Central British Columbia

The Land of Last Great Opportunities

The majority of people scarcely know that there is a "Central" British Columbia.

We are accustomed to think of everything north of Ashcroft or Kamloops as "Northern British Columbia." This is a great mistake.

British Columbia is the largest province in the Dominon of Canada.

But of all British Columbia, there is only one part which possesses such a splendid forest and mineral wealth as well as a vast area of agricultural land; there is, therefore, only one part that is capable of supporting a vast population.

This is Central British Columbia—that great Inland Empire which lies between the Rockies and the Cascades, through which the Grand Trunk Pacific will run, and into which several other lines of railway are building.

The Official Publication of the Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. States:

"It is probable that no other area in North America can equal this portion of British Columbia in her natural resources. It is in truth a northern Eldorado, which future events are bound to verify. The climatic conditions have in the past been supposed to be severe during the winter season, but the fallacy of this impression is rapidly being made known on account of the reverse conditions actually existing, due, in large part to the proximity of this territory to the Pacific Ocean and the influence of the Japan current."

MINERAL WEALTH.

Central British Columbia possesses in the Cariboo and Findlay River districts what are in all probability the richest mineral deposits on the continent.

It contains numerous deposits of coal of splendid quality.

It is flanked on either hand by the splendid forests of the eastern slopes of the Cascades and the western slopes of the Rockies.

Above all, Central British Columbia contains an area of millions of acres of agricultural land.

WORLD'S LAND HUNGER.

In discussing the food needs of the fast-increasing population the world over, P. A. O'Farrel, United States pure food commissioner, in the New York World of Nov. 7, said: "When Lincoln was elected, there were 31,000,000 people in the United States. Next year's census will tell of 93,000,000 inhabitants. As James J. Hill forcibly said, the day is fast approaching when the farmer will be king, and when there is land hunger will set the price of the necessities of life.

"France alone among nations," he continued, "has put agriculture in the forefront of all industry, and France is supreme and alone among nations in her economic and financial strength. You cannot buy an acre of good agricultural land today in France for $1,000.

"The day of cheap farm land is vanishing.

"And this leads me to say that Western Canada and British Columbia are the last great and valuable divisions of the world left for the white man to transform from wilderness to smiling and fruitful countries.

LAST GREAT WEST.

"Western Canada has 200,000,000 acres of the richest wheat and pasture lands waiting for settlement. British Columbia has 50,000,000 acres of rich land waiting to be transformed into orchard, meadow, garden and grain field. These 250,000,000 acres of virgin land can be made to produce food to support 200,000,000 people. And within 20 years this great undeveloped area will all have to come into cultivation to meet the rapidly-expanding demands of the world.

"And let me tell The World that the most glorious country of the future is British Columbia. It covers an area greater than the British Isles, Belgium, Holland, Denmark and the German Empire combined. Its climate is superior to that of England and France, and indeed to that of any country on this earth of ours. Its fisheries are the most abundant of any nation on this or any other continent. It has 182,000,000 acres of standing timber of priceless commercial value. The energy of 25,000,000 horses runs waste in its mighty rivers. Its internal water highways can be formed into the most wonderful system of waterways and power developers.

"It is another interesting and curious fact that British Columbia has the lowest taxes, the wisest executive and the most progressive parliament of any in the world. Eighty-seven per cent of the revenue of the country is supplied from royalties. Expanding revenues and increasing surpluses is the story told year after year to parliament by its finance minister. The Government is suffering from an embarrassment of riches."

Fort George

This is the new townsite on the Grand Trunk Pacific (transcontinental) Railway—half way between Edmonton and Prince Rupert, and in the geographical centre of British Columbia.

At the present time three lines of steamboats ply out of Fort George, on 1,000 miles of navigable waterways of which Fort George is the junction.

Fort George is the terminus or on the line of seven different railways which are building or projected. Several steamboats and numerous barges are being constructed to take care of the increasing traffic.

The moment the first railway reaches Fort George, this enormously rich agricultural, mining, coal and timber country tributary to 1,000 miles of navigable waterways, will be open for development; and the immense tonnage from these waterways will be transferred to the various lines of railway at Fort George.

Fort George is the gateway to the Nechacco, Bulkley, Fraser, Peace River and other valleys, and to the Cariboo, Yukon and Inginika mining districts.

First offering of what will be the best business lots in one of the largest cities in the West is now put before the public.

The price for a short time will be $150 and $300 per lot, payable $10 down and $10 per month—no interest, no taxes—10 per cent discount for cash.

Title is insured and guaranteed by the Government, which owns one-quarter of the lots.

Official information of this wonderful country, maps, plans, etc., can be had by addressing at once:

Natural Resources Security Co., Ltd.
497 Winch Building
Vancouver, B. C.

GIVE GOSPEL TO EAST REMOVE SUPREME DANGER

Rev. Dr. Manning's Words at Missionary Banquet in Colborne Street Church.

There was a very large and enthusiastic turnout at the missionary banquet held in the Sunday school room of the Colborne Street Methodist Church last night, nearly 200 sitting down to the sumptuously spread tables.

Rev. C. E. Manning, of Toronto, one of the missionary secretaries, addressed the gathering on the forces that made for Canada's greatness. Rev. Dr. Manning, of Dundas Centre Methodist Church, also spoke briefly, wishing the congregation every success in their missionary campaign.

"No country has ever been really or permanently great," said Rev. C. E. Manning, "without great material resources. We may talk as we like of the corrupting influence of money, but yet no country can be really great without it, and in this Canada is greatly blessed.

"Can anybody say that in these things Canada has not all the material resources that are necessary to make her one of the greatest nations in the world.

Meeting Other People.

"But something else is necessary to make Canada a great nation. One of these is population, and I believe that to make a great nation it is necessary that its citizens should come in contact with men of other nationalities.

"I am satisfied that there are not 7,000,000 of people who are destined to come in contact with as many races as we in Canada.

"I believe people are going to come from the Orient because it is in the providence of God that they should. Does not the cry of the hungry millions in India and China and Europe go up to God, and do you think he is going to turn a deaf ear just to let 7,000,000 people have control of 200,000,000, just to let us have our way and exclude those whom they do not like.

"The hope for Canada and the hope for western nations is to give to the people of the Orient the gospel of Christ. For China without the gospel of Christ cannot but be a supreme menace to the western world.

"There is just one thing that can insure our greatness in the truest sense, and that is to have a nation of intelligent god-fearing people. If we are a people who fear God and work righteousness, I do not think that anything can stop us from being a great nation.

"The Methodist Church, besides being responsible for the heathen in China and Japan, have assumed the responsibility of one-third of the emigrants who are coming to our shores.

"We are to give according as God has prospered us. Not necessarily a tenth. Some men will be under an obligation to pay more. What obligation was laid on Paul to make him the great missionary that is not laid on us all?

"What we need to get, or the amount of $5 per member, is not more money, but a greater consecration to the ideal of the Lord Christ.

"If we are to do the work we must put our givings on a business basis, and that, I think, is the weekly envelope system, and that the laymen of the church should throw themselves heartily into this work."

"Our board," said Mr. Malott, "expressed itself as advocating strongly the weekly envelope system."

At the conclusion of the meeting the pastor, Rev. F. E. Malott, made a strong plea for a systematic adoption of the weekly envelope system. In this he was ably seconded by Rev. C. E. Manning.

ELGIN COUNTY AFTER A SPECIAL GRANT

If It Can't Get It Wants Claim Against County of Middlesex Revived.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Feb. 16.—Elgin County wants a special Government grant of $5,500, one-third the price the council paid four years ago to the lessees of the London and Port Stanley toll roads.

This request was made by an Elgin deputation to the Minister of Public Works Hon. Dr. Reaume and Attorney-General Foy this morning, and it ventilated an old dispute between the counties of Elgin and Middlesex that dates back to 1855. The Elginites were introduced by county members, Mr. Finlay McDiarmid and C. A. Brower.

Wm. Jackson, ex-M. P., the spokesman for the deputation, asked that, should this grant be not forthcoming that the Government revive the claim of Elgin against the county of Middlesex, which totals over $8,000. This sum was handed over by Elgin to Middlesex in 1855, and with the latter county's share, was to have been paid over to the Government of old Upper Canada for the toll road which the counties took over when they separated. This money, the Elgin members allege, was retained by Middlesex, along with its own share of the purchase price. Elgin's claim for a Government grant was based on the fact that the county had spent $16,500 in getting the road back from the lessees and had since expended $20,000 on its maintenance, so that in a sense a grant under the good roads act was due.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Bergey Replies.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

Since coming to your city my attention has been called to a letter you published in last Friday's Advertiser. In this letter the writer criticises my statement made in my address last week to the hardware convention assembled here—that 95 per cent of the retail men do not succeed in making good in a big way.

The writer evidently did not hear my address, for he refers to actual failures that end in bankruptcy, quoting as he does, Dun's and Bradstreet's.

I stated that only 5 per cent made good in a big way; the other 95 per cent made only a fair living or failed entirely. The difference, in our opinion, is merely a difference in our ideals of success.

I don't know what the writer's ideals of success may be, but it certainly can not measure up to the high standard of success adopted by the Sheldon School. I am yours, sincerely

MILTON BERGEY.

London, Feb. 15.

Another Scare.

About 1:30 this afternoon somebody telephoned the police station that a dog on Grosvenor street had frightened some women and requested that an officer be sent up to shoot it. A constable was sent up to see if he could find the animal and shoot it.

Do You Realize What an Important Work the Kidneys Do?

Do you know that every drop of your blood goes to the kidneys hundreds of times every day? Do you know why?

To be filtered and purified from its impurities. That is the great work the kidneys have to do. They filter the blood. Then these impurities go to the bladder and are passed out of the body along with the urine.

Do you think it possible for you to be well, unless the kidneys do this work thoroughly?

It is these impurities—this unfiltered blood—that causes backaches, headaches, rheumatism, diabetes, Bright's disease, etc. They poison and interfere with the whole system.

If you have any kidney trouble let Doan's Kidney Pills do for you what they have done for thousands of others. They cure all forms of kidney trouble, and they cure them to stay cured.

Mrs. Maurice Doiron, Charlottetown, P.E.I., writes:—"I was troubled with my kidneys for five years. They were so bad at times that I could not cross the floor for the pain. I went to a doctor, but he did me no good at all. I sent to the druggist and got five boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills, and I am glad to say that after taking them I was cured. I have had no trouble for nearly three years now."

Price 50 cents per box or 3 for $1.25 at all dealers or mailed direct on receipt of price by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

In ordering specify "Doan's."

PROFESSOR M'CALLUM AT MEDICAL BANQUET

Local Doctors Attended Pleasant Dinner at the Tecumseh House.

The most successful banquet ever given by the London Medical Association was held last evening in the Tecumseh House. There were from 50 to 60 medical men present. When the excellent dinner had been disposed of, Dr. Bateson, the president, introduced Dr. A. B. McCallum, professor of physiology in the University of Toronto, who gave a very interesting and exhaustive paper on "Recent Discoveries on Digestion."

It was a brilliant effort, and thoroughly enjoyed by the medical men present. On the conclusion of the paper it was thrown open for discussion, and Dr. J. B. Campbell, professor of physiology in the Western Medical College, and Dr. H. A. McCallum, professor of medicine, discussed it at some length.

A hearty vote of thanks was extended to Professor McCallum by Dr. W. J. Tillmann and Dr. Angus Graham. He responded briefly, and expressed his great pleasure at being associated once again with many old friends, and also of spending a few hours in the home of his childhood.

A toast to "Sister Associations" was introduced and responded to by Dr. Green, of Embro, who made a witty speech. Regrets were read from the presidents of the Elgin and Lambton County Associations.

PRESENTATION MADE TO MR. WILSON

Well-Known Letter-Carrier Given His Long-Service Medal.

Mr. John Wilson, who has been a long and faithful servant of the government as a letter carrier, and who has lately retired from the work was presented with an Imperial Service Medal this afternoon in recognition of his long connection with the department. The presentation was made by Dr. McDonald, the postmaster, in the presence of the postoffice staff. Dr. McDonald spoke in glowing terms of his long service with the department, and expressed his satisfaction that Mr. Wilson's work had been so appreciated.

SYNODS OF HAMILTON AND LONDON MEET

Important Questions Were Taken Up and Discussed.

A meeting of the foreign missionary committees of the Synods of Hamilton and London was held in St. Andrew's Hall Tuesday afternoon and this morning, and was largely attended.

A number of important questions in connection with missionary work were discussed. Rev. E. H. Sawers, of Brucefield, presided, and before the meeting concluded at noon a resolution of sympathy was passed and will be forwarded to Rev. W. A. Martin, of Brantford, who on Monday evening was taken to the hospital at Rochester, Minnesota, to undergo a critical operation.

OH, YOU POODLE.

An east end merchant, owner of a French poodle, is having his troubles in abiding by the dog muzzling bylaw. He has been unable as yet to locate a store handling muzzles small enough, and a local firm manufacturing the "cages" could not make one of the required size to order. No doubt the dog would cause much havoc and loss of life should he take a notion to have a fit, or an attack of rabies.

STEAMERS ARRIVED

New York, Feb. 15.—Arrived: Minnehaha, from London; Lapland, Antwerp, Russia, Libau; California, Glasgow.

Liverpool—Arrived: Mauretania, New York.

London — Arrived: Minnetonka, New York; Montezuma, St. Johns.

Cherbourg—Arrived: Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse.

Naples—Arrived: Germania, New York.

How often do you eat this food?

A short time ago there appeared in the columns of one of the prominent magazines an article on building brain and muscle by the proper selection of the foods you eat.

A good many people were surprised to find oatmeal placed at the top of the list of foods recommended; but if the article had appeared in an English or Scotch paper every reader would have expected to see first place given to good oatmeal.

As a matter of fact Great Britian and Europe come to us for tremendous quantities of Quaker Oats because it represents to them perfect food, being the richest in flavor and best in cleanliness and purity, of all oatmeals.

Americans should eat more Quaker Oats; the results would soon show themselves in improved conditions of health and strength. 55

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New Black Voiles

Spring stock just received. Prices **50¢, 85¢, $1.00** and **$1.25** a yard.

FEBRUARY FURNITURE SALE

New Black "Resilda" Dress Goods

Plain Diagonal and Rajah Weaves, "Priestley's," **$1.00** and **$1.25** a yard.

Circassian Walnut at February Sale Prices

This Furniture is becoming more and more popular, owing to the beautiful grain, as well as its serviceable and lasting qualities—and the Smallman & Ingram store confines itself to Furniture that survives, because of fitness. We will always find plenty of good Furniture to meet the demand, yet much elimination is necessary in making selection, for there is about one hundred per cent more indifferent stuff on the market than there ought to be. We first eliminate the maker who makes a hobby of this cheap class of Furniture, and in all our selections this is the guiding principle of our Furniture organization. Thus the survival of the fittest theory is operated, much to your advantage.

Circassian Walnut Dining-room Suite

$65.00 Buffet, $45.00

54-inch Buffet, with long mirror, fretwork sides, large linen drawer, 3 small drawers, lined cutlery drawer, two china cupboards. Our regular price $65.00, February Sale price **$45.00**

$43.50 Extension Table, $28.00

Round-Top Circassian Walnut Table, extends to eight feet, beautifully marked. Our regular price $43.50, February Sale price **$28.00**

$38.00 China Cabinet, $27.00

Circassian Walnut China Cabinet, circular glass ends, with shaped front, four shelves and two back mirrors. Our regular price $38.00, February Sale price **$27.00**

$22.00 Side Table $15.00

Circassian Walnut Side Table, with one large drawer and shelf. Our regular price $22.00, February Sale price **$15.00**

$66.00 Set of Chairs, $45.00

Five Diners and Arm Chair, with slip seat, covered in genuine Spanish leather, a beautiful set of Circassian walnut chairs, the regular price of which is $66.00. February Sale price **$45.00**

Circassian Walnut Bedroom Suite

A beautifully marked Circassian Bedroom Suite, after the Sheritan design, now on exhibition in Dundas street window, and marked at February Sale prices. See this outfit.

Dresser, February Sale price **$41.00**
Bed, February Sale price **$24.50**
Chiffonier, February Sale price **$35.00**
Somnoe, February Sale price **$10.50**
Desk, February Sale price **$17.00**

The above Dining-room, as well as Bedroom Furniture is after the Sheritan lines.

LINOLEUMS

Carpets purchased during February Sale will be made, laid and lined free. Also Draperies made and hung.

All Ends To Be Cleared Tomorrow

After our Linoleum Sale of last week we have a number of ends in 2 and 4 yard width, regular 50c and 65c qualities. There are about five room lengths in the 4-yard width and about ten in the 2-yard width, ranging from 2 to 10 yards long. Suitable for halls or small rooms. These will be cleared out tomorrow (Thursday) morning at, per square yard,

25¢ for the 2-yard width **30¢** for the 4-yard width

These will not be cut, but sold by the piece as they are.

We have just received from the manufacturer our first spring shipment of Heavy Cork Linoleums and Floor Oilcloths. The designs have been carefully selected, and if you have a floor to cover this spring, see our new stock.

2-yard widths at, square yard ..... **38¢** and **42¢**
4-yard widths at, square yard ..... **42¢** and **55¢**

Sale of Oriental Rugs

16 Orientals, mostly in Turkish designs, hand-tufted Rugs, at prices within reach of all; in fact, at prices in every case below the actual cost to import. The pile is full and fluffy, half an inch thick, and the designs are suitable for halls, dens, dining or living rooms. A lifetime wear in one of these rugs.

On Sale Tomorrow---Note the Prices

Size 5 ft. 10 in. by 2 ft. 11 in. Price **$9.00**
Size 5 ft. 1 in. by 3 ft. Price **$9.25**
Size 6 ft. 4 in. by 3 ft. 1 in. Price **$10.00**
Size 6 ft. 3 in. by 3 ft. Price **$10.75**
Size 6 ft. 6 in. by 3 ft. 5 in. Price **$12.75**
Size 6 ft. 1 in. by 3 ft. 7 in. Price **$13.00**
Size 7 ft. by 3 ft. 5 in. Price **$14.00**
Size 9 ft. 1 in. by 3 ft. Price **$14.50**
Size 7 ft. 1 in. by 3 ft. 5 in. Price **$14.00**
Size 9 ft. 3 in. by 3 ft. 1 in. Price **$15.25**
Size 9 ft. 2 in. by 3 ft. 2 in. Price **$15.50**
Size 7 ft. 1 in. by 4 ft. 1 in. Price **$15.50**
Size 9 ft. 11 in. by 4 ft. 10 in. Price **$23.00**
Size 9 ft. 1 in. by 6 ft. Price **$26.00**
Size 9 ft. 7 in. by 6 ft. 9 in. Price **$31.00**
Size 9 ft. 11 in. by 6 ft. 11 in. Price **$39.00**

Look over the sizes and if you have a place for one or more you had better see these. Something has dropped in the Oriental Rug market, and these prices are the result of our buyer being on the spot.

IN THE RESTAURANT

Thursday Dinner

Menu

SOUP.
Ox Tail a la Anglaise,
Tomato Bouillon.
Relish,
Pickled Beets.
ENTREE
Cream Fritters a la Vanilla.
ROASTS.
Prime Ribs of Beef au jus,
Young Chicken. Giblet Sauce.
VEGETABLES.
Boiled and Mashed Potatoes.
Stewed Cabbage.
DESSERT.
English Plum Pudding.
Hard or Soft Sauce.
Apple Pie.
Hot Mince Pie. Strawberry Tart.
Tea. Coffee. Cocoa. Milk.

Full Course, 35c; from 11:30 to 2.

Music by Victor gramophone, Thursday and Friday.

Spring Sewing Machine Club Now Being Organized.

SMALLMAN & INGRAM LIMITED

The "Norwood" Drop-Head Sewing Machine, **$23.75**

Personal Mention

Mr. and Mrs. George Hayes, of South London, left for Toronto this morning, where in future they will reside. Mr. Hayes has been transferred from London to Toronto by the Hobbs Manufacturing Company.

Mr. A. E. Silverwood, of the firm of Flavelle, Silverwood Co., left last evening for New York, and will sail for Europe on Thursday.

Miss M. Young, Thamesford, is visiting Miss M. Broughton, 312 Piccadilly street.

Mrs. Palmer G. Edwards (nee Davidson) will be at home, 7 Carfrae Crescent, on the second Thursday of each month.

Mrs. E. Elliott and daughter, of Davidson, Sask., who have been for the past ten weeks visiting with Mrs. Luke Dyer, 434 Pall Mall street, will leave tonight for Joliet, Ill., where they will spend a few days with Mrs. Robt. Taylor before leaving for the west.

Superintendent Gillen, of the Grand Trunk, was in the city this morning.

TWENTY YEARS IN SOUTH LONDON

Rev. Mr. Walker Has Been a Long Time With Baptist Congregation.

Rev. W. M. Walker, pastor of South London Baptist Church for the past nineteen years, preached his first sermon of Sunday last on his twentieth year in that place. His sermon was forceful, and appealed very strongly. Mr. Walker has not only been a man to preach, but his long term has proven him a man who wielded a powerful influence in his living the gospel. The adult classes of the Sunday school listened in the afternoon to an earnest address given by Dr. Stackhouse, of Toronto. Dr. Stackhouse most ably preached in the evening from the text, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

The choir work, under the leadership of the organist, Mr. R. Hurson, was splendid, and the solo work of Mr. Howard Moyer was accepted truly as the power of the gospel in song.

DALAVIA Mud Baths Cure Rheumatism because they draw pain and poison out of the body. Thousands cured. Big Hotel—open all year. For book that tells about the treatment, write to E. B. KRAMER, Pres., Kramer, Ind.

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BREAKFAST SUPPER CHILDREN THRIVE ON "EPPS'S."

In strength, delicacy of flavour, nutritiousness and economy in use "Epps's" is unsurpassed.

AMBROSE WELLS DEAD.

Waterbury, Conn., Feb. 16.—Ambrose H. Wells, a prominent manufacturer and a commissioner of the board of public works, died at his home here last night. He was 72 years old, and leaves his wife and five sons.

Pianos to Rent.

Pianos to rent from $2 per months upwards, six months rent allowed in case of purchase. Williams' Piano Company, Limited, 261 Dundas street. tf

The "Mallarite" Fountain Pen $1.00

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