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THE NAVAL ISSUE.

Few Canadians are disposed to dispute the debt which Canada owes the Mother Country for the protection which she has afforded us against foreign aggression, but we doubt if many people born in this country will go so far as to say that our only reason for doing so are business first and sentiment after. Canada's attitude on this question is purely that of a son toward his father. It is a family affair, where the chief consideration is the need. If the Mother Country were really in danger and were unable to hold her own among the nations of the world, no Canadian would begrudge all the assistance in the power of the Dominion, but when we find Englishmen themselves at variance respecting the actuality of the danger, surely we have reason to ask for more positive proof of it than has yet been advanced.

As to the first reason propounded by government supporters it is so apparently founded on fallacy that there is scarcely any need to discuss it. Canada may owe Great Britain, but that is surely no reason why she should contribute millions of money towards a navy already the most powerful in the world, and contribute it in such a way that it will be of no direct benefit to herself. It is not usual for debtors to make gifts to those to whom they owe money, and in this case, moreover, the money owing to England by Canada is proving a very profitable investment to the financiers of the old country, otherwise it would not have been loaned.—Vancouver Sun.

San Francisco, Oct. 23.—"One by one they wander from us," is the refrain of an old song that treats of the desertion of the old homestead by successive members of the family. With a few simple changes the ditty would adapt itself to the white hope situation. First Carl Morris, and now Luther McCarthy, whom Billy McCarney, with flashing eyes and swelling breast, declared would one day grow so famous that his name would become a household word. The New York critics let Luther down easy. When Jim Stewart outfigured the big novice at every stage of a ten round bout they said McCarthy held out promise of improvement. Avast and avast with such sincere twaddle. The white hope who has failed under trial, but who is "going to do better when he has a fight or two under his belt," is in a class with the jaded champion who is "going to the mountains to recuperate." He is a mighty unsafe proposition. It goes to show that, after all, fighting is a trade. The fighter who is born, not made, is a scarce specimen of humanity. In the light of what is happening the sayings of Philadelphia Jack O'Brien and Jack Johnson seem epigrammatic. "I can lick any man who has not had two years' experience in the professional ring," remarked Philadelphia John prior to his San Francisco go with Al Kaufman. "Palzer is not ripe yet," said Champion Johnson, when asked at Las Vegas whether he regarded Palzer in the light of a possible opponent. There was that in the tone which suggested that Johnson considered Palzer an easy mark, but felt that the big Iowa would have to be coddled along a bit further to stimulate public interest and increase the prospects of a large attendance.

LABOR IS NEEDED MORE THAN CAPITAL SAYS G. T. P. OFFICIALS

CHAIRMAN SMITHERS OF GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SAYS THAT MORE LABORERS ARE NEEDED IN CANADA AND URGES IMMIGRATION

London, Oct. 26—Presiding at the Grand Trunk Railway meeting yesterday, Chairman Smithers had some earnest remarks to deliver to the immigration authorities and also to the workers already established in the Dominion. "Canada requires more capital," he declared, "but more she requires additional labor."

"It seems regrettable that the question of immigration has not been taken up by the British Government. I am certain machinery could be devised for the transfer of British labor to Canada with excellent results, politically and otherwise."

"There is a passing danger from her speculation," he went on, "but nothing will stop or permanently effect the progress of Canada so long as she produces from the earth at the existing rate and sells at present prices."

"I would urge on the Dominion and provincial governments the necessity of encouraging immigration."

"The idea among many of the laboring population of Canada that increased immigration will depreciate their wages, is within very wide limits utterly groundless."

WHITE HOPES COME AND GO BUT JOHNSON KEEPS THE BELT

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VERY RICH GOLD FOUND AT LORNE CREEK NEAR SKEENA

WELL KNOWN DOCTOR AND OLD TIMER PASSES THROUGH PRINCE RUPERT WITH SOME EXCELLENT SAMPLES OF COARSE GOLD TAKEN FROM CREEK.

With a couple of ounces of good, coarse gold Dr. A. W. Molsey came down from Lorne Creek the day before yesterday, going south on the Princess May. The doctor, who is a well known mining man, having been one of the most energetic operators in the Portland Canal district during its early days, is now centering his energies upon developing a placer mining proposition on Lorne Creek, a stream running into the Skeena River at Mile 129.

Gold in paying quantities has been known to exist there for a number of years, nearly a hundred thousand dollars having been taken out some years ago by a hydraulic company. The latter had to abandon operations as the pay, which is all on bedrock, was at such a depth that it was impossible to get the huge amount of waste dirt away.

The present syndicate, of which Dr. Molsey is the head, have obtained a lease of the ground and are working it by placer methods, tunnelling in along the pay streak, similar to those used in the Yukon. The only difference is that the ground not being

frozen every bit of it has to be timbered. There being plenty of the latter available, this is of small consideration. At present they are in 156 feet and are working away steadily, intending to continue doing so all the winter. The two ounces the doctor brought down was cleaned up from about a yard of dirt. The big boulders are blasted out with powder, and the dirt run out in cars, similar to the methods adopted in a quartz mine. There is every indication at present that working in this manner the syndicate have a very good thing in sight, and they have every intention of prosecuting the enterprise to the fullest extent. So far this is the only placer gold found on a stream tributary to the Skeena river. Dr. Molsey who has gone south on business connected with the company, will return to the creek in a few weeks' time.

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