

wasteful in their methods. The coal deposits of the Province, which promise to be the most extensive in the world, will, with immense deposits of iron, be opened to the world's markets. It is said that the coal-fields in one small district in the Kootenay are capable of yielding 10,000,000 tons of coal a year for over 7,000 years, and a new district has been discovered within a twelve-month which the provincial mineralogist told me on Christmas Eve was the most important economic discovery ever made in British Columbia, where there are known to be 1,000 square miles of the best anthracite and is probably the richest anthracite district in the New World west of Pennsylvania."

Speeding British Development

Hitherto the growth of British Columbia (essentially the most "British" of the Western Provinces) has been slower

than that of Canada's demesnes between the Great Lakes and the Rockies. The building of the Panama Canal will equalize the rates of development of the two sections of Western Canada and so tend to check the political influence of the polyglot, half-assimilated, alien population which is massed in the great wheat-growing Province of Saskatchewan. We shall hear less and less of a rupture between East and West as the opinion of British Columbia, a country that looks towards the ocean and has correct ideas concerning the scope and intention of sea-power, gathers force with a more rapid increase in wealth and population. And "pari passu" Western Canada's understanding of an Empire, which has been from first to last the creation of sea-borne commerce, will be rendered more complete and far-reaching.

SHE LOOKS IT.

Walter found his mother talking to a portly lady.

"Walter," said his ma, "this is your great aunt."

"Yes," said Walter, looking at her ample proportions; "she looks it."

"RAINBOW" PEOPLE.

Gussie was feeling very nettled because a black man had been admitted to the club, and was expressing his views on the questions of racial intercourse very strongly with his friend as they sat at dinner.

The friend, however, was not so narrow-minded, and offered to bet a dollar that although the other was so

proud of being a white man, he was in reality a man of many hues.

"Done," said Gussie.

"Well," replied the friend, "you turn white with fear, red with embarrassment, blue with cold, green with envy, purple with rage, black with anger, you're pinked when you fence, you go gray with worry, you are partly colored at election times, and when you are 'had' you are 'done brown.' Hand over the dollar."

FRESH COUNTRY VEGETABLES.

"I saw you digging in the garden at daybreak."

"Yes," replied Farmer Cornlossel, "I have to be up bright and early so as to get the tomato cans hid from the summer boarders."

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