## VICTORIA SEMI-WEEKLY COLONIST, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1906.

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## ANNOUNCEMENT.

The following paragraph appeared in the Vancouver World on Wednesday, August 29:

"Mr. J. S. H. Matson, manager of theColonist, has telegraphed a Nelson paper that the statement that the Colonist has been sold to Chinese is 'a malicious lie.' He adds that Mr. Galletly, of the Montreal Bank, and Mr. Gibb, of the Imperial Bank, both of Victoria, are the 'only persons in the province who know the purchaser,' and that both are prepared to make affidavit to This denial is excellent so far as it goes; but does it go far While there is no reason to doubt Mr. Matson's word, and any statement made by Messrs, Galletly and Gibbs will be accepted without an affidavit as readily as one of their banknotes, what good reason can exist for concealing the name of the purchaser? The Colonist is a reputable journal of great age and respectability and much usefulness, and, gauged by its past career, for an individual to have his name connected with it in any capacity confers an honor upon that individual. It remains, therefore, a matter for explanation why the real purchaser should decline to allow his name to appear -that so secretive is he that even Mr. Matson, the manager, Mr. Gosnell, the editor, and the local directors do not know his name, since Messrs. Galletly and Gibb 'are the only persons in the province who know the purchaser, according to Mr. Matson's telegram. May we not further suggest, without wishing to give offence to our Capital contemporary, that the denial, if any were necessary, should have appeared first in its own columns and not those of a newspaper of limited circulation printed at a town three hundred miles remote from the Capital? And may we not still further say that the bank managers' knowledge asto the real purchaser, which they conceal, in no sense disposes of the accusation, which, we sincerely trust, will be shown to be unfounded. The public await further information with a feeling of deep interest, not unmixed with anxiety."

The World is entitled to its own opinion as to where the contradiction of the statement referred to should have first appeared. This paper does not feel itself under any obligation to deny every silly report that evil-minded people may see fit to circulate about it, but when the editor of the Nelson Canadian telegraphed the manager of the Colonist to ask if the report referred to was true, the latter answered his query. And it occurs to the manager of the Colonist as not a little remarkable that the editor of the Dally Canadian was the only newspaperman who felt it to be his duty as a pubof news, and also in keeping with the spirit of fair play, to ask directly of the Colonist whether or notthe report was true. The reason why the denial first appeared "in a newspaper of limited circulation printed at a town three or four hundred miles remote from the Capital," was because the editor of that newspaper was the first person to ask for the facts, which were at the disposal of the World if it had seen fit to take the course adopted by the Canadian.

The observations of the World about neither the manager nor the editor of the Colonist knowing the owner, is only a little example of what our Vancouver friend thinks is journalistic cleverness: but to remove any doubt m this point and to settle once and for all where the question as to where the control of the Colonist is vested, the following telegrams and letter are

THE OTHER	Nelson, B. C., August 24, 1906.
To R. E. Gospell,	
will publish anythi	possible denial rumor that Colonist purchased by Chinese;
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The Daily Canadian, Nelson, B. C .:

The Daily Canadian, Newson, B. C.: Report that Chinese have purchased Colonist a malicious lie. A. J. C. Gal-letly, manager Bank of Montreal, J. S. Gibb, manager Imperial Bank, both of Victoria, are the only persons in the province who know the purchaser, and are prepared to make an affidavit to this effect. They can also prove that the owner is a loyal British subject, and not of Chinese extraction or origin. Any person alleging that it is owned or controlled, in whole or in part, by Chinese, will be charged with libel by the company, and prosecuted. J. H. S. MATSON. Managing Director.

Victoria, B. C., September 1, 1906. J. S. H. Matson, Esq., Managing Director, Colonist P. & P. Co., Ltd., Victoria, B. C.:

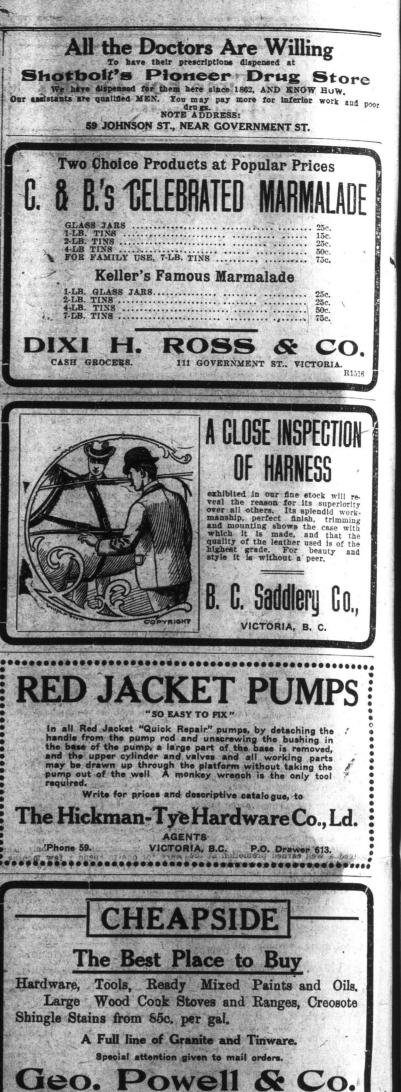
Dear Sir-As requested by you, we have pleasure in confirming the state-ments contained in your telegram to the Daily Canadian newspaper, Nelson, B. C. The purchaser of The Colonist Printing & Publishing Company is a loyal British subject, well known to us, and of excellent standing. We further state that through the owner, we know that Mr. Matson has been instructed to dictate the policy of The Colonist Printing & Publishing Company, for a period of 25 years.

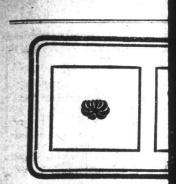
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Having disposed of this matter, it may not be out of place for the Colonist to say a few words as to its future course. This paper has been for so

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Coming to Coast.—It is anno-from Ottawa that a motion wi made at the next session of parila for a trip of senators and membe the Pacific Coast. Joseph G. H. guson is heading the movement.

Exhibition at Kelowna.-The Exhibition at Kelowna.—The I premiums offered by the Agricu and Trades Association of Okan has been received. The exhibition be held at Kelowna on Wednesday Thursday, September 12th and 13t might be expected the prize list ind a large number of fruit exhibits. 'I are very liberal premiums offered b association.

Health of City Good.—Sanitary spector Wilson stated yesterday interview that the city is at pr absolutely free from \_all conta diseases. There wasn't a case of the common infections disease of of the common infectious diseases he knew of anywhere within the l of the municipality, the isolation pital was deserted, and in fact conditions from a sanitary stand were better than had been the ca many months.

The White Plague.—It has been ranged to hold the public meetin the interests of the Anti-Tubercu Society on Tuesday evening instea Wednesday, as at first announced, change has also been made in the p of meeting, which will be the Vic theatre instead of the city hal originally intended. The prins speaker will be Rev. W. Moore, D of Ottawa. The meeting will b at \$:30 p. m.

Companies Incorporated.—Notic given of the incorporation of the lowing companies: British Beer Br eries, Limited, with a capitalizatio \$100,000; Gonzales Point Land C pany, capitalized at \$60,000. Blaine Shingle Company, of Bl Wash., has been registered as an ex provincial company, with Nath McNair, mill foreman at New W minster, as attorney for the comp for the province.

Alberni Liberals.—At a Liberal vention held at Alberni on Wedne evening last, H. C. Brewster was lected as the Liberal standard beare the next general provincial electi The following resolution was also pa "Resolved, that a vote of confidence tendered to J. A. MacDonald, M. P. leader of the provincial Liberal pa and that this convention pledge th selves to do their utmost to retur supporter of the Liberal party at next general election."

Well Earned Promotion.—Provin Constable Stenson of this city received a well earned promotion at hands of the previncial government, i ing received the appointment of chie police for the district of Nanaimo , the Nanaimo Herald. The duties of office have hitherto been under the rection of Mr. Marshall Bray, the i government agent. Mr. Stephenson now have complete control of all po matters in the district and his of will be in the provincial jail. Well Earned Promotion .-- Provis

Mr. Morse's Tour.—Says the Wi peg Free Press of Tuesday last: W. Morse, general manager of Grand Trunk Pacific, left Montreal Saturday last on another tour of western line of the new Transcontin al. On this trip, Mr. Morse intends look over the western portions of al. On this trip, Mr. Morse intends look over the western portions of road, including the stretch between mountains and the coast, and he spend some time at Prince Rupert, city which is to spring up on the P fic coast at the terminus of the line. Mr. Morse declined to speak fore leaving, as to his particular in tions of this trip, but he will prob make a number of important arran ments with regard to the most west

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long a time identified with the history of Victoria and British Columbia that, on the occasion of a change in control, its readers and the public generally may not unnaturally wish to know what to expect of it.

In the first place and principally, the Colonist will aim at being a newspaper./ It will, as far as it is able, " print all the news that is fit to print." In its treatment of news the Colonist will be fair and impartial, not permitting its views on public questions to prevent its presentation of facts. This will be rigidly applied to the reporting of proceedings at public meetings. The Colonist does not consider that the only interesting news is that which pertains to the doings of the vicious or the criminal. It will svoid sensationalism. It invites contributions of news; but they must be concise. If they are used, they will be paid for at current space rates, if the person sending them in so desires.

Matters relating to the interests of Victoria and Vancouver-Island will receive special attention; but the Colonist's wish to advance the prosperity of its own particular constituency will not lead it to neglect the welfare of the province at large. Many things must be done before this great province enjoys that degree of prosperity which its resources ensure, and it will be the aim of this paper to assist in every way possible the advancement of that end. Hence all private enterprises, whether undertaken by corporations or individuals, calculated to promote the public welfare, will, if the good faith of their promoters is established, receive the hearty support of this paper.

In politics the Colonist will continue to give the Conservative party of Canada, and the administration of Hon. Richard McBride, loyal support. It holds itself free to discuss upon their merits all measures, from whatever source they may emanate, and to be free to condemn or approve of the acts of public men, no matter to what political party they may belong.

While inviting its readers to use its columns for the expression of their views on public questions, the line will be strictly drawn against personal attacks in correspondence.

As far as it is able to guard against it, the Colonist will not give its support to any enterprise or project which may not be wholly in the public interest; in other words, it will be opposed to "graft" in any shape or form. The Colonist will depend upon the public for its prosperity. It will there-fore endeavor to serve the public well and faithfully. Through all the vicissi-tudes of its career this paper has maintained a reputation for reliability and good faith. This its new management hopes to be able to enhance. It hopes to be able to so deal with public questions as to enjoy the confidence of its friends and the respect of its opponents. But above all it hopes to present to its readers from day to day a clean, wholesome newspaper. May we, therefore, ask that the publishing companies of Canada give to this denial upon the question of Chinese ownership and the policy herein outlined of the Colonist the same prominence they have given to unfounded statements that were undoubtedly published with a view to discrediting its influence as the leading exponent of the Conservative party in western Can-ada, and incidentally the standing of the publishing company as a commer-cial enterprise. interest; in other words, it will be opposed to "graft" in any shape or form.

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