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There will be universal regret that the inter-provincial conference ended without some definite conclusion being reached, which would be acceptable to the people of this province, but the utter failure of the gentlemen present at it to appreciate what is the just due of British Columbia made any such conclusion impossible.

The Colonist takes issue with Sir Wilfrid Laurier upon the point of view from which he has approached the question of better terms for this province, at least so far as that point of view can be ascertained from what has taken place. He appears to have resolved that nothing should be done in the name of the other provinces without their assent to it.

It is a very convenient excuse for the federal ministry a responsibility properly resting there, and that is all that can be said in favor of it. Imperial legislation is not necessarily required, the excuse seems a flimsy one at best.

It is not asking for the province to be treated as a province, but as a part of the Dominion, which is a broad and statesmanlike way, it was the present case of British Columbia. One might reasonably have supposed that the federal premier would, from his vantage ground, take a broad view of the whole field, decide what ought to be done, and see that it was done.

When Hon. Mr. Templeman was at the meeting of the council of the Board of Trade just previous to his departure from Ottawa, he intimated that the probable cost of a connection between the Island and the Mainland by a series of bridges would be between \$20,000,000 and \$25,000,000. This is a very considerable sum of money, but when it is considered in connection with the large amount of money which is being expended for the construction of the Pacific coast, it does not seem so formidable.

Given a railway to Vancouver Island and the future of this part of Canada will be one of amazing progress and development. We have all that is necessary for the support of a population as large as that of any of the other provinces of the Dominion. Our time is coming. Indications are not wanting that it may be nearer at hand than the most sanguine have felt justified in hoping.

At the last session of the provincial legislature, Mr. Macdonald, in introducing the local Liberal party, introduced a resolution for better terms, which was unanimously adopted. He introduced it because he alleged that the government had not put the case strongly enough. It would be interesting to know if Mr. Macdonald contemplated that the British Columbia case would have to meet with the unanimous approval of all the provincial premiers before it would be considered by the Premier of Canada.

One hundred thousand dollars a year for ten years and then nothing more is the exceptional recognition accorded to this province. This may be the Eastern idea of justice but we venture to say that there is not a man in British Columbia, no matter what his political predilections may be, who will not take this view. It is easy to impute motives to Mr. McBride, as our evening contemporary has done: it will be quite another matter to convince the electors of British Columbia that \$100,000 a year for 10 years is anything like what we are entitled to or anything like what we might have justly expected.

Let us put ourselves in the position of Mr. McBride. For years his province has been demanding exceptional consideration because of the exceptional circumstances attending the administration of its affairs. During all these years not a suggestion was made that we must secure the assent of all the other provinces before we asked for what we were entitled to. The Liberal position vis-a-vis the Conservative government is the strength of the language used to express the strength of our case. With these things in his mind the provincial premier reached Ottawa, and found that he had to make a fight for any special consideration at all for British Columbia. On this point he finally succeeded, but when he proposed that the phases of the terms applicable to all the provinces should be the same, he was refused. He must accept what was offered, or he must accept what was offered, or he must accept what was offered.

Under the circumstances above detailed, we suggest in all kindness to the Times that it ought to inform itself before it denies the power of the Canadian parliament to add anything to the terms of union. If we were disposed to follow our contemporary's example and introduce personal attacks, we should be doing a very important question, we might suggest to it that by devoting a little more time to the study of the history and constitution of the Dominion, it would be able to do so.

However much we may sympathize with the feelings of the Vancouver people in regard to the Hindu "invasion," we advise caution. The Hindus are our fellow subjects, and being among people of their race in India are hundreds of people of our own race. While we ought to assert in a resolute way our determination to stop Hindu immigration, we ought not to do so in a fashion that may cause reprisals.

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Skating Club—Owing to Thursday being Thanksgiving day, the invitation Skating club will open Friday night the 19th inst. instead of Thursday, as at first planned.

City Girl—What makes the lake such a beautiful green today? The water is so blue, the grass is so green, the sky is so blue, the water is so blue, the grass is so green, the sky is so blue.

The condition of things in connection with the collection of birds and animals in Beacon Hill park is dealt with elsewhere in today's Colonist, and the facts brought to light show how imperative it is that the civic authorities should give them their immediate attention.

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Building Progress.—Messrs. S. Powell, architects, are calling tenders which will be received up to Monday, October 31st, for a residence on Richardson street, near Government house, for Col. Melmer.

Hunters' Warned.—The shoot the large farm belonging to J. Jones known as Lake Farm, Lake Road, has been leased to a syndicate of business men. A special men employed and notices posted sportsmen will do well to keep property.

Changed Hands.—The Wilson for some time past under the management of Meldrum & Johnson, purchased by S. McElna and J. Jones of Vancouver. The new proprietors, Messrs. Wilson and Jones, will run their place in a strictly first class manner.

Civic Voters' List.—The voters be used at the forthcoming municipal elections is daily becoming large to date about 200 voters have registered. This does not mean any way that the list of last year and more interest is taken the list considerably smaller. Attention is drawn to the fact that the list of the 31st day of October.

From Hunting Trip.—Among the members from the West Coast of Victoria, who have just completed an enjoyable hunting trip for big game, are Mr. J. S. Smith, Mr. J. S. Smith, and Mr. J. S. Smith. The expedition was successful in securing some good specimens of elk, wolf, and other animals, and was given for treatment to W. I. the taxidermist, of the B. C. Fur Government store.

Fall Fair Accounts.—All reports from the B. C. Agricultural Association in connection with the recent exhibition are requested to be sent to the Secretary, who will receive the financial statement complete early as possible, and can only receive by receiving outstanding accounts. The Secretary would also be pleased to receive the subscriptions of those who have not yet paid. The list will be given for payment.

Shearwater Repairs.—An advertisement for shearwater repairs, stating that the firm is invited for the repair of various defects in the hulls and fittings of H. M. S. Shearwaters, and that they are equipped with the latest equipment dock yard, including painting, repairing and trimming, and that they are equipped with the latest equipment dock yard, including painting, repairing and trimming.

Locates in Victoria.—On the occasion of his departure from Grand Forks, Mr. J. S. Smith, who has been in the city for some time, has located in Victoria. He has been in the city for some time, and has been in the city for some time, and has been in the city for some time.

Warm Praise for B. C. Rifle. Writer in "The Last West" a Buquet to Boys from Pacific Province. Those wonderful British boys, I say wonderful because I know of any other word to use to give a faint conception of the sense of the boys of the Pacific Province, who came to Ottawa from British Columbia to attend the Dominion Rifle Association's annual shoot. They were the first to be in the Pacific Province, and they were the first to be in the Pacific Province, and they were the first to be in the Pacific Province.