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Oriental Problem Is Always With Us.

The Oriental problem is always with us. When it is not an industrial problem it is a political problem or a social problem. It will constantly come up when there is nothing else to talk about. We may be sure of that.

Just now A. W. Neill of Gomox-Alberni is discussing the subject at Ottawa and is complaining that the agreement with the Japanese is not being carried out. If any officials are allowing lapses in the regulations they should at once be dismissed. There should be no difficulty about that.

The problem of unfair competition is always before us. It is claimed that Orientals have a lower standard of living to the rest of the community. They do not want their houses furnished like we do and do without things in everyday life that we consider necessary. The result is that they can underbid us in the labor market. The merchants complain that they do not spend their money here but send most of it back to their own country. The charges are that they compete unfairly with white labor, they are of no value to the white merchant, and the races do not mix well, consequently social intercourse is not conducive to best racial results.

Best Remedy For Present Conditions.

Let the Japanese and Chinese develop their standards of living in their own country; let the laboring classes demand, as Indians do here, the highest wages commensurate with services rendered; let them get rid of the industrial objection to their presence and the other objections would not worry people much. What people raise a row about is what "touches" their pocket. If money is involved, the agitation is kept up and eventually wins out. The political objection would cease once the industrial objection were settled.

Of late Chinese and Japanese have been opening stores in the white sections of the coast cities. This has aroused a good deal of criticism and had led merchants to join the agitation against their presence in this country.

Beatty Humorous And Also Serious.

E. W. Beatty, president of the C.P.R., at a dinner recently, said:

"The fact that difficulties are before us is just another incentive to overcome them and by our own prudence and sanity and by the support of policies which are designed to improve the whole of the country being about the object which we seek to achieve. In the words of the late Thomas D'Arcy McGee, a man of great eloquence and of almost uncanny vision, 'Each for himself should contribute to the country's prosperity by his own individual effort.'

"You may properly ask what are these difficulties and what steps should be taken to overcome them. I am not speaking in any political sense because politicians and I are almost strangers. In fact, some time ago I was asked if I knew anything about politics and the only reply I could make was that which was made by the young man to the elderly lady who met at a garden party and who said to him: 'Young man, are you married?' The gentleman replied: 'Unfortunately, no, madam, thank God.' But speaking entirely apart from politics, an excess of which in matters of commerce is probably one of our greatest tribulations, we are confronted with a situation which is partly an honorable scar and partly a self-inflicted wound. We have obligations due to our war participation which constitute the most brilliant page in the history of this country; obligations which must be met and which are being cheerfully met and we have obligations which are due to our own miscalculations or lack of judgment, and these obligations must be met but in the nature of things are not so cheerfully met. All of them must of necessity be discharged and none of them should be incurred."

"My own conception of the situation can be reduced to very few words. I believe, first, that we need have no apprehension of the future of Canada unless we ourselves retard that future by acting on false economic principles. I do not know of any country more bountifully endowed by Nature than this country. I do not know of any country whose progress in fifty years with its up and downs has been more steady or on a sounder foundation. On the other hand, a serious if cool and confident consideration of its commercial and economic problems is just now necessary in Canada."

A Lesson in Success

Teach your children to save. Open a Union Bank Savings Account for each of them. Let them be friends with the Bank Teller and take their own deposits to him.

The easiest road to success is the savings habit.



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Prince Rupert Branch - H. H. Little, Manager

RUPERT GIVEN FINE WELCOME

Delegates Reported on Wonderful Hospitality of Portland People

The wonderful hospitality of the Portland people was shown during the recent convention according to the delegates to the district conference of Rotary held there recently. At the Rotary luncheon yesterday George Bryant, Walter Fisher and Walter Vance reported on the trip, telling of the splendid reception they were given. There were in the party Mr. and Mrs. Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, Miss Fisher and Walter Vance, and they enjoyed it all.

Speakers

Mr. Bryant told of the speakers. There were among others the blind editor of the Portland Oregonian and of the speech by Rev. Leslie Pidgeon, the banner address of the convention.

Rev. Mr. Pidgeon compared the growth of Rotary with that of a flower, declaring that the real meaning of growth could not be fully appreciated until the flower came into bloom. The history of the idealistic side of Rotary was traced from the basic which was declared to be the idea of helping each other in business.

The second stage of the development, he declared, was the recognition and adoption of the idea that every man who was a member of the order and all others holding similar ideals should do their daily task as members of society.

Branching out into the international sphere was considered as the third and final step of the organization to date.

"There is no phase of life which is not social," Rev. Mr. Pidgeon declared in considering the common practice of having one standard of conduct and relationship for social world and another for the business.

In considering the international ideal, he declared that only by universalizing thoughts could a man really decide whether they were right or wrong. "A small man," he said, "is one whose concise life and service takes in the narrowest possible circle of society."

Materialism Not Satisfying

"Man cannot satisfy the infinite," he continued, "by adding one finite thing to another, and he cannot satisfy life by adding one material thing to another."

There is much to be done in fostering the international ideal, the speaker said, and as a first step it is necessary that thinking be on an international scope. "If I were to give my opinion as to what is the matter with the world," he said, "I would state that our intellect has grown faster than our moral conceptions. A man should be true to his own country but it is not necessary that he stop there. Anything that should be done can be done and will be done. Rotary is doing something to foster this international idea and international understanding."

Vancouver showed up well at the convention about eighty from that town being present and forty to forty-five from Victoria.

Hospital Features

W. S. Fisher, telling of the hospitality of the Portland people said there were 350 autos placed at their disposal and they were told they could commandeer any one of them at any time.

They were given a wonderful drive forty miles up the Columbia River highway and in other directions. There was a reception for the ladies at which 900 were present, a fashion show and finally the governor's ball at which there were no wallflowers. The people of the home town saw to it that every visitor danced all the time.

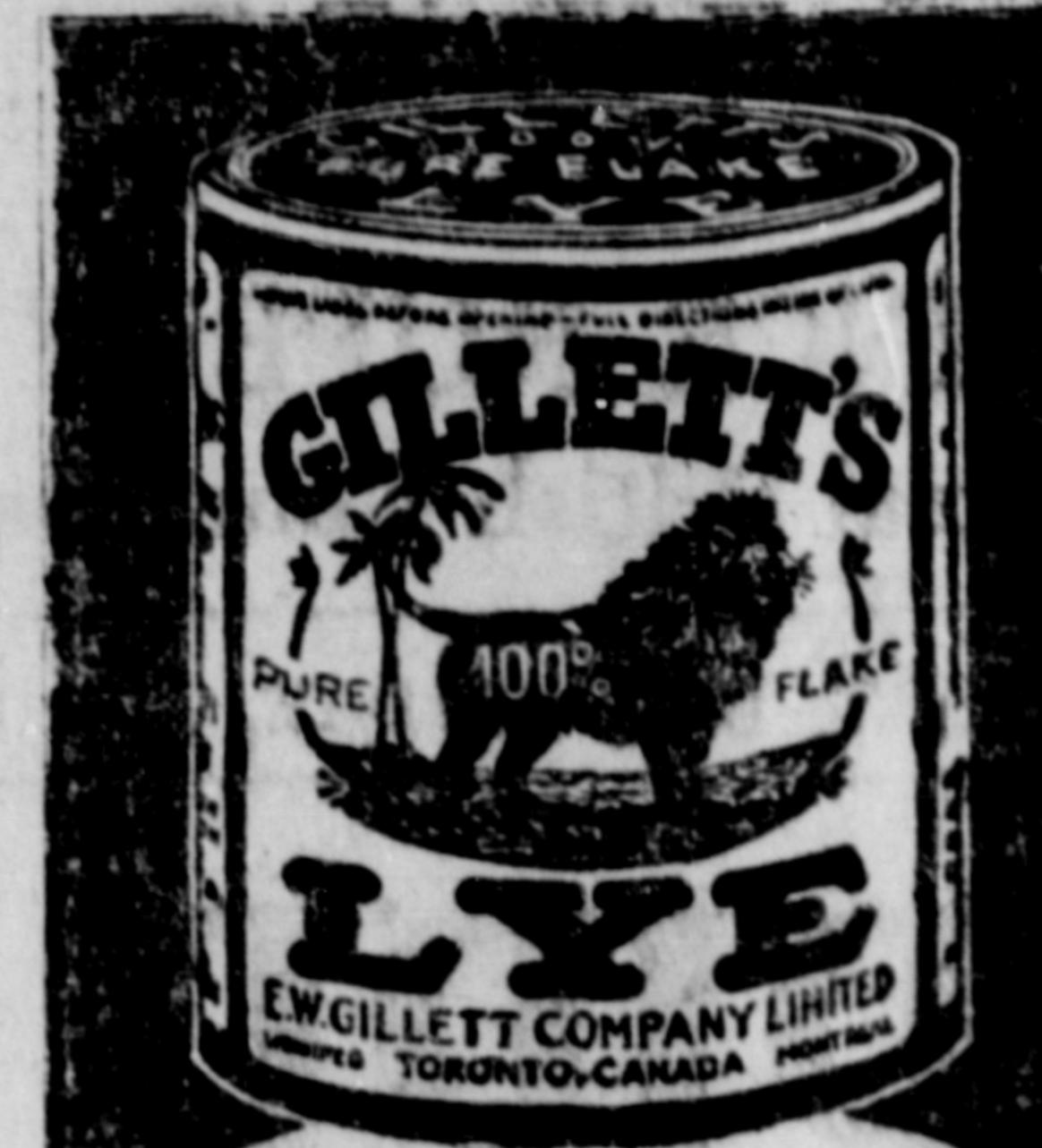
Mr. Vance as struck by the advertising the various towns got from the convention and urged that Prince Rupert be well represented at Victoria next year. At Portland Victoria delegates were all dressed in little sailor hats and each had a telescope which was also a bazaar. Their song leader was a big man with a big voice and they made a great showing.

Vancouver delegates all had to be vaccinated before crossing the border. They capitalized it into a song. Following are one or two of their ditties:

Vaccination

(Tune: John Brown's Body)

Vancouver is a City everybody



GOT BACK PAY AFTER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF ABSENCE FROM B.C.

George Hill Gets Word of Man Who Left Years Ago and Now is Back in Province

George Hill of this city was surprised the other day to read in a southern newspaper about the return of an old acquaintance to the province. The item was dated at Drumheller as follows:

Misfortune often pursues one to the bitter end, but good fortune, contrary to well established fact, sometimes does the very same thing. At least so thinks Ernie Davis, one of the members of the Atlas mine, Drumheller, and one of the trustees of the Miner's Hall. Ernie also believes that there are a few honest men left in the world yet, and that the officials of the Canadian Pacific railway can be placed in this category.

Mr. Davis worked for the Canadian Pacific railway back in Ontario some eighteen years ago, or to be exact, in April and May, 1907. But being of a roving disposition, he had not time to wait for his pay checks for these two months, so he hit out on his round the world trail and kissed goodbye to the said two months' wages. Of course, in 1907, two months' wages were not what they are today, but still a dollar went a great distance in those days of real sport.

However, after spending some time in the gold fields of Nevada, and many other mining fields, Mr. Davis landed in the Red Deer Valley coal field where he has been for some time. He had forgotten all about his back wages, and the other day, just as he had a trip to Alaska all arranged, he got a notification from the Canadian Pacific railway that if he would send the proper identification papers and satisfy them that he was the same Ernie Davis, they would be only too pleased to send him a check for his back pay.

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