## The Colonist.

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## A CITY OF OPPORTUNITY

Elsewhere in today's paper will be Victoria and Esquimalt from an industrial point of view. We commend the article to the careful perusal of all readers. The Colonist believes that the time is ripe for a united and persistent effort to make known the industrial advantages of this point. The world knows its charms as a residential city, and in many respects that is a quality the value of which can hardly be overestimated; great as are the benefits that will flow from the occupation of the many charming spots in this vicinity by people of means and leisure, great as are those flowing from a large are those flowing from a large amount of tourist travel, we need not look to them alone as a source of Indeed, as we understand the matter, these may very well be considered as subordinate to the in-dustrial achievements for which we

It is time that the dea, held by some people, even by some Victorians, that we are at a great disadvantage because our city is on an island, was dissipated. It is on an island, but so also are many other cities. And such an island! It is as big as Switzerland and sicher in section? land, and richer in natural resource It is almost three times as large

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and more pronounced every day.

## THE WEATHER

It is with some trepidation that we say anything about this exceedingly delicate subject, but it is legitimate to remark that during this exception ally hard winter Victoria has come off pretty well. Apparently the worst of the hard weather is over, not only 59 JOHNSON STREET here, but elsewhere; but its effects are being felt very severely by the railway companies. The snowfalls .....\$1 00 seem to have been extraordinary, and

followed as they have been by a thaw, the conditions resulting are about as bad as they can very well be. It will take a long time for the railway companies to get their affairs in good or-der again. Passengers and mails will no doubt shortly begin to come through on the regular schedule, but the freight tangle is something that no one can appreciate, not even those who are trying to straighten it out. No one pretends to say where the cars found a resume of the advantages of are. They are somewhere on the rails, Victoria and Esquimalt from an inthem. The ability of the transporta-tion people to bring order out of chaos is equal to any emergency, and we do not expect that there will be any serious delay or loss caused by the blocking of traffic. Up to date, so far as has been reported, there has been no loss of life by reason of the extraordinary conditions existing, which speaks well for the manage-ment of the roads. The inconvenience to passengers must be very great, but the most energetic efforts have been made, and with much success, to reduce it to a minimum.

The effect of the severe winter will, we are inclined to think, be very

we are inclined to think, be very favorable to farming on Vancouver Island. It is very rare that we have frost enough to pulverize the soil, but this has happened this winter, and it ought to do a great deal of good. We expect also that the cold weather will reduce the danger to fruit from insect pests. Indeed, if due precautions are taken later in the season, it ought to be nostible we suppose to ought to be possible, we suppose to make our Island orchards almost free from all dangers on this score. It has been a hard season, even though it has not been very cold; but if, as seems probable, spring is coming now, we will look back upon it later on with feelings of lively satisfaction.

and an either in natural resources. It is almost three times as large as the Kingdom of Saxory on let live. It is almost three times as large as the Kingdom of Saxory on let live. It is on the true western frontier of Canada. It is the threshold of commerce with the Ologotal pive of the Canada is a few to the continent, either by lead or water, were impossible, Varian couver Island with most of the continent, either by lead or water, were impossible, Varian couver Island will not fingle on the West Coast of Varian couver Island will not fingle on the West Coast of Varian couver Island will not fingle on the West Coast of Varian couver Island will not fingle on the West Coast of Varian couver Island will not fingle on the West Coast of Varian couver Island will not fingle on the West Coast of Varian couver Island will not fingle on the West Coast of Variance of the Constant of the west of the course of not ever the notion that, because Victoria is on an island, commercial and industrial graph of the course of

reasonable limits in setting forth the advantages of our country.

As to clean nolities, it is impossible to say too much. Perhans there is no one thing, for which right-thinking Canadians ought to labor more. We centre. From which point oceanborne commerce will be handled is an
open question. There is nothing in
these matters mon which to base
local jealousy. The greatness of the
commercial future of the North Pacific Ocean is beyond all computation.
The value of the resources of this Island cannot be estimated. In this
City of Opportunity, and in this term
we include Esquimalt. a large share
of this commerce and also of the
work of developing these resources
will be centred. It is unquestionably
one of the most promising localities in
the whole Northwest. Time has been whole Northwest. Time has been tion as many people think, and there essary for the world to realize it, is a vast deal more honest natriotive the realization is becoming more is mamong public men than they are more pronounced every day.

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would talk less of corruption, there would not be so many people on the lookout to be "corrupted."

Mr. Parkin is wholly right in what he says about the future of Canada. It is undoubted by the future of Canada. is undoubtedly secure, and the only Thus officered, with an executive It is undoubtedly secure, and the only things that will be likely to mar it are dishonesty in business projects, and corruption in political life. It is a good thing to call things by their right names. What is mildly termed "inflation" is downright dishonesty, which differs only from stealing in that it calls for less courage, and those guilfy of it can verylly exercise.

## to be punished accordingly. THE CHANNEL TUNNEL

The proposal to construct a tunnel the leading men of the place may under the English Channel has re-cently been revived and is attractcently been revived and is attracting more attention, popularly, in England than any other subject. Elaborate plans have been prepared and
the illustrated papers have been full
of pictures. The feasibility of the
work has been demonstrated, and there
can hardly be any doubt as to its utiltive the subject. Elabpresent, at least, and probably for a
long time to come. The field is well
filled by the proprietary clubs, and it
would be a mistake on the part of the
new organization to do anything that
would interfere with them. Moreover
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more Victoria papella go, home to ity, but not even the entente cordiale most Victoria people go home to sufficient to remove the apprehension of the people in respect to the club give some public evidence that sion of the people in respect to the club give some public evidence that dangers to Great Britain if land conit is a live organization. We may add nection is established with the Contintation that it is absolutely non-political, and ent. The number of persons, who have that its objects are as broad as the taken part in the discussion, is legion, and it has been considered from every conceivable point of view. The argument in favor of the tunnel is solely on the score of practical usefulness. The sea journey has been robbed of Neptune" there are some very internone of its terrors by improved steam-esting data as to the navigability of none of its terrors by improved steam esting data as to the navigability of ers, although all they amount to at Hudson's Bay. They are derived from

of political peace, it is just as well for us to think about these things a little. Let us try, if we can, to disabuse ourselves of the idea that men are necessarily corrupt because they in Mr. J. Herrick McGregor, the club are politically opposed to us. If we would talk less of corruption, there would talk less of corruption, there would talk less of corruption, there when the people of Victoria will be those guilty of it can usually escape the penitentiary. What is called corruption in politics is just a little erary secretary a resident of O d cor-little erary secretary a resident of Oak Bay

worse than open treason, and it ought municipality.

to be punished accordingly.

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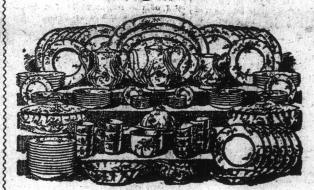
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