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from prominent business men on the tess outlook. One of them is from Mr. Byron E. Walker, President of the Bank of Commerce. He speaks from the banker's standpoint, and says that "while there is much in the present situation to cause men to be unusually careful and prudent, there is nothing to warrant the belief that, provided the crops of 1908 are normal, we shall itely worse position than he would be if he had remained in England.

the crops of 1908 are normal, not before long be again in a quite prosperous condition." He thinks the existing curtailment of business is de-

which "we can hope to have matters return rapidly to a normal condition." Mr. C. C. Ballantyne, of the Sherwin-Williams Company, Montreal, "can see no reason for any one entertaining any other but the most optimistic views in and development of our country with all her diversified interests." We quote

further from his letter: Business all over th the country is Business all over the country is rapidly improving, and with a favor-able spring, and money easier, trade conditions will soon return to their normal activity. Our great railways ormal activity. Our great railways are not slackening their efforts any, are not slackening their efforts any, but are pushing forward their large development schemes with all energy and enthusiasm, for fhe present and future greatness of our country. Now is the time in our history for all true Canadians to be imbued with

adian government has sent to the Lon-don Standard a copy of a letter, which he addressed to Mr. W. F. Hamilton, Chairman of the Church Army, who had remonstrated against the require-ments of our government in regard to assisted emigrants. We have not seen Mr. Hamilton,s remonstrances, but take it that he objected to the requirement provided in the regulations in respect to immigrants having some means at

though it is only a punitive expedition, may prove very troublesome. The disturbance created by the Kurds is within Russia's sphere of influence as to immigrants having some means at their command before being permitted to land in the Dominion for Mr. Smith 

returned by the steamship company to England, destitute, and minus even the comfort of the attenuated list of worldly possessions they once had. Surely it is better such should know

before parting with their belongings that they are unsuitable and liable to rejection at the port of landing in Can-

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Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, April 10, 1908.
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Dear Sir,-Just a line (across the continent) to say how greatly 1 appre-cipte the Sunday edition of the Colon-ist. Among a hundred exchanges there are few, if any, over which I Illinger so long. "An Hour With the same spent forty years in news-paper work.
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those who refuse to join them. There will now be a general inclination to attach some importance to the utter-ance of those who contend that in some trifling respects the immigration policy of the Laurier government could be amended with advantage to the country.

The discussion of the open question between the Dominion and 'ocal gov-ernments in regard to the fisheries within the province is at present at a standstill, owing to the fact that the representative of the former has found it necessary to ask for instructions. Pending further action, we think it just as well to defer any comment, ex-cept to say that the claim of the local government apnears wholly reason-

less-steered torpedo," which can be directed for miles and exploded when directed for miles and exploded when required. A special London cable, dated April 9, says: "The Evening News describes the torpedo invented by Grendell Matthews, which the in-ventor says can be controlled abso-lutely up to a distance of miles and which can be exploded at any mo-ment desired by means of wireless telegraphy. No connection to guide the instrument is necessary between it and the torpedo boat from which

it and the torpedo boat from which it is discharged. The inventor also asserts he has discovered an electri-cal wave which cannot be interfered with."

All the daily newspapers in the Do-minion of Canada and many in the United States yesterday morning pro-claimed the fact that the city of Victoria, B.C., led every city in Can-ada in bank clearings during the week just closed. There may be better advertising than this, but we never heard of it. The Colonist has received ample a

Now we are told that the financial panic of last fall was the result of a conspiracy and that proof can be forth-mentioned was true, but few supposed that its truth could be demonstrated. It is to be hoped that the evidence

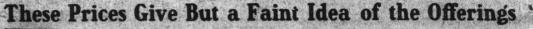
Canadian dock the wheat fields and the railway lines under construction are a few hours' walk inland. But it is the truth, and it cannot be too generally. Understood that in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred a penniless and friendless immigrant dumpéd ashore at St. John or Montreal is in an infin-tiely worse nosition than he would be One of the things that is indisputation about this matter is that Mr. Rust oc-cuple; no unique position in respect to his spinion of newly-arrived English-men. Similar expressions from em-ployers have been heard all over Can-ada. We have on previous occasions dealt at some length with this ques-tion and can only reiterate that we

dealt at some length with this dues-tion, and can only reiterate that we believe the chief difficulty with the average Englishman arriving in Can-ada is that he is too prone to suppose he has been entrusted with the mis-sion of educating Canadians how to do things as they do "at home." Cana-dians have methods of their own for their own for airs: and when dians have methods of their ow the conduct of their affairs; and they give any man work they expect him to fall in line with those methods without demur. If an Englishmer without demur. If an Englishma will only keep this in mind, he will

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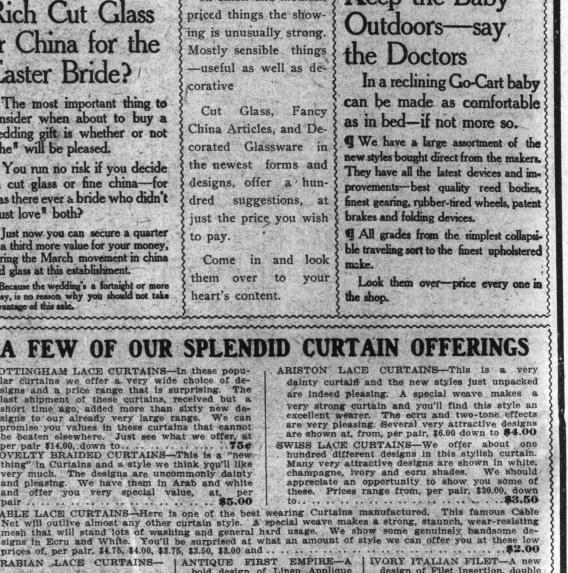


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The citizens of Victoria are under great obligations to the eight hundred steat congations to the eight hundred people who voted on Thursday upon the four by-laws. Only about one per-son in five qualified to vote thought it worth his while to go to the polls. which discloses an apathy in public matters that is somewhat surprising although not unusual. It is true that the four role in such case is to with the favorable vote in each case is to quote be regarded as an expression of con-indence in the City Council, as we may y is assume that those who, did not vote

were quite content to accept the judg-ment of the Mayor and Aldermen, for if they were not, the assumption is that they would have voted against the by-laws. But such an exhibition of apathy is much to be regretted, and arouses a doubt as to the expediency of submitting matters of such a bind the white Star Steamship common that the White Star Steamship common that the making, you need but turn your submitting matters of such a bind to the white Star Steamship common that the making, you need but turn your submitting matters of such a bind to the white Star Steamship common that the making, you need but turn your in the making, you need but turn your

THE BY-LAWS VOTE.

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other, to find out what the actual con-ditions were during the first six weeks of this year (1908), and what their opinion was of the outlook for the rest of the year. The result of the confer-ence fully justified the information we had gathered, and the view we had held, viz., that while care and caution had been exercised in the purchase of goods, and merchants were anxious and determined to pay off their debts, and although there was some fear in

and although there was some fear in some quarters, there was no cause for anxiety either as to the amount of business or the volume of trade that will be done this year in Canada in staple articles and goods that are in daily use

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a very large number of customers on our books, over 95 per cent in number and nearly 98 per cent. in amount, pay within 80 days, the bulk of them in ten days, from date of involce. We think these views of men in a position to judge of business condi-tions are very satisfactory. In our

tions are very satisfactory. In our own city the depression has really not been felt at all, and it is highly satisfactory to know that throughout the whole country things are in so satis-factory a condition as the above let-ters demonstrate.

BRITISH IMMIGRATION

Canada is to have what is termed in a brief despatch we had from Lon-don yesterday "an Imperialist jour-don yesterday "an Imperialist jour-don yesterday "an Imperialist jour-and." This is assuredly an extremely interesting bit of news, but at present the details of the scheme are workluly lacking. All that we are told about it so far is that on the occasion of the departure for Canada of Mr. W. A Goode, secretary of the West Indian gration, who is well and now is in Lon-entative of the Can-Mr. J. Obed Smith, Assistant Super-intendent of Immigration, who is well known in Victoria, and now is in Lonthe repre

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