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THE INDIAN CLAIM

A mainland contemporary is inclined to criticize the provincial government very severely for its attitude towards the claims prepared on behalf of the Indians. If there is one question upon which the policy of Mr. McBride's administration can be said to be eminently correct it is this one, and it is not so different from the policy of Sir Wilfrid Laurier that a political issue can very well be made of it.

Our contemporary deals with the Reservations and sees in them a hardship that these, when they are not occupied by the Indians, should revert to the Crown in the right of the province, as the provincial government contends they ought to. The conclusion of the late Dominion ministry was that they should in such an event revert to the Crown in right of the government of Canada.

There is a provision in the original agreement between the Dominion and the province to the effect that reservations shall be reduced in area in proportion as the Indian population decreases. We venture to think that if the McBride ministry should express its will to cancel this provision, every Liberal newspaper in the country would protest vigorously.

Objection has been taken that Mr. McBride will not consent to a case being stated to settle the claims preferred on behalf of the Indians. Mr. McBride, as Premier of British Columbia is a trustee for the people of British Columbia. If he is convinced that the Indian claim is without foundation, it is his duty to refuse to submit it to the arbitration of the Courts.

ernment does not propose to admit that such claims have any foundation in law or equity.

HINDU IMMIGRATION

When the question of admitting into Canada the wives and young children of the Sikhs was first mooted, the Colonist was disposed for humanitarian reasons to think it one that should receive favorable consideration. We were under the impression at that time that special regulations had been made to prevent immigration from India. Inquiry shows that we were in error.

It is said that the Sikhs are men who have fought for the flag in many cases, or the children of men who have done so. This may be quite true, and we honor them for it, but who can tell how many people of our own blood, who fought for the flag, or whose fathers did so, are not admitted into Canada because they are in the class called "undesirables"?

A NOTABLE HONOR

Sir Edward Grey has been created a Knight of the Garter. This is the highest honor that His Majesty can bestow, the Order of the Garter being the oldest and most exalted of all the Orders. Its establishment is attributed to Edward III and the date, fixed in 1348, another account makes Richard Coeur de Lion the founder of it, and says that its origin was in a white leather strap, which the leaders of the English Crusaders wore to distinguish them from the Saracens.

His Majesty has just returned from India, and during his absence Sir Edward made his remarkable speech on the Morocco question. This speech excited surprise in every European chancellery, for it was a distinct notice to the world that while her aims were peaceful, the United Kingdom did not propose to permit any international question affecting her interests to be settled without her wishes being consulted.

want. It is to be assumed that the foreign policy thus outlined meets with His Majesty's hearty approval. The King, though he has been on the throne only for a short time, is in his forty-seventh year and is a man of wide experience, extensive observation and sound judgment.

We must not lose sight of the fact that this mark of high approval has been extended by the King to a member of the ministry that is responsible for the abolition of the veto power of the Lords and on the eve of a parliamentary session at which a Home Rule measure is to be introduced by the same ministry. It has followed close upon the heels of Mr. Winston Churchill's announcement of the naval policy of Great Britain and is synchronous with the return of Viscount Haldane, Minister of War, from his mission to Berlin.

A few words may be said of Sir Edward personally. He is said by his admirers to be a cold man, one who has few friends and no intimates. He is intensely English in his point of view; that is, the guiding influence of his public life is what seems to be best for his own country.

THE MORNING SUN

The Morning Sun, a daily newspaper published in Vancouver, has made its bow to the people of British Columbia. Its first issue is a highly creditable production of 24 pages. From the standpoint of news it is bright and written in a thoroughly up-to-date fashion.

The return submitted to the legislature, giving the result of the negotiations with the Ottawa ministry, has been received by almost universal expressions of approval.

A contemporary says it is "one of the most virile critics of the administration." It is surprising how typographical errors will creep into the newspapers. How the "it" in the word "virile" came to escape the notice of the proof-reader is one of those things that no fellow can find out.

The amount of building in progress in Victoria at the present time is really surprising. People who keep to the beaten tracks between their homes and their places of business can form no conception of what is in progress elsewhere.

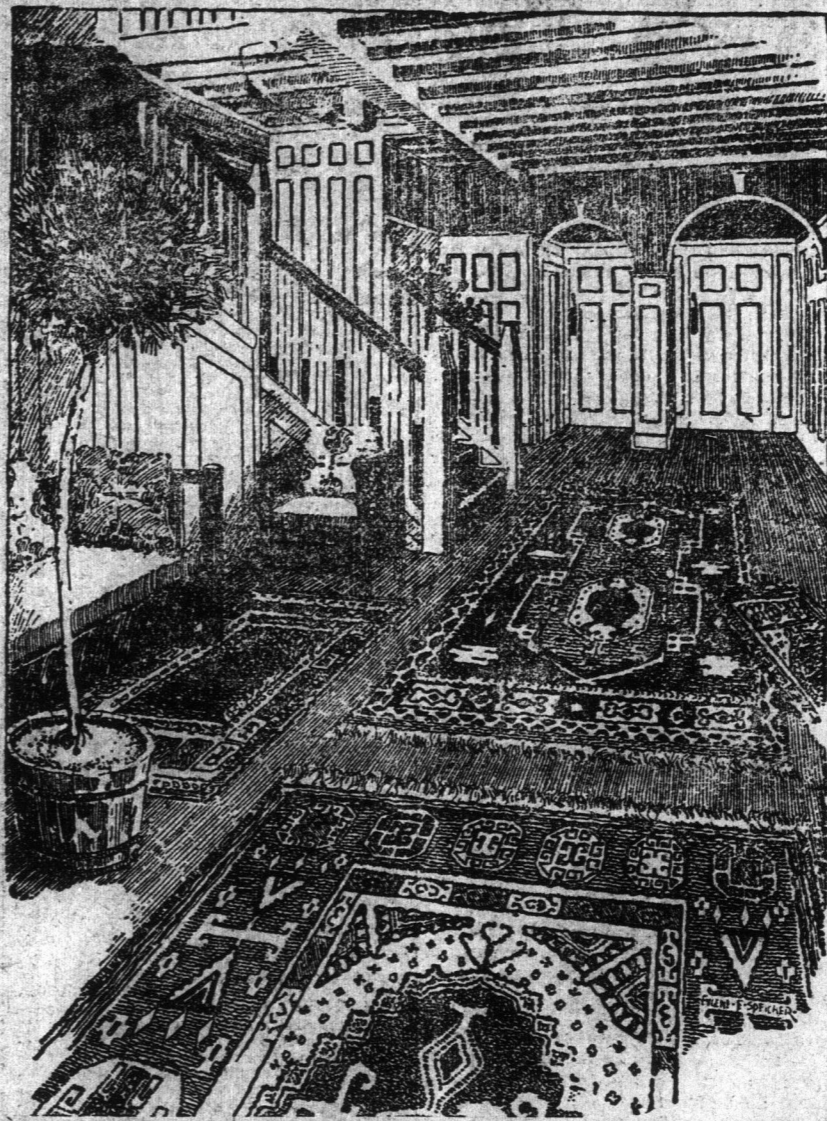
The discussion of the Forest Bill in committee has been a complete answer to those opponents of the government who asserted that the intention was to force the measure upon the house just as it was drawn. Mr. Ross, Minister of Lands, has welcomed criticism, and has shown admirable judgment in meeting it.

Being a Queen has its drawbacks. Her Majesty was very ill in the Bay of Biscay on her way to India, and she wanted to leave the ship on the return journey somewhere in the Mediterranean, and go home by way of France. But some one who knows all about such things pointed out that for Her Majesty to cross France incognito, before she had paid an official visit to the country, would be unprecedented, not according to Hoyle, and a lot of other things like that, and so the idea had to be abandoned.

"GOOD VALUE" HERE IS MORE THAN "BARGAINS" ELSEWHERE

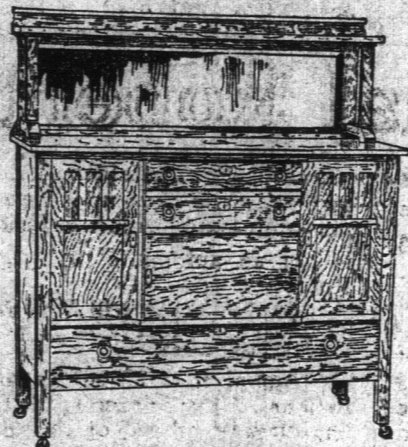
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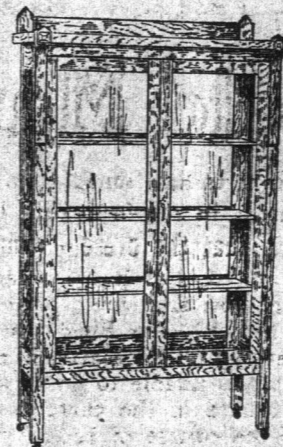
We Can Help You Beautify Your Home

Indications point to an early Spring this year, so you will be doing your Spring housecleaning earlier than usual. Begin your planning now and let us advise and assist you. Our whole organization is at your service—we can help you with interior decorations, your draperies, etc.—we can make suggestions for the re-arranging of your rooms—we can show you how to make your kitchen more up-to-date so that your daily work will be easier.



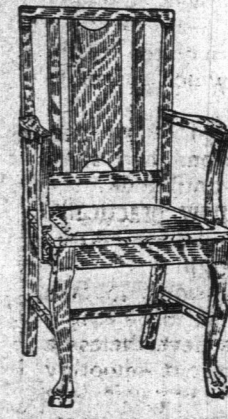
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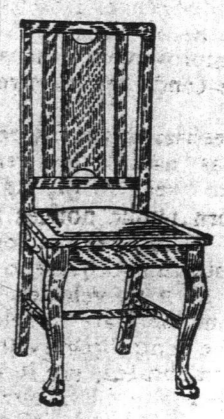
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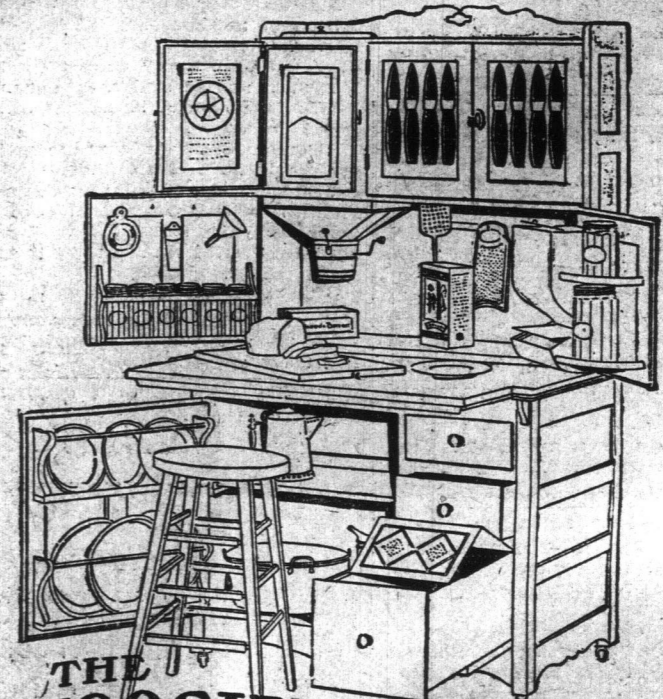
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