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A fast Atlantic service is a necessary part of the scheme of a new Australasian route. We heard much of it a year or two ago, but latterly there has been little mention of it. For this Mr. Haggart is chiefly responsible. The proposition which excited most comment was that the Canadian Pacific company should take over the Intercolonial, and in consideration of an annual bonus equal to the chronic deficit in operating that railway the company would establish a fast Atlantic line and make the Intercolonial a part of its system. But Mr. Haggart put a stop to this talk by making the Government railway self-sustaining. The question will come up again, however, and Mr. Huddart's visit to England is likely to precipitate it. The new service from Vancouver to Sydney, has quite taken the fancy of the English, and it is thought within the region of probability that the Imperial Government will listen favorably to Mr. Huddart's appeal to round it off by making the Atlantic end of it as perfect as possible. Canada is giving a subsidy of \$125,000 a year to the Pacific line, and keeps standing an offer of a much larger sum to assist in establishing a twenty-knot service across the Atlantic. It only requires the co-operation of the British Government to insure the success of the enterprise, and this Mr. Huddart is hopeful of obtaining. With a fast Atlantic service and the improvements that would be made along the rest of the route, the time between London and Sydney would be reduced to twenty-eight or twenty-nine days, breaking the P. and O. record by a week.

In an interview with a London pressman Mr. Huddart speaks enthusiastically of the Canadian route. Leaving out its purely commercial aspect, he thinks it is bound to become the favorite with the travelling public. "In British Columbia alone," he says, "you have a Switzerland and a Norway rolled into one. No man can attempt to describe the scenery and no man who knows the country will deny that from the gate of the St. Lawrence to Victoria on the Pacific coast you have a tourist land of unparalleled attractions." There is more to the same effect, but that is not all. "Do you know what it is to be quarantined?" ask Mr. Huddart. He does. In the East they quarantine on the slightest provocation, and in the hot sun of Aden, Malta, Gibraltar, and the Suez itself the restraint superinduces a condition akin to being grilled. The risk of quarantining by the Canadian route is too slight to be taken into account. With its advantages in time, which will be of great commercial value, and with its superior and varied attractions as a purely tourist route, the effort to establish a first-class service between Great Britain and Australasia across Canada is bound to be successful.

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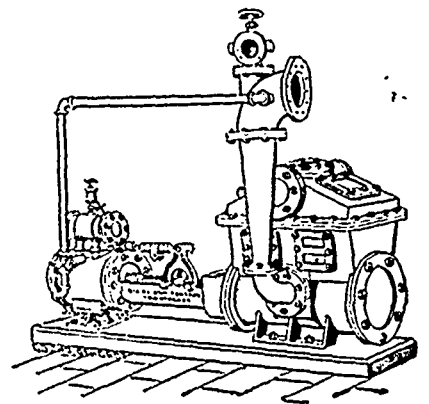
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