

What Canadian Editors Think

UNITE AGAINST GRAFT.

(The Shareholder.)

WITH the growth of the country there has also sprung up a class of men whose only aim is to make the most out of the country, and, to do so, all forms and descriptions of graft are resorted to. This result can not fail to become, eventually, a danger spot on the political horizon, unless lovers of their country unite in an honest effort to crush out. Such a union will bring to the front men who will shudder at the thought of robbing their country, and, as a consequence, such men will themselves become the nation builders that the country now stands in need of. We trust that the reign of speculation and graft which has made such rapid advances and threatens to sap the foundations of this promising portion of the British Empire will be speedily crushed out of existence. Now is the time to prepare for such action if the councils of the country are to be purged from the fungi which have grown upon the parent tree. We want nation builders and these should be brought to the front without delay.

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THE ACQUISITIVE BROWN MAN.

(Vancouver World.)

MEASURES of exclusion notwithstanding, the Oriental problem is likely to crop up in various ways in British Columbia for a long time to come. This is the penalty to be paid for the lack of foresight which has permitted large numbers of Asiatics to settle here. The latest example of the perplexities in which we continue to be involved is the movement of Japanese to the land. We have been familiar for many years with the Chinese market-gardener, but the Chinese have contented themselves with small holdings in the immediate vicinity of cities and have shown no disposition to invade the rural districts and establish themselves after the manner of the white settler. The Japanese act on different lines, and judging by the experience of California their recent purchases of farms up the C. P. R. is the first step in a process of gradual occupation which will end in whole districts becoming Asiatic colonies. No more than cattle and sheep can occupy a grazing ground at the same time can the Oriental and the white man live side by side. The former drives out the latter as sheep drive the great herds off the plains. The pressure exerted is partly economic and partly social. The Japanese have captured the fishing industry; in the Queen Charlotte Islands they have made a beginning in the conquest of the mining industry, and they are largely employed in getting out shingle-bolts and in other occupations which used to provide labour for the white man when work in the mills or elsewhere was not to be had. Are they now to go on and take possession of the agricultural resources of the province?

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LUMBER AND THE CROPS.

(Victoria Colonist.)

IT is said that the lumber yards of the prairie provinces are practically empty, and we know that many of the British Columbia mills are idle. If there is to be a bumper crop in the prairie provinces there will be an enormous demand for lumber, which it will be difficult to supply, if the yards there remain empty until after the farmers realise on their crops. All the available rolling stock on the rail-

ways will be needed to move the grain and not much of it will be free for the transportation of lumber. Now, if it were possible for the lumber dealers to stock up in anticipation of the fall demand, it would be an excellent thing for all concerned, and it might be worth consideration by those who are in the best position to judge of such matters, whether or not the wheels of the lumber industry might not be started up a little in advance of the movement of the crops.

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THE NATIONAL BULWARK.

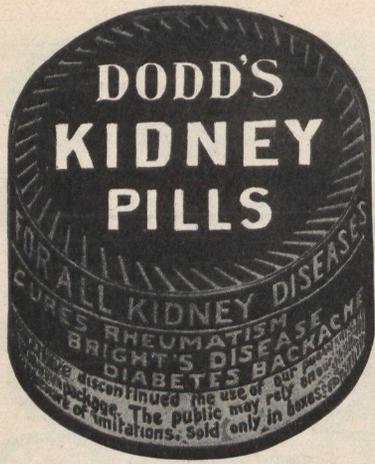
(Montreal Star.)

EDUCATION is a field in which Canada could well afford to lead the world. We are not hampered as they are in Britain by ancient precedents and the covenants that go with endowments. We have a people of more uniform earning capacity than any nation on the Continent of Europe; and hence a people in a better condition to take advantage of educational facilities. We are free from the "blood tax" of military service. We can spend on education what most other countries must spend on an army or a navy; and we are at least as well off; on an average, as most of our rivals in a general capacity for tax-paying. We have less wealth in few hands; but we have less poverty to bow many heads.

The only people in a position to compete with us, if we were to take this matter up seriously, are the Americans. They, too, are without much grinding poverty, and they have a people who would take a high average "polish" of education. As yet, it is only the simple truth that neither of us are as serious over the matter as we should be. It is not only that we do not provide the schools and colleges, but that our young men do not apply themselves to the opportunities which they offer with an earnestness which is typical of Europe. It may be that the European student is too earnest. It may be that he would be the better man if he mixed more play with his work. But we can hardly expect to compete with him in scholarship while we have neither the facilities which he enjoys nor the zeal which he displays.

YOUNG MEN AND PUBLIC LIFE.

DR. PARKIN says that in the administration of the Rhodes scholarships the most disappointing thing he has met is the reluctance of young men from the United States to enter the public life of that country. They claim that it is exceedingly hard to find a straight road into public life. He claims, also, that a similar difficulty meets the young man in Canada. He referred to a young Canadian who was skilled in a particular line, and said that there was an opening in Canada for which he was probably the only one who was qualified. But, instead of the man being appointed to the position, his name was promptly referred to the local member to find out his father's politics. Now, it is certain that if Canada wants the best young men in her service she must deal differently with them. Young men of talent and force of character are not going to fawn upon politicians in order to secure positions, and they will not seek to enter public life through back-stairs influence. Canadian public life to-day needs an influx of patriots, and we would gladly say good-bye to that brand of politician whose patriotism can see no harm in his own party, and no good in his opponents.—*Christian Guardian.*



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