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COKE FOR SMELTERS

In consequence of the representations that have been made to the provincial government as to the shortage of coke at the British Columbia smelters, the Deputy Minister of Mines has been sent to visit the various plants and ascertain just what the conditions are, in order that the government may be in a position to take such a course as may be necessary to protect the domestic industry from being sacrificed in the interest of foreign concerns.

AT THE HAGUE.

The British resolution on the limitation of armaments was unanimously adopted by the Hague conference. A despatch of the 17th inst. says: The Hague, Saturday.—The British resolution on the limitation of armaments was unanimously approved at the peace congress this afternoon.

AN UNDEVELOPED LAND.

If we take the point where the boundary of British Columbia intersects the 120th meridian, and with this as the apex and the 60th parallel as the base, a triangle is formed, the apex of which will terminate at the point where the Slave river crosses the parallel mentioned, and another at the point where the 120th meridian intersects the same parallel, there will be included within it an area of approximately 250,000 square miles, of which roughly speaking one-half is in British Columbia and the other half in Alberta.

REFORMING THE LORDS.

It is given out on what seems to be good authority that the present session of the Imperial Parliament will be brought to a close without an attempt by the government to try conclusions with the House of Lords. It is even said that nothing will be done in that direction during the life of the present parliament. For this several reasons are given. One of them is that the Labor members are pressing for the passage of certain bills; another is that Mr. Lloyd George insists that Welsh disestablishment shall be taken up and some changes be made in the educational law; a third is that Mr. Asquith wants a free hand in reforming the system of taxation. It goes without saying that if a struggle is precipitated with the Lords none of these things can be accomplished.

THE SONGHEES RESERVE.

Mr. Templeman is home again. His constituents are glad to see him. There are some things they wish to say to him. Some of them are favorable; some probably critical; but of them all there is one that stands out foremost, namely, the settlement of the Songhees Reserve question. The Hon. Mr. Templeman has refrained from saying anything on this subject for a long time, because it wished to do nothing that might in any way embarrass Mr. Templeman's representative at the very outset of his necessarily not very prolonged stay in the city that, of all local questions, this is easily the most important. There are other local matters to which his attention will be directed; there are some subjects, not quite of a local character, to which he ought to give immediate consideration, but the one

that overtops them all in its emergent nature is this matter of the Reserve. We take it for granted that Mr. Templeman is already well advised as to the importance of an early settlement, but he can hardly understand how much more acute the necessity has become during the past few months. Only the business community really appreciates it. To the merchants and others having goods to handle by rail, the existing lack of facilities is an immediate source of expense and a tremendous handicap in the way of building up trade. If this matter remains long in its present condition the loss to Victoria will not only be very large, but also permanent. We repeat that we think Mr. Templeman appreciates as well as any one, not actually engaged in trade, the necessity for action, but we wish to add that the people are not in a state of mind to tolerate any delay. Doubtless in any effort to promote any move forward long Vancouver Island will be the site of huge iron and steel smelting plants. It is inevitable.

PILOTAGE

The new pilotage regulations will increase the cost of ocean-going vessels at the port of Victoria. A remarkable thing about this increase is that it follows upon a very strong protest from the business community against the rates that have been in force as being needlessly high. No one has publicly suggested a reason for the increase, and the Colonist is unable to think of any except a desire to add to the emoluments of some half dozen already well paid individuals.

TO ALL APPEARANCE

The Prairie Provinces will give Canada another boom, and incidentally mean a great deal for Victoria. Signs are not wanting that before long Vancouver Island will be the site of huge iron and steel smelting plants. It is inevitable. It is said that German capital contemplates a considerable outlay in the enterprises of the Dominion—which indicates that the phlegmatic Teuton knows a good thing when he sees it.

THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC

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THE OTTAWA BOARD OF TRADE

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ties were amused by the petition, but surely it is no laughing matter. The Times thinks that Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper seeks to return to public life because of the salary attached to the leadership of the Opposition and that he would have remained in private life if the pensions of ex-cabinet ministers had been continued. The taste shown by the expression of such a view by a paper owned by a cabinet minister is at least questionable. It should be left to others to suggest that man enter public life for the sake of the salary.

IF ANYONE HAD SAID

If anyone had said, twenty-five years ago, that the wheat crop of Peace River district would one day be an important factor in the total yield of Canada, he would have been looked upon as a wild visionary, so universal was the ignorance respecting the climatic conditions and the agricultural possibilities of that section of the Dominion. Yet we read in the dispatches of yesterday that harvesting there is now in full swing and that "the crop is heavy and of excellent quality, and more advanced than those further south." How little they know of Canada who only the beaten path tracks know.

VERY, WE ARE FACE TO FACE

Very, we are face to face with the "yellow peril" with a vengeance. On one page of the Colonist yesterday was a dispatch with the caption, "Japanese is Member of Board of Trade—First Oriental to Enjoy Distinction Joins at New Westminster." On another page was the announcement that the Victoria school trustees will take immediate action to prevent Chinese youths from attending the public schools so as to evade the head tax. There will be but one opinion as to what is our duty in a situation of this sort. We must maintain a "White Canada"—and that we shall do, let the cost be what it may.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAS SENT

President Roosevelt has sent a commission to Alberta and Saskatchewan to find out why so many people from the United States are going there. A correspondent of the New York Herald thinks it is time that the United States government "took some alarm" at what he calls "a very serious state of affairs." He says: "Within the last five years more than 300,000 Americans have gone into the new wheat lands of Canada to settle. The emigrants have been of the very best class of citizens, farmers in western states who have sold their farms and taken considerable amounts of money into their new homes."

DO YOU HAPPEN TO KNOW

Do you happen to know that at one time His Majesty displayed a great deal of promise as a painter. At the age of thirteen he painted a picture, which was exhibited at Burlington House and sold for five guineas. The sale was to raise funds for soldiers wounded in the Crimean war. Quite a number of his pictures are preserved at Sandringham, and they show a great deal of merit. If he had not been born into a good business, the King might have won fame as an artist. All Queen Victoria's grand-children inherited her artistic skill. The Kaiser, in particular, is an artist with far more than ordinary powers.

THE PARTY OF DISTINGUISHED BRITISH

The party of distinguished British journalists who have just concluded a tour of Canada as the guests of the Canadian government, are in the city of the Empress of Britain yesterday. As they had, from all accounts, an extremely enjoyable time wherever they have gone in the vast Dominion, and were given full opportunity to view something of the country's immense and marvellous resources, we anticipate that as a result of their tour much valuable information will be disseminated by them in the widely-read journals they represent—all of which will greatly rebound to the advantage of Canada.

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IT IS NOW AUTHORITATIVELY ANNOUNCED

It is now authoritatively announced that the United States battleship fleet is coming to the Pacific, starting from Atlantic ports some time in December next. We can quite appreciate the motive which inspired this sentence in the official statement outlining the cruise: "The question of the route by which it will return has not been decided." Latet angulis in herba.

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