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PATRIOTS ALL

Of course these are what in the future East are called dog-days, but they will hardly explain the political rabies that have been so long posing as a naval expert. Every man, who watches the progress of events, knows that the era of great activity on the Pacific has only begun. He knows that the future of the Pacific cannot be predicted with certainty. Not even Japanese statesmen themselves can do that. No one knows to what complications the awakening of China may lead. Australia is determined to keep herself "white," so is British Columbia, and we think we can say Canada. What is more, the people of Australia and Canada are not content to leave their protection to the United States. The tour of the United States battleship fleet was expected in some quarters to ally any uneasiness that might be felt in British lands around the Pacific as to what the future may have in store. It has done nothing of the kind. It has only served to stimulate in Canadians and Australians a greater feeling of self-reliance and a profounder determination not to rely upon any foreign flag for defence.

Therefore, while we hope that Canada will meet the wishes of the British government in regard to naval preparations on the Atlantic Coast, as far as can be done consistently with a larger programme, we hope that one outcome of the Conference will be the assumption by the Dominion and the Commonwealth of the defence of British interests on the Pacific, that this assumption will be upon broad lines, that the two governments will be able to act in concert, and that whatever they may do will be as part and parcel of a general scheme of imperial defence.

THE TRAMWAY BYLAW

In an article printed in the Colonist on Sunday, giving reasons why the ratepayers should ratify the measure, we said among other things: "Because the Company is compelled to spend \$250,000 in extensions and improvements within the next three years."

It appears that this has been misunderstood to mean that the company will comply with the wishes of the country, with the city, if it extends that sum upon its power plant within the time mentioned; but this is a mistake. This expenditure is in addition to what the company will expend on its power plant. That is to cost several times \$250,000. The expenditure which the company is bound to make within the three years is in connection with its existing plant. Work on the power plant will be put in hand as soon as the bylaw is adopted, and will be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible. Simultaneously with this, although probably the latter will not be taken quite so soon, the company must expend a quarter of a million in extensions of its railway and lighting systems.

TIMBER LICENSES.

Mr. John Oliver, the gentleman who expects to be Leader of the Opposition, has been expressing his views as to the proper policy of the province in regard to timber licenses. Substantially, what he favors is an indefinite renewal of the licenses under proper safeguards. This is exactly what the Colonist has favored, and to all intents and purposes what Mr. McBride told the legislature the government favored. There seems to be no real difference of opinion on this point in the legislature, and very little, so far as we have been able to observe, throughout the country. Of course, for political purposes, Mr. Oliver and the newspapers supporting him represent that the government is opposed to a policy of conservation and in favor of one that will lead to the reckless slaughtering of timber, but in reply to such a claim it is only necessary to point out that yesterday the commission appointed by the government to investigate the timber question was sworn in, and has begun its investigation into this very important question. During the last session the government was urged to introduce legislation extending the licenses. We were inclined to favor such action then, and the Premier, speaking in the house, declared himself favorably disposed to such a policy. He felt, however, that no harm would come from a postponement of action until a commission appointed for the express purpose had had an opportunity to investigate the whole timber situation. Events have shown that in this he was quite correct. No one has any authority to speak upon such a point, but we venture to say that Mr. McBride will meet the legislature with a policy in regard to timber licenses which will commend itself to the whole country. We do not think anyone can find

DEFENCE OF THE PACIFIC

It is not well to accept too literally what the desperadoes tell of the views of the British government as to the defence of the Pacific; but we can very well believe that Australia will take very strong ground for the maintenance upon this ocean of a force strong enough to resist any possible demands of Japan. Australia fears Japan, and we think with good reason. Now we do not wish to be understood as in any way reflecting upon the good faith of our Oriental ally, but the man who formulates a future policy for the British Empire without reckoning upon the possibility of Japan seeking open doors to the south of her present territory is making a serious mistake. It would be exceeding unwise for Australia to leave her own coasts undefended and expend her means in maintaining a fleet on the Atlantic. If the naval policy now being determined in London were for the present day only, expenditures on the Atlantic would doubtless meet the requirements of the case very fully, but the basis for a future policy is being framed, and that ought in our humble judgment to include the defence of the British possessions around the Pacific Ocean against all possible enemies. It does not follow from this that nothing should be done by Canada on the Atlantic. We have nothing to say about the duty of Australia in this respect. We would be glad to see Canada do something on the Atlantic, if the Bri-

tish government so desires. Our plea is for the defence of the Pacific. This is a matter on which one may speak freely without posing as a naval expert. Every man, who watches the progress of events, knows that the era of great activity on the Pacific has only begun. He knows that the future of the Pacific cannot be predicted with certainty. Not even Japanese statesmen themselves can do that. No one knows to what complications the awakening of China may lead. Australia is determined to keep herself "white," so is British Columbia, and we think we can say Canada. What is more, the people of Australia and Canada are not content to leave their protection to the United States. The tour of the United States battleship fleet was expected in some quarters to ally any uneasiness that might be felt in British lands around the Pacific as to what the future may have in store. It has done nothing of the kind. It has only served to stimulate in Canadians and Australians a greater feeling of self-reliance and a profounder determination not to rely upon any foreign flag for defence.

CANADA'S FUTURE.

In a speech recently delivered in London, Earl Grey said: "There is another reason why any man who is fortunate enough to make his residence in Canada must feel proud by every tie of sentiment and ambition to maintain his position as a citizen of the British Empire. It is not only because of the privilege—know of no higher privilege than to be a British citizen. It is not only because of British traditions, because of what the British Empire has achieved in the past, but because every Canadian knows that it is only a matter of time before Canada becomes the most populous and the most wealthy, and if they live the right life, the most important portion of the British Empire. Provided Canada keeps her judiciary pure, her politics clean, and her administration honest, nothing can prevent her one day becoming the controlling factor in the empire of self-governing nations."

There seems a daring prophecy, but there is no reason why it may not be realized. No one would pretend to fix the date when such a consummation can be reached, but that it is possible is evident to anyone who considers what are the factors in Imperial solidarity. "Because the population of Canada is not much, if any, more than that of Greater London, but it is growing apace, and its rate of growth must of necessity increase also. We do not, of course, mean the percentage of increase, but the actual numerical gain. Not many years ago, before there were 20,000,000 people living in the Dominion, and when that number has been reached the influence of Canada in the councils of the Empire will be very great indeed. The vastness of our territory and its existing and potential wealth ensure us a position of no ordinary importance. Canada is advancing to an eminence for which no parallel can be found. We are not anticipating a day when the United Kingdom will be less strong than now, but only one when the Dominion will be stronger. What the result of it all will be we shall not attempt to forecast. We believe that we are today as incapable of judging what the Empire of the future will be like as our grandfathers were of judging upon what kind of a British Empire the twentieth century would dawn. We only know that we have in Canada a country of boundless opportunity, and that with a pure judiciary, clean politics, and honest administration there is no place within the Empire to which she may not attain."

CAUGHT IN DEBRIS

Many People Injured When Building Is Wrecked By Natural Gas Explosion

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 16.—Seven men and three women, two of whom may not recover, were injured early today when an explosion of natural gas wrecked the four-story building occupied by the Wreck Moving and Storage Company. The debris caught fire and was practically consumed. The roof of the building was lifted high in the air.

On the north side the falling wall crashed in upon T. McClary's saloon, causing considerable damage. The building was caught in the falling debris. As the flames raged near them, they were rescued with difficulty by the firemen and spectators. Miss Beatrice Evans, bookkeeper, was badly burned and cut. Pedestrians upon the street were slightly injured by falling bricks hurled high in the air. Two or three others were slightly injured by a runaway horse, frightened by the explosion. Frank Wiecek, manager of the storage house, was badly burned. Firemen were overcome by smoke. Many women in the neighborhood fainted from fright. The total loss probably will approximate \$100,000.

Bowes' Liverine Salts

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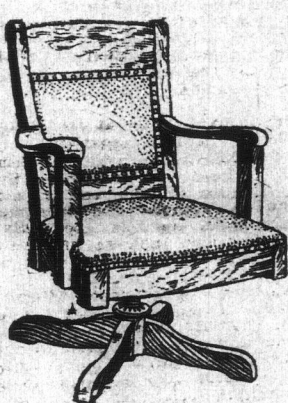
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TOURISTS AND VISITORS HEARTILY WELCOME HERE

TOURISTS and visitors to this city miss one of the most interesting of its attractions if they fail to see the inside of this big store. This shop is filled with the very best in dainty souvenirs and it is an odd tourist indeed who doesn't delight in carrying home some interesting little reminder of the trip. Visitors from the United States should investigate our offerings in charming china and in drapery and curtain materials. Hundreds of suitable items are offered—items you don't find in the United States stores on account of high protective tariffs. We import these direct from the Old World and offer them at interesting prices. Welcome to come and stroll through at your leisure.

YOUR OFFICE NEEDS ONE OF THESE

Recent Additions in Office Desks and Chairs—Newest Styles



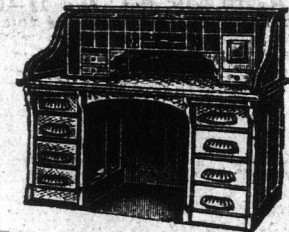
WE HAVE recently added many decidedly stylish and at the same time serviceable desks to our stock of office furniture, and the present offerings in this class of furniture disclose one of the most complete collections to be seen anywhere.

These desks come from Canada's best desk maker and they embrace the very latest ideas in desk construction. The arrangement is most convenient, style such as will add attractiveness to the office, finish the very best. Many have patent files, etc.

Every good style is shown, including the popular sanitary styles in both flat and roll top. You'll find our prices are exceptionally fair and we would greatly appreciate an opportunity to show you these. Any special office fittings or furniture made to your order in our own factory.

NEW TYPEWRITER DESKS

The New Typewriter Desks are shown in many different styles. Flat top, roll top, large and small styles here. Prices will give you an idea of the choice for we have them from \$40 to \$120.00.



New Sanitary Desks

The New Sanitary Desks are worthy of special inspection. This is the desk style that is rapidly growing in favor with modern men. New arrivals priced from \$115.00 to \$36.00.

New Roller Top Desks

The New Additions in Roll Top Desks complete a showing of this popular desk style not equalled elsewhere in the west. Many styles and many prices, from \$150 to \$28.00.

New Flat Top Desks

Flat Top Desks are to be found in the best offices. This is a desk style that lends dignity to any office. You'll be pleased with our splendid showing at from, each, \$80.00 to \$120.00.

NEW TILTING DESK AND TYPEWRITER CHAIRS

If You Have Been Waiting for These New Office Chairs, come in and see the show. Several very comfortable and attractive styles are now shown in both desk and typewriter chairs. Superior tilting device on each chair.

Desk Chairs priced from, each, \$5.00 | Typewriter Chairs are priced from, each, \$10.00 to \$40.00

Wedding Gift Suggestions From the Silver Store

SOME WEDDING Gift suggestions from the silver store—a part of this establishment that is brimful of good things for just such gift giving. Silver gifts last—if they are of the quality we offer. Ours come from the best factories and these pieces here are the famous "1847 Rogers Bros." silver plate. Victoria's fairest prices prevail—always. Welcome to come and look.

CAKE DISHES—Some gilt lined, others all silver-plated. Priced from \$6.00 down to.....\$4.00
FRUIT CRUETS—Gilt lined, footed.....\$5.00
CANDLELABRAS—For five candles, at \$7.50 and.....\$3.00
CANDLESTICKS—New designs, at each, \$4.00 and.....\$2.00
MARMALADE JAR, TRAY AND SPOON, from \$5.00 down to.....\$3.50
SALTS AND PEPPERS, all silver-plate, per pair.....\$2.00
SALT AND PEPPER, cut glass, sterling tops, at \$4.00 down to.....\$2.50
FERN POTS—Very attractive, \$4.50 to.....\$2.50
INDIVIDUAL CASTERS—Salt and pepper, silver-mounted china, at each \$3.75 and.....\$3.50
Cut glass at.....\$3.25
GRAVY LADLE—In lined case.....\$1.50

SALT, PEPPER AND MUSTARD—In Caster, at \$4.50 down to.....\$3.50
EGG CRUETS—Gilt lined cups, spoons and stand; six cup style at \$6.00; 4 cups, \$7.50, 3 cups.....\$6.00
BERRY SPOONS—Gilt lined, in lined case, at \$2.50 and.....\$2.00
SUGAR SHELLS—In lined case.....\$1.00
A. D. COFFEE SPOONS—All patterns, set of six in lined case, at.....\$2.00
BUTTER KNIVES—Pearl handles, in lined case.....\$1.50
BAKE DISHES—Many beautiful patterns, all have porcelain linings, big range of prices, starting at.....\$5.00
CRUMB SETS—Bright finish, scraper and tray at \$5.00 down to.....\$3.00
PICKLE DISHES—At \$4.50, \$4.00, \$3.00 and.....\$2.50

Cover the Kitchen Floor With Some New Linoleum

ALTOGETHER the most satisfactory floor covering for kitchen, pantry, bathroom or hall is Linoleum. It is the most satisfactory to the homekeeper because it is most easily kept clean and to the whole family makes these rooms decidedly attractive.

Linoleum, if it is good, will last for years. And when you are buying linoleum be careful to purchase only good sorts. Cost may be a little more (many times it is the same and less) than "seconds" or damaged pieces, but the "first" quality is cheapest in the end.

Our linoleums are "firsts"—"firsts" from the foremost makers in the World. We buy in tremendous quantities and are thus enabled to offer interesting values. No better qualities are made and these prices will compare favorably with any quoted anywhere—whether on firsts or seconds. Pleased to show you many new patterns.

INLAIN LINOLEUMS, from, per yard.....75¢ PRINTED LINOLEUMS, from, per yard.....50¢

The New China Store—A Delightful Place to Shop

THE new china store is a delightful place to visit—a store filled with items of more than ordinary interest to every homekeeper. In its rearranged form and new fittings, you won't recognize what was once a very attractive store. The new shop is the finest china store in the west. And the offerings are worthy of the splendid store.

The choicest pieces from the leading potteries throughout the world are offered. Direct importations—many not seen elsewhere in this western world. Buying direct and in such large quantities as we do secures for us the best prices—the result is unsurpassed values.

On this floor you'll also find the latest and choicest pieces of cut glass. We are sole Victoria agents for the famous Libbey cut glass and show this in a specially constructed room.

Silverware from the world's leading makers is shown also and this is a department that is fast growing in public favor. The superior quality of the ware, the excellent designs and the decidedly fair pricings being the reason. You are heartily welcome to visit this store and spend as much time as you can in roaming around. Why not come in tomorrow?

DINING CHAIRS

Stylish New Arrivals

Some smart designs in dining chairs are now shown—last week's arrivals rounding out a showing not surpassed anywhere in the city. Some uncommonly stylish chairs are shown.

Every fancy as to finish, style and price can be met here. Particular attention is called to the line of Early English finished chairs. We have these styles, with leather upholstered seats at from, each, \$3.75.

Any needs in diningroom furniture are best supplied from this stock of ours. In buffets and sideboards, in dining tables, in carpets and hangings the choice is broad. Consult us.

FRUIT CANNING NECESSARIES

Supplied Here—Everything Save Fruit and Sugar

The time for canning peaches, apricots and all such fruits is here. You'll surely require some new jars, jelly tumblers, new rubbers, etc., and certainly you are interested in knowing where to get these—knowing where to find the fullest assortment of canning accessories, where your wants may be supplied with the least possible delay.

These are a few of the items needed—the principal ones. All are to be

FRUIT JARS JELLY GLASSES RUBBER RINGS

found here. In fruit jars, as in all other lines, there are many grades. Some glass will crack when heated, some when it cools off. We want you to try ours—it's the safest. Let us show you these reliable Mason Jars.

MASON PINTS, at per dozen.....80¢
MASON QUARTS, at per dozen.....\$1.00
MASON HALF-GALLONS, per dozen.....\$1.35
JELLY GLASSES, at per dozen 60¢ and.....50¢

Sole Agents
"Libbey" Cut
Glass
Finest Made

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HOME FURNISHERS SINCE 1862, AT VICTORIA, B.C.

Sole Agents
Ostermoor
Mattress
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News of the Week For the

Germans Had Big Day.

SEATTLE, Aug. 19.—Thousands of Germans and people of German descent visited the exposition yesterday which was set apart as their day.

Meets Death on Railroad.

OTTAWA, Aug. 19.—W. J. Thurlton, a fireman on a Grand Trunk train, was killed yesterday by reason of the heavy rains, which killed.

Fire Lays Waste Factory.

HAWKESBURY, Ont., Aug. 19.—Lavel & Company's clothing factory was burned here yesterday, but the loss, which is heavy, is covered by insurance.

Bridge Collapses.

CHICAGO, Aug. 19.—Ten persons were seriously injured and twenty others narrowly escaped last night when 250 feet of the Twelfth street bridge over the Chicago river collapsed.

Drops Dead While Walking.

HAMILTON, Ont., Aug. 19.—George Cooper, an aged resident of the place, dropped dead in the street while walking with his son, a Grand Trunk foreman. Death was the result of heart failure.

Soldiers Fight Fire.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 19.—Four hundred men of the regulars from Fort McDowell worked all night at managing to check the bush fire which threatened to destroy much government property on Angel Island.

Because of Jealousy.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Aug. 19.—In a fit of jealousy yesterday afternoon, Elv Todt, a young woman about 22 years old, entered the office of the Central Georgia freight depot and probably fatally shot Cashier Richard Watson.

Emperor Entertains.

TOKIO, Aug. 19.—The Mikado asked the delegation of Japanese business men who are to tour the United States to take the best wishes of Japan to America. The Emperor entertained the delegation before its departure.

Down on Lobbying.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 19.—Governor Hay is opposed to lobbying as shown in a message he has recently sent to the house of representatives which he strongly recommends the introduction of a strict anti-lobby bill.

Fishermen Lose Their Lives.

TACOMA, Aug. 19.—Covered by the sea, the crew of the tugboat Harriet G. of Anacortes, in the Mak Pass, Alaska, during a heavy gale which caught them out in the boats.

Sutton Killed Himself.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—The verdict in the case of the late Senator Sutton, as given yesterday by the naval board which conducted the investigation is that he committed suicide himself without outside intervention.

Orville Wright Engaged.

LONDON, Aug. 19.—The Daily Graphic asserts that Orville Wright, the American aeronaut, has been engaged to make demonstrations with his machine in England two months hence, under the auspices of the British government.

Chateau Laurier Delayed.

OTTAWA, Aug. 19.—Application of the Grand Trunk for permission to lay siding from the C. P. R. tracks north of Dufferin bridge, at the site of Chateau Laurier, has been refused by the authorities of the C. P. R. In the meantime not a man is at work on excavations for the big hotel.

Back to Soldiers and Paste.

PARIS, Aug. 19.—It was announced yesterday that M. Clemenceau was recently resigned as premier. France will return to the old profession of journalism. He will visit Africa to rest and recuperate, and will take a position as editor of the Paris dailies.

General Booth May Go Blind.

LONDON, Aug. 19.—It reports are on out yesterday prove true in the pessimistic forecast, General William Booth, who was senior founder of the Salvation Army, will be totally blind. The general was operated on here for blindness recently, but the operation has not been a success.

Mystery Prevails.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 19.—Det brought out by investigation lead police here to the fact that William Sauters, an aged veteran of the war and a resident of Tacoma, who is reputed to have owned property, was killed by a terrific blow on the chest delivered by an unknown man with whom he was seen on night of his death.

Helping Workers.

Mount Kisco, N. Y., Aug. 19.—More than a hundred labor union men, delegates to the international convention of stationary firemen, now in session at Yonkers, died last night on the shores of Lake George. The firemen's summer home here, and later later to address by Mrs. Harriman, J. Mitchell, and Tim Healy, president of the firemen's organization.

John D. Makes Money.

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—Speculation on the curb market with a fondness for inductive statistics, figured at a close of trading yesterday that John Rockefeller was \$75,754 richer than he was two years ago, and by no fort of his own. Standard Oil stock of which Mr. Rockefeller owns 900,000 shares, par value, touched 712 yesterday, a rise of 322 points from the price of 1907 during the panic.

Try For Settlement.

HALIFAX, Aug. 19.—E. S. McLaughlin, vice-president of U. M. W., Daniel McDougall, of District No. 2, arrived in the city from Glace Bay noon yesterday. The object of their visit was to confer with Premier Murray with reference to the strike situation in the colliery districts of Glace Bay and Springhill. They laid their case before the premier, and after the conference he took the train for C. Breton. It is believed this is the first step toward a settlement of the struggle, a settlement which is expected within the next few weeks. Result of yesterday's conference not divulged by either party.