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ALL THE WORLD OVER.

*"I must have liberty.
Withal as large a charter as the wind—
To blow on whom I please."*

WHATEVER be the merits of the issues as between the *Times* and *Colonist* on the Post Office employee question the fact remains that the Ottawa Government have paid, or have ordered to be paid, \$40 out of the \$50 which were in dispute. It matters little to the public whether or not the credit of securing an act of delayed justice was due to the Governor-General, to Messrs. Earle and Prior, or to Senator Macdonald, so long as the object has been attained. The men asked for no favors, their demands were backed up by their leading fellow-citizens, and it certainly has been disgusting to see how, over the subject, the two city papers have been berating one another like two old fishwives, the one in the interest of the powers that be, the other so as to secure the advantage for those who want to be.

There is such a thing as carrying out the principle of retrenchment and economy to by far too great lengths, and in this direction the Board of School Trustees of Victoria have gone to an unwarrantable length in the report which has just been issued and which much resembles the campaign manifesto of the retiring trustees who were seeking re-election. The report harps upon the proposed ten per cent. reduction, the observation being made that the salaries had in the main been determined when the cost of living was high. But let it be asked if it costs ten per cent. less to bury people, have the profits on articles in the fancy line been reduced all round to the extent of ten per cent., and have the incomes of those who are classed as "gentlemen" been reduced proportionately, to what ten per cent. would mean to the bulk of the teachers whom it is proposed to deprive of one tenth of their living without in any way diminishing their labors?

A gentleman recently returned from Honolulu says that numerous settlers are arriving in the Hawaiian Islands, many of them from the Pacific Coast, particularly Puget Sound. The person referred to says the climate is mostly perfect and the soil is very fertile. By no means as much money is said to be required to put coffee on the market as sugar. There is a good demand for first-class mechanics but no room for laborers, there being an ample supply of them. Although Honolulu has no cable service it has splendid telephonic connections,

almost every house having a connection. The new railway forty-two miles long, now being built at Oahu, will, it is said, open up a great deal of government land especially suited for growing pineapples and bananas, which is offered for sale at very reasonable prices.

It is reported that the Chinese government is so jealous of the National territory that rather than yield a foot of it to the conquering Japanese it would continue the war and take the chances of the effect of climate upon the invaders in preference to making any surrender. This is a direct and distinct bid for European intervention, which, no doubt, the Japanese are quick to apprehend. But it should not be permitted to influence the policy of the government. It is not natural that China, following the example of Russia, should leave it to the "unseen toe" to strike down her enemy, but the cases are different. Civilization is interested in making a speedy end of this quarrel. China is worsted beyond recovery and must accept terms. Protraction of the struggle is out of the question.

There is one very important matter that was not discussed during the recent municipal campaign, and although it may seem of secondary consideration to those men who aspired to occupy chairs around the council board, it is one of the most vital to the stranger within our gates. I refer to street numbering. On this subject Paul C. Bushby writes:

"Compared to Europe every