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There is one consolation about the candidature of Mr. Newton, it will never engender any party feeling. This is not to say that Mr. Newton is a non-partisan. He is everything else but that. The trouble is that there is no responsible party who would have him. At one time he would have gladly associated himself with the Liberals when that party was looking for a sympathetic local press, but the Liberals wouldn't mix. He next turned his wooing attention (if the term is admissible) toward the Conservative party and for a time it appeared as if they had wed. Mr. Newton, however, couldn't form any alliance that would last peacefully for more than a few months, and so the Conservatives were obliged to seek another organ.

Since that time Mr. Newton has adopted the attitude of a divorced husband. He continues to make unwelcome visits to his former espoused.

It is safe to think that the present issue will be between those who like Mayor Pattullo and those who like him not. Mayor Newton will not be an issue at all; he will be used as a revenge—the scourge of the gods.

It will be very unfortunate if the city's welfare is to be jeopardized because of any personal feelings. No man has yet come forward with any reasons why Mr. Pattullo should not be returned, except those of a trivial nature. Everybody admits that he is a man of ability; that he is aggressive and that the city's business is very safe in his hands. Surely we are big enough to admit that one man cannot please everybody, and that everybody has a right to his own opinions. Let us all sink our personal feelings and pull together in the interests of Prince Rupert. If we do that Mr. Pattullo will be our next mayor.

Britain is very often spoken of as the Great Civilizer. She certainly has established order and decency wherever the flag has waved. Perhaps of course Britain may be the effect, and not the cause, of a principle that determines all these things. At any rate what a wonderful difference it would have made had the Anglo-Saxon colonized Mexico instead of the Spaniard. Had that been the case Mexico would right now be one of the greatest countries in the new world. In size Mexico is about as large as the arable part of the Dominion of Canada. Its soil is immensely rich. Its mountains are filled with silver and with gold and out of its hills thou mayest dig brass. It is indeed a veritable promised land with oil substituted for milk and honey.

With all these natural advantages however it is still unhappy Mexico; unhappy perhaps because of the sins of its forefathers. Why not believe that in the economy of nature there is a triangle of balanced forces in the moral realm as there is in the physical. Perhaps the outrages committed in the early Spanish days are still casting their benign influences about. The more we know of human psychology the more we are inclined to believe in a psychology of nature that stores up revenge and pays to the last sou.

Mexico needs to pass through the deep waters. It is even now receiving a little of its Baptism of Fire, but the end is not yet. A great long fierce struggle with life and death hanging in the balance is part of the preparation required, and out of that struggle it must emerge bruised and bleeding and sore. When these conditions are fulfilled we may look for the birth pangs of nationality and Mexico will rise up to take its place among the bright constellations of the west.

IN MEMORY OF
A VERY GALLANT GENTLEMAN
LAWRENCE EDWARD GRACE OATES
CAPTAIN IN THE INNISKILLING DRAGOONS
BORN MARCH 17 1880 DIED MARCH 17 1912
ON THE RETURN JOURNEY FROM THE SOUTH
POLE OF THE SCOTT ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION
WHEN ALL WERE BESET BY HARSHSHIP HE
BEING GRAVELY ILL WENT OUT INTO
THE BLIZZARD TO DIE IN THE HOPE THAT BY SO
DOING HE MIGHT ENABLE HIS COMRADES TO
REACH SAFETY. THIS TABLET IS PLACED
HERE IN AFFECTIONATE REMEMBRANCE BY
HIS BROTHER OFFICERS A.D. 1913

The Captain Oates Memorial at Gestingthorpe

CAPT. OATES MEMORIAL AT GESTINGTHORPE

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BIG SALMON PACK THIS YEAR— CANNERS GET SMALL PROFITS

Misleading Figures Published in Vancouver—Very Poor Season in Northern Waters—Loss Effects Rupert

A Vancouver despatch says: "The value of the British Columbia salmon pack for 1913 has been estimated at \$7,619,742.75, which is the return from the total of 1,353,901 cases caught and packed. This number includes all species of salmon caught and packed in the province. The detail figures for the year are: Sockeyes, 972,173 cases at an average price per case of \$6.75; red springs, 37,433 cases at \$6; white springs, 3616 cases at \$3; chums, 77,965 cases at \$2.50; pinks, 192,887 cases at \$2.75; and 69,822 cases of cohoes at \$4.25. This year's record is the largest since 1905, when there were 1,167,460 cases packed, which was then the largest pack on record since 1896, when statistics were first kept."

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pinks there were very few humpbacks packed in the north.

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Even on the Fraser, where there were lots of fish, the canners did not make the expected big profits such as they do in the years of the big run. This is due to the fact that one of the large packers maintained a high price for fish during the few days when the fishing nets were glutted. This high price resulted in the canners having to pay heavily for their pack, thus decreasing the profits. It was caused by one company trying to injure its competitors and the fishermen got the benefit of it.

The loss to Prince Rupert through the poor season in the district waters was a serious one. There were nearly 2500 fishermen in the district, all of whom were short hundreds of dollars each on the season. Probably 50 per cent of the money those men receive is put into circulation through the city and it means that Rupert trade fell many thousands of dollars short of what it is in an average year. It is a loss which can never be made up.

After the theatre. Palace Cafe.
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