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PREPARE TO EXERCISE  
YOUR FRANCHISE.

The franchise is one of the dearest privileges that man can hold and it is the sacred obligation of every person entitled to hold the franchise to exercise it to the best interests of himself and his fellowman.

An election will be held for the selection of mayor and councilmen of this city in January next, but although it is several months before the ballot will be taken, it is necessary for those who value their franchise and wish to have a voice in the selection of the public office holders to see to it that their names are properly placed on the voters' list. Registered owners of property will be eligible without further trouble, but holders of licenses,

road tax payers and householders must register their vote this month at the city hall.

The choice of a competent council to represent the citizens is even more important now than when the city is older, for it is in the initial stages that the foundation for the great city of the future must be laid, and the mistakes of today will be difficult to remedy in the years to come. It will be necessary for the voters to carefully consider their choice of mayor and council for the ensuing year with a view to the future of the city as well as to the present, and the man eligible to vote who does not do so should not complain no matter what the result of the council's actions are.

DR. VROOMAN TELLS OF THE  
NECESSITY FOR PROTECTION

NOTED LECTURER AND EDITOR TELLS OF THE DANGER OF  
BRITISH COLUMBIA AND ADVOCATES A NAVAL UNIT  
AND ARMS FACTORY ON COAST

Victoria, Oct. 23—Dr. F. B. Vrooman, B. Sc. (Oxon), Ph. D., editor of the British Columbia Magazine, said in an interview here, in speaking of the "Yellow Peril," and the defence of Canada's western coast:

"The problem of the new Pacific outlook is race and commercial conflict. Disguise it as we may, conceal the fateful issues if we will, juggle with ugly facts and stifle friendly warnings, the persistent fact protrudes through all our shams; the problem of the new era of the new Pacific and of new Asia, is the struggle of the white and yellow peoples for world supremacy."

Dr Vrooman pointed to China's new industrial awakening, in which that country, with its myriads of peoples, is adopting modern machinery and methods in its industrial and economic activities. This, he contends, can only have one meaning, and that is that at some future date more or less removed, these Celestials will have to be reckoned with commercially, and more than any other places by Western Canada and Australia. "Then the important need at once becomes apparent for a fleet on the Pacific coast," Dr. Vrooman said.

"Operating jointly with the Australian fleet, this part of the world will then be a little better prepared than it is now for what ever emergency the future may

bring with it. Moreover, I believe that not only should the fleet be stationed here, but that the ships should be built here, and that the Pacific coast, somewhere in this vicinity, should manufacture its own guns and shells."

Dr. Vrooman dwelt upon the tremendous possibilities for British Columbia which will follow the opening of the Panama Canal, but he laid equal emphasis upon the activity of the Japanese and Chinese, who are reaching out vigorously in every possible direction. Under present conditions, he declared, Japan, as the ally of Great Britain, is the only nation which is really in a position to offer protection to Western Canada, and this very fact carried a very great danger with it.

"All of us sympathize heartily with the race ambitions of any great people," he said. "And there is no disputing the fact that China, which has just become a republic, and is awakening to a realization of its vast resources, and Japan, which long ago proved her right to be called progressive, are great nations.

"But it is because they are great nations that we must no longer consider them negligible. Their splendid qualities make them formidable opponents in peace or war, and their very efficiency is a menace which Canada must provide itself against.

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