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A CRITICAL ISSUE.

That a critical issue has been raised in the United States by the sentence of Mr. Gompers and other prominent labor leaders to gaol for contempt of court can hardly be questioned. It is accentuated by the incident at Danville, where miners on strike refused to obey a temporary restraining order, and when the United States marshals attempted to enforce the order of the court, one of them was killed and two were wounded, while of the miners one was killed and several were wounded.

A NATIONAL ANTHEM

Every now and then some one tries to write a National Anthem for Canada, and every effort is a failure. Composers have tried their hands at the music for such a song with very considerable success, but when it has come to a matter of words the results have been very unsatisfactory. All the poets and versifiers, whom the United States has been able to produce in a century and a quarter, have not succeeded in producing anything which the people will accept as an expression of national sentiment.

write it. How many publishers would accept it as a gift on condition that they should print it? Not many, we venture to say. Canada is not old enough to have evolved a National Anthem. The sentiment of the people has not clustered around any particular person, event or idea.

THE ENGLISH IN INDIA

It is becoming the fashion in certain quarters to exclaim against the horrors of British rule in India. We have before us a copy of "Free Hindusthan," a periodical published in New York and purporting to be "an organ of freedom and of political, social and religious reform. Its motto is: 'Resistance to tyranny is service to humanity and a necessity of civilization.' It is published to promote the liberation of Hindusthan, that millions may be saved from the starvation caused by the legalized pillage of India by the British government."

TRAILS IN THE ISLAND.

In the observations made by Mr. Sutton before the Board of Trade committee yesterday morning, he laid special stress upon the necessity for making trails to open the interior of Vancouver Island to prospectors and others. Notwithstanding the fact that the island has about 7,000 miles of coast line, and no part of it is more than 20 miles in a direct line from the sea, the interior is practically inaccessible for lack of trails.

A BUILDING RECORD.

The Halifax Chronicle says that the claim made for the city in which it is published, that "it leads the Dominion for the year in the volume of building constructed in proportion to the population," is borne out by "comparison of construction figures of the different cities and towns of Canada. The estimate of construction for Halifax for the year is \$730,000, exclusive of buildings begun last year, and it was slightly over \$600,000 in 1907. The permits for the first eleven months of the year were 604 and the value of the buildings for which they were granted was \$715,575. Halifax has a population of about 42,000. It was slightly over \$600,000 in 1907 and we assume it has increased since then. This gives an average per capita value of construction of \$17, not a bad showing by any means."

may be stated at \$30 per capita. The number of permits in Victoria was one to every 38 people; in Halifax it was one to every 40 people. Tabulated the case stands this way:
Victoria:—
Number of buildings . . . 625
Value . . . \$1,017,000
Average value . . . 1,637
Proportion number to population . . . 1 to 38
Value per capita . . . \$30
Halifax:—
Number of buildings . . . 604
Value . . . \$730,000
Average value . . . 1,210
Proportion number to population . . . 1 to 40
Value per capita . . . \$27

A WAY OUT

It has been said that to reopen the question of taxation as a qualification for municipal voting will have a far-reaching effect on the whole of the country. The householders, who were disqualified because they did not pay \$2 real estate tax, would doubtless all have paid it if they had been allowed to do so. It is perfectly ridiculous to exempt from this tax a man who is capable of carrying his own load. He makes a living in the community, enjoys the benefit of municipal government, ought to contribute to its cost, and this no matter how old he is. If there are reasons why he should be exempted, let them be stated, but let him claim the exemption as a privilege, not as a right.

THE SKEENA RIVER DISTRICT

Under the above caption Mr. J. C. Gwillim contributes an article to the Canadian Mining Journal. He says many things which are already familiar to Colonist readers, but old things gain a new point of view. Here is a description of the voyage up the coast which is very good:
From Vancouver to Port Eslington, or Prince Rupert, takes from forty to fifty hours. The trip is made on any of the many boats that ply between the city and northern ports. It is a voyage without a parallel in the world—no sheltered port, no main Pacific ocean that there is a narrow sea, and only half the way the eastern shores of Vancouver Island are followed quite closely, a scene of mountains, green islands and glittering seas or arms of the sea. In every direction. Even now this passage presents an almost continuous succession of steamboats, far apart, but in the days to come, when this desirable land is peopled, and its fisheries, timber, farming lands, and mines are fully developed, there will be a sea-going traffic through these waters which will be greater than that of the Great Lakes at the present time.

Hazelton. Although the district or region as a whole is much easier to get about in than Kootenay, it has only a few trails and few inhabitants, all of whom are a long way from cheap and ready supplies. The main difficulty has been to get the Hazelton mountains, 60 miles south of Hazelton, and in the Telkwa river basin, 40 to 50 or 60 miles south of Hazelton. Every pound of supplies is packed in to these places which makes operation a costly and troublesome business.
Of the agricultural capabilities he says:
It may be said that the valleys appear eminently fitted for any crop where least or blade is chiefly required. Roots also do well. The natural vegetation is a matter of astonishment and also, sometimes, of vexation. No frost had damaged anything at Hazelton on Sept. 10th, last, when we left for Hazelton. Very few do not claim for Victoria that it makes the best showing of any city in Canada, but we do say that it makes a showing that is worthy of admiration and encouragement.

RELIEVED ANXIETY

When the people of British Columbia exempted their own Canadian Hindus by the hundreds, our friends in the eastern provinces were very complacent. Now that all trouble has vanished they are again turning themselves up to quite a fever heat on the subject. Thus we find the Kingston Standard saying:
England reaping the fruits of her conquests, and she is reaping them in some wholly unexpected ways. A striking evidence of this is in the trouble which has been met in the west with the Hindus. Quite generally there the desire is that these Hindus should migrate from Canada and elsewhere to other countries.

When the white man may stay in India, as it is, he is entitled to vote. Nothing can be very much more absurd than to disqualify a man for other reasons than his race. It is not a tax which he is not called upon to pay, but would pay if he were asked to.

FINE NEW CARPETS. JUST IN. COME IN AND LET US SHOW YOU THESE. TOMORROW we shall have some handsome new carpets for your inspection—new Brussels, new Axminsters, new Tapestry Carpets and new Squares and Mats. These come from those old, reliable makers, John Crossley & Sons. This insures the quality being the very finest, for these makers have been making "quality carpets" for many years, and their fame is world-wide.

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New Arrivals in Wedgwood China Tea Sets. Tomorrow we offer you some handsome China Tea Sets and Salad Sets just received from the famous Wedgwood potteries. This is a shipment that came too late for Xmas business, though purchased specially for that trade. It contains some unusually attractive sets. We wish to clear these at an early date, and to that end have marked that at quite interesting figures. We feel sure that these prices shall be even more appealing than the china, attractive as it is. However, they are certainly worth a visit, and we hope to see you in the china store tomorrow. Lots of other interesting items in this department. Special values in odd pieces.

For the New Year's Table. Every housekeeper or prospective housekeeper who lives outside of Victoria should have a copy of our handsome new 1909 catalogue of home furnishings. It is a reference book on correct and economical home-furnishing and should be in the hands of every keeper of a home or every person who is contemplating any such move.

New Arrivals in Fine Linens. Just in time for the New Year's feast table—a shipment of grass bleached Irish Damask Table Linen. Belfast mills have sent us some excellent linen tabling this shipment. And isn't it a timely arrival? You'll enjoy the "spread" more if the linen is snow white new linen, and with such excellent values offered you there isn't a reason why yours shouldn't be new.

These are Guaranteed Pure Linen Bleached. LINEN TABLING—62 inches wide, at, per yard . . . 60¢. LINEN TABLING—65 inches wide, at, per yard . . . 65¢. LINEN TABLING—72 inches wide, at, per yard . . . \$1.00. And also in 77 inches, at \$1.35, \$1.40 and . . . \$2.00.

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DO YOU NEED A STOVE OR A RANGE ?

The question of changing from an unsatisfactory stove to a new one, or the question of buying a new stove or range is a subject that requires careful attention. The very best that money can buy is the cheapest in the long run in buying a stove. The Albion stoves are the result of the experience gained by many years of stove making, and we claim that these stoves and ranges made right here in this city are second to none for quality and workmanship. An inspection is solicited.

THE "ALBION" CORONATION RANGE



The Coronation Range

This is a very attractive looking and satisfactory range, particularly for those preferring a range on legs. It is beautifully finished, being of a handsome design, of the best cast iron and enough nickel trimmings to give a handsome appearance. It is thoroughly up-to-date in every particular, and a range that will be found to combine sightliness and service to a marked degree. It comes in different sizes, with reservoir, tea shelf, warming closet, or warming shelf, and a range can be fitted with any of these articles wanted.

This range as illustrated \$42.00

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French Ranges, all styles and sizes, for hotels, restaurants and steamers, at the lowest prices.

The Albion Stoves and Ranges

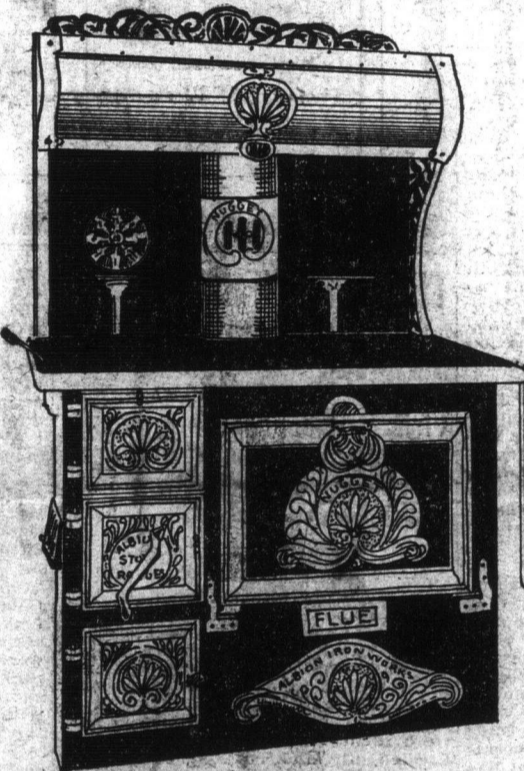
FOR a good many years the stoves and ranges made by the Albion Stove Works Company have enjoyed an enviable reputation. They represent everything that is new and up-to-date in stove construction, profiting by any mistakes of previous years and by the wonderful advance in the art of stove making. These stoves and ranges are as near perfect as it is possible to make them. That is one of the reasons why these are the stoves you should buy. But there are other good reasons, the strongest being the matter of price. Made right here in the city, there is the saving of freight, of packing and unpacking and extra handling, and they come to you direct from the maker, therefore you save the commissions of several middlemen. Then as to the stoves themselves, there is no "weight-paring" to save freight charges, no thin buckling ovens to bother you. Experience has proved these to be the best stoves and ranges on the market, and the most moderately priced for strictly high-grade goods.

The Albion Nugget

This range we like to talk and like to sell, as we know that perfect satisfaction is always obtained from its use. It has every improvement that can be thought of to save labor and add to the worth of the range. It is handsome, well made, it is extra thick around the oven, insuring an even heat and no danger of a buckling oven. It is made of the best materials and finished with the finest nickel trimmings. We claim that it cannot be beaten at any price.

The price as illustrated

\$52.50



The Best of all Ranges

A range that has everything that goes to make a perfect range. It is not a range with one important feature but a combination of features, that makes it without doubt the best range on the market. Every up-to-date feature is found on these model stoves, the experience of many years of stove-making are combined with the skill of expert working, producing a range that will give the user every satisfaction and make the same a walking advertisement for the merits of Albion Stoves.

Price as illustrated

\$52.50

THE "ALBION" OAK HEATER



The Oak Heater

This handsome heater combines all the features that tend to make a perfect heater. The drum is made of the best English planished steel. We wish to impress this fact on you. Some heaters at much higher prices have drums of sheet iron. The Albion Heaters all have the steel drums of the very best quality. These Heaters are beautifully finished with nickel trimmings that give them a very handsome appearance. They are priced as follows, the numbers indicating the diameter of the feed door.

- No. 12, full nickel \$13.50
- No. 14, full nickel \$15.00
- No. 16, full nickel \$18.00
- No. 12, plain \$11.50
- No. 14, plain \$13.50
- No. 16, plain \$16.00

Other Good Heaters

- THE FROLIC HEATER, prices start at \$5.00
- THE ROSEBUD PARLOR HEATER, prices start at \$9.50
- THE CLIMAX HEATER, prices start at \$7.75
- THE BERTHA HEATER, prices start at \$6.75
- AIR-TIGHT HEATERS, prices start at \$2.50
- THE GLOBE HEATERS, prices start at \$4.50

We have Many Lines and Models different from these mentioned and illustrated, and we would be glad to have you call and inspect our line. Any additional information we will cheerfully furnish.

THE "ALBION" ALBERNI RANGE



The Alberni Range

This is the best range for a small family. It is made of high quality burnished steel, and is very ornamental, as well as being useful. It has duplex grates, and can be changed instantly from a coal burner to a wood burner or vice versa. It can also be furnished with legs, if preferred. For a moderate priced range nothing can equal this model for looks or quality.

This range as illustrated \$35.00

Women's New Muslin Waists

It is true that it will be some time yet before spring is at hand, yet the first herald has arrived, a new lot of White Muslin Waists. It may seem a little early to buy this sort of thing, but the values are good enough to tempt you to buy now.

WHITE WAISTS, made of fine lawn, the front composed of rows of valenciennes insertion crossing each other, and row of fine Swiss insertion between, tucks over shoulder and down back, collar of insertion and lace cuffs to match. Price \$1.25

WHITE WAIST, made of fine soft mull, the front has alternate rows of fine Oriental insertion, and fine tucks, the tucks over the shoulders and down back, collar of fine lace with cuffs to match. Price, \$1.25

WHITE WAIST, made of Swiss spotted muslin, row of wide Swiss insertion down front, with a row of Valenciennes insertion on each side, fine tucks over shoulder and down back, collar of insertion and lace with cuffs to match. Price \$2.00

WHITE WAIST, made of fine mull, front has four rows of rich embroidery and fine tucks and three rows of filet lace insertion, fine tucks down back and row of insertion and tucks the full length of sleeve, collar and cuffs of lace to match. Price \$2.50

WHITE WAIST, made of Persian lawn, yoke of spotted net embroidered, lower part of front made of embroidery and fine valenciennes insertion, rows of insertion, lace and tucks around sleeves, lace collar and cuffs. Price \$2.50

THE "ALBION" FRANKLIN

These heaters are very handsome in appearance, being very suitable for a parlor. The doors slide back, giving the appearance of an open grate. It is suitable for wood or coal.

- No. 12, coal burning, \$12.50, wood burning \$12.00
- No. 14, coal burning, \$15.00, wood burning \$14.00



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- Our No. 302, 4ft. 6in. wide, \$47.50
- Our No. 402, 4ft. 6in. wide, \$65.00
- Our No. 032½, 4ft. 6in. wide, \$67.50
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THIS COUCH is made of steel angles, with oil tempered helical springs attached to patent "National" wire support, which we guarantee to never sag, break or get out of shape for twenty years. Price \$10.00

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THE "ALBION" EMPRESS HEATER



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