# PACIFIC SECTION

#### TRADE WITH AUSTRALIA.

Renewal of Canadian-Australian Line Subsidy-Activity on Pacific Coast-British Capital Coming to Canada.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

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The situation on the Pacific Coast of Canada is appreciated by men like Mr. William Whyte, second vice-president of the C.P.R., and Mr. C. H. Cahan, K.C., of Montreal, the latter of whom has had considerable experience with industrial enterprises. When Mr. Whyte was interviewed a week ago at Seattle, he said that there were going to be three great Pacific Coast cities, San Francisco, Seattle, and Vancouver. Seattle and Vancouver were destined to become cities and shipping points that attract railroads. The past week has seen considerable activity among Canadian Northern engineers, five parties of whom will spend the summer in the country between Kamloops and the Yellowhead Pass locating a line this way. This is a corroboration of Mr. Whyte's statement. It looks as if the route of the Canadian Northern will be via Kamloops, and this is more probable than via Lytton, as the Kamloops route will enable the line to open up a fine district, not only north but south of that city. In the Nicola Valley, which he partially traversed, are good agricultural and grazing lands as well as a mineralized zone, with coal, and it is hardly likely that these will be overlooked by the company.

Mr. Cahan went into some details in pointing out the advantages of Vancouver in being the centre of the lumber industry, the output of the Alberta wheat trade, and the city that will benefit from the development of the mineral riches of the province. Further than that, he sees an increased trade with China, Japan and the Antipodes, and declares that the merchants of Canada do not realize the enormous possibilities of this over-Pacific trade. He offers the advice, which is timely, that every large merchant in the Dominion should send out men to these countries to study conditions. Canda has trade commissioners in these countries, but they have to report in a general way, and can hardly be expected to give particular attention to special lines, such as is required when the trade is to be catered to.

Mr. Cahan is the representative of the Bank of Montreal, and declared that that institution had decided to try the experiment of confining its investments in the future to Canada. On considering the proposition to develop the waterpower at Stave River Falls, 35 miles from Vancouver, he said that the project would be commended to eastern capitalists, and about \$3,000,000 would be invested.

#### Canadian-Australian Line Subsidy.

Indecision on the part of the Dominion Government in the matter of renewing the subsidy to the Canadian-Australian Line is working harm to this port and Victoria, since the company now operating the boats are in the position of being unable to contract for outward business beyond the time when the subsidized service will expire, which will be in a couple of months. The officers of the steamer Aorangi, which left for Australia, last week, did not know whether or not she would be back. Some time ago, an application was made by the Union Steamship Company, which operates the service, to the Dominion Government for an in-

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