemplate a force of 240,000 men by the year 1916. We do not understand that any considerable number of these will be constantly under arms in time of peace. The idea seems to be to train the whole male citizenship of the country. Comment upon the proposal would be of little value without the details of the measure at hand.

A despatch says that unfavorable comment has been caused in England by an advertisement in the Mail and Empire of Toronto for a farm hand, in which occurs the words: "No Englishmen need apply." Now what was the amount? Somebody has seen fit to say that while he wants to hire a man he does not want an Englishman. "There is no accounting for tastes, as the old lady said when she kissed the cow," and that is about all the comment such an advertisement seems to call for.

The Montreal Star, which at one time was disposed to look upon the eastern division of the National Transcontinental Railway, as of doubtful utility, now says: "The Dominion Government, however, will recognize the necessity for haste. Canada is not building this road for fun. It needs it in its business. The West is growing at a marvelous rate; and it has long been a question, whether the spurs could carry off what was being dumped into the hopper. The link at Quebec may not be completed as soon as most of us would like."

Certain contemporaries seem to be under the impression that, because a paper supports the Conservative party in Canada, it ought to support the Conservative party in the United Kingdom. The only resemblance between the two parties is in name. Their policies, in the very nature of things, can have no relation to each other. Each country has its own issues, and they are widely distinct.

Speaking at a political picnic in Nova Scotia, Mr. Fielding said: "I am in favor of the people's right to have money to spend for the benefit of their constituency, but I had to tell them they would have to deny themselves, so also I had to say to my friends all over the country, 'We have had suffering and abundantly merciful. Matters are improving now, however, on all sides. We are going to have good times again and then will come the realization of the people in different parts of the country regarding the things they require.' This is a good deal like telling the people that if they haven't yet got what they want, to ask for it."

An expert naval correspondent of the Westminster Gazette sums the new Imperial naval policy up. He says it is "the transference of the wardenship of the Pacific to the people of the three great commonwealths, and the establishment outside Europe of a second centre of sea power; it will still be left to the Mother Country to maintain the two-power standard navy against Europe." He suggests the possibility of a financial contribution from the Indian Empire, and by its help, the establishment of "a second two-power standard in non-European waters, capable of dealing with possible future problems of Imperial defence, which the old formula against Europe was never designed to meet." This certainly has a very satisfactory sound, and if such a policy is carried out, the result will prove a potent factor in maintaining the peace of the world.

FALL CARPETS AND RUGS NOW READY

Come and inspect An Unusual Showing of Exclusive Styles



WE WANT you to come in and inspect our Fall offerings in carpets and rugs before placing your order for your new fall carpets. Our offerings include the very newest and best carpet ideas and our values, as in the past, are the fairest. The quality, of course, is Weiler quality and fully guaranteed. Our carpets come from the leading makers of the world and several of these makers confine their lines to us. This is only done because we buy tremendous quantities. The buying of these quantities and for spot cash secures for us the very best prices. This works to your advantage and is the reason for the excellent carpet value we offer.

The Showing of Rugs and Squares

In rugs and squares we show one of the most extensive ranges to be found in Canada, and we show these in such a way that you may inspect several hundred in a few moments. We refer to our new rug rack—a time and labor saving way of showing rugs. From tapestry squares to the handsome Oriental Rugs costing

HANDSOME CIRCASSIAN WALNUT BEDROOM FURNITURE

Two Suites in This Beautiful Wood Just Received—Lightly Priced

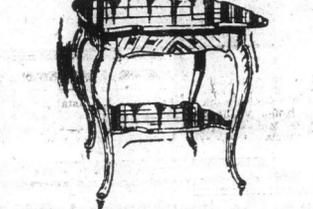
THE beautiful "grain" of the walnut used in these new bedroom furniture items, combined with artistic designing and master workmanship in building, makes some of the most attractive bedroom furniture we have shown. The homekeeper that won't go into raptures over these pieces must be odd indeed. And then the values—surprising. For such superior furniture we think you'll agree these are low-priced.

SUITE—Consisting of dresser, chiffoniere and somnoe. Priced at \$165. Dresser has 4 large drawers and a 36x28 bevel plate British mirror. Chiffoniere has 4 large and 2 small drawers and large bevel plate British mirror. Somnoe to match. The three pieces for \$165

SUITE—Consisting of dresser, chiffoniere and dressing table. Priced at \$175. Dresser has 2 large and 3 small drawers and large oval bevel plate British mirror. Chiffoniere has 4 large and 2 small drawers and large oval bevel plate British mirror. Dressing table has 4 drawers and oval bevel plate mirror. Three pieces \$175

PARLOR TABLES \$3.25

Priced From Each \$3.25



DOZENS OF STYLES SHOWN

At this price and then in-between prices up to \$50, you'll see a choice of parlor or centre tables that'll amaze you. Dozens of styles are offered in all the popular woods and finishes, including golden oak, mahogany, and early English finished oak. All modern styles—the latest ideas.

At \$3.25 we show a golden oak table or one in mahogany finish. See these tables on third floor.

NEW DINNERWARE

Don't fail to see the new arrivals in dinnerware for we are now showing some decidedly interesting patterns—new ones. We have just opened these and the shipment discloses some pleasing services.

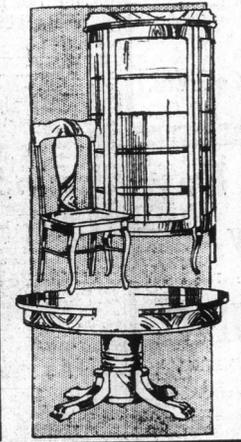
Coupled with our former showing of the display of dinnerware is now an unusual one. No where else in the city will you find such a broad choice of stylish sets.

THE DINING ROOM

Can Best Be Furnished from This Complete Stock

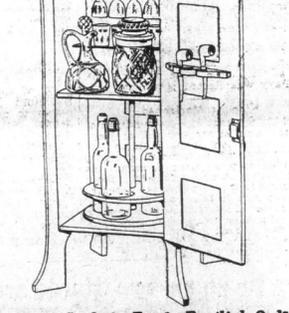
The dining room's needs are best filled from this stock of ours. No such an exposition of dining room furniture is shown elsewhere in the city. Positively the grandest collection of this furniture to be seen in the city.

Visitors to the fair are specially invited to visit this showing of fine furniture. You'll see much to interest you in furniture for the most used room in the home. Third and fourth floors.



E. E. Oak Cellarette \$25

Same As Illustration For \$25



Mission Style in Early English Oak

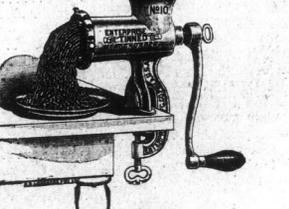
Here is an item for the men folk—an excellent cellarette style. This one is exactly as illustrated with the exception that it doesn't include pipes and bottles. It is, however, equipped with decanter and glasses, pipe racks and bottle racks. Made of selected oak, finished in Early English finish. Priced at \$25

We have another style in golden oak finish. Has pipe and bottle racks and metal ice box, top drawer with card rack section \$35

POT CLEANERS—CHAIN, 15c

POT CLEANERS—the chain style something you need in the home. We have a splendid chain at 15c ANOTHER STYLE, with metal scraper, sells at 25c

GET ONE OF THESE TODAY



MEAT CHOPPERS FROM \$1.75

Cost is but little—the advantages many. Chops vegetables as well as meat. We have just received a new shipment and have three sizes, priced at \$3.00, \$2.50 and \$1.75.



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News of the Fort

Danish Primate Dead COPENHAGEN, Sept. 27.—The primate, a bird of the island of Ith church, died Saturday.

Engaged to Concertist BERLIN, Sept. 27.—Prince Eulenburg, the second son of Philip Eulenburg, has been engaged to the Russian concertist Fraulein Helene Stagemann.

Hurricane Victims NEW ORLEANS, La., Sept. 27.—The bodies of thirty-six soldiers and men were found near Dunbar La., last week, the bodies of a number of dead resulting from day's hurricane up to April 200. The bodies were buried identification.

Miners Imprisoned GOLDFIELD, Nev., Sept. 27.—An accident occurred early today. Hampton slope of the Co. company, taking down the mine shaft, the opening near the tion mill and imprisoning the men. A large force of miners were trying to extricate them.

Swiss Watch Trade GENEVA, Sept. 27.—The watch trade is at present through a serious crisis. The British patent laws, the new law in the opening of the other countries, and "light among the well-to-do class principal reasons for the strike given by several experts.

German Evangelical S. BURLINGTON, Iowa, Sept. 27.—German Evangelical Synod discussed home missions, and was made for an extension of in Canada and the northwest. It approved the organization of missions in large cities of the west. The synod ordered the listing of all persons.

Looking for World's WEST DUXBURY, Mass., Sept. 27.—The end of the world was at the finale in the strange drama here during the last few weeks. The opening of the night occurred as scheduled of the actors tonight left the scene. Hereafter, the world will be a place of implicit faith for the end. Hereafter, the world will be a place of implicit faith for the end. Hereafter, the world will be a place of implicit faith for the end.

Medical Congress BUDAPEST, Sept. 27.—The national Medical Congress held its next meeting in 1912. It was resolved to form a permanent bureau for international congresses. A scheme was then referred to the association of the Medical Congress. The president of the Congress, Dr. Pavy was elected president.

King at Marienbad LONDON, Sept. 27.—Astonishment marked the conduct of the king when he pestered ward at Marienbad. Stump and even matches used to cigars were jealously grabbed. The king was seen in the street, and she was thwarted in her attempt to recognize her and a detective of her intention.

Fire Threatens White WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—out at the White House Saturday afternoon, and for a short mansion was threatened. The fire originated in the furnace room, executive office, which is situated in the president's wing. The fire was communicated to the roof. Firemen quickly had under control. So far as is known, this was the first fire in the White House since the 1814, when the capital by the British, when the capital by the British, when the capital by the British.

Sentenced to Hang SUDBURY, Ont., Sept. 27.—last night His Lordship, Justice Giesbrecht, sentenced Robinson that she be hanged next week for the murder of her husband, John Robinson, and Ellen. In passing sentence Justice Giesbrecht, expressing sorrow for the pitiful case of Robinson, a woman of 50, broken in mind and body, the most serious of all, spoke of recommendation but did not build up the case of execution. He said he has no doubt every effort will be made to have the sentence reprieved.

Approval for Mr. Pitt SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Sept. 27.—As a result of several long talks with Chief Forester Gifford, President Taft has issued a statement in which he declared that never at during the Ballinger-Pitt controversy has the President reflected upon Pinchot, and Mr. Taft takes a more for than ever for the Roosevelt conservation of nature. The President indicates that to be done in the way of arid lands must be done, but he asserts his intention to Congress for such enabling legislation as will Roosevelt policies on the arid lands.

Cunarders at Fishing LONDON, Sept. 27.—The Cunarders' trip to the great achievement for the Great Eastern Railway company, but a good omen for Liverpool, present the interests of Queen Victoria. It does not appear to be adverse but already there is talk of a special train with the mail to Liverpool and the English and Scottish mail will be landed in town. This, of course, is a great convenience. Try us with a trial order. Send for catalogue.