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A NEW IMMIGRANT ROUTE.

Several recent announce-
ments tend to bring into greater
prominence the Panama Canal
now near completion. One is
the assurance, given publicly
two days ago, that before the
close of this year a commercial
vessel will traverse the
canal from ocean to ocean,
which event will signalize the
opening of the new canal to
traffic. Another is that already
the owners of two German
steamship lines have decided
to carry emigrants from Europe
to American Pacific ports for
the same rates as to American
Atlantic ports with the canal
tolls added. A third is that
while immigration from Europe
to the Pacific slope has hereto-
fore amounted to very little, it
is certain to be speedily and
greatly increased. It is ex-
pected that the genial climate
of the Pacific states and pro-
vinces will make them attractive
to the people of Southern
Europe, who at present suffer
severe hardships while be-
coming acclimatized in the
eastern cities and towns.

In connection with this very
theme the Boston Transcript
calls attention to the fact that
while immigration from Europe
to the Atlantic ports of the
United States has for many
years been enormous, the same
sort of immigration to the Pa-
cific ports has been quite in-
significant in amount. During
the fiscal year 1911-12 there

came to New York 605,151; to
Philadelphia, 43,749; to Bos-
ton, 38,782, and to Baltimore,
21,667, while only 3,958 landed
at San Francisco, and only 40,
000 more reached the Pacific
slope by overland transconti-
nental routes. It will be in-
teresting to note the effect of
the opening of the Panama
Canal and route on the volume
and direction of immigration
during, say, the fiscal year
1913-14.

The Victoria Times puts the
number of immigrants from
Europe to British Columbia
last year at 96,389, and the
number of land pre-emptions
at 3,655. This shows that the
vast majority of the newcom-
ers must have settled down in
cities or have gone into serv-
ice as laborers on public
works. British Columbia may
reasonably expect to find the
stream of immigration from
Europe greatly increased a few
months hence, and it is the
duty of the authorities, both
Dominion and Provincial, to
prepare for the larger influx.
The more Europeans who come
the better, if they are of the
right sort, for British Colum-
bia needs population. But
European immigrants to At-
lantic ports have to be care-
fully scrutinized, and those
going to the Pacific ports
should be equally subjected to
close scrutiny. "Undesirables"
should be as uncompromis-
ingly deported from one side
of the continent as from the
other.—Toronto Globe.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY WOULD MAKE CREMATION COMPULSORY

HON. DR. YOUNG FAVORS THIS ADVANCED LEGISLATION—
DUTIES OF AUDITOR-GENERAL DEFINED

Victoria, Feb. 8.—"As a medi-
cal man I believe in cremation
and if my chief, the Premier,
would allow me to do so, I would
bring down a bill making cre-
mation of human remains com-
pulsory in British Columbia."

This declaration from the Hon.
Dr. Young, Minister of Educa-
tion and Provincial Secretary,
made some of the more aged
members of the legislature "take
notice" yesterday afternoon.
When he dropped the statement
the minister glanced feelingly in
the direction of Mr. Parker Wil-
liams, the Newcastle exponent of
the fine art of Socialism, but as
he was answering some criti-
cisms of the latter in respect to
the bill before the House, it is
just possible he had no desire to
possess the corpse of the Social-
ist member for the purpose of
assisting in advancing the prac-
tice of cremation.

Hon. Dr. Young did not favor
the House further with his ideas
regarding the desirability of cre-
mation of human remains and
those who had been startled by
his somewhat radical statement
gradually regained their com-
posure. The outburst came when
the bill for the regulation and
establishment of Crematoria was
being discussed in committee.

When Hon. Price Ellison moved
the adoption of the report of
the committee of the whole on
the Audit Act Bill, Mr. Parker
Williams, Newcastle, moved that
an additional section be intro-
duced into the bill to provide
that the auditor-general should
have power to suspend or dis-
miss members of the staff of his
office. This was in line with the
suggestion made by the member
for Newcastle several days ago
when he offered criticism of the
measure when it was in commit-
tee of the whole house.

Regarding Auditor-General

"Mr. Speaker, I followed very
closely the discussion that took
place when this bill was in com-
mittee the other day," remarked
Sir Richard McBride. "I recall
that the member for Newcastle
then took the position he has as-
sumed today. I wish to state
that the auditor-general will be
independent in every way in ex-
ercising the functions of his of-
fice. It will be for that official
and for him alone to adjudicate
on the questions which must
arise as to public expenditure.
As far as his staff is concerned
it ought to be left to the good
sense of the government to pro-
vide him with an efficient work-
ing force. It does not follow
that because the auditor-general
is independent the members of
his staff should be independent
of the government and of the
Civil Service Commission. If we
expect to have that uniformity
which is essential to the proper
operation of the law all civil
servants ought to be—must be—
under the control of the Civil
Service Commission. It may be
the opinion of the member for
Newcastle that if the staff of the
auditor-general is not answer-
able to the Civil Service Com-
mission its members would be much
more useful to him, but I cannot
consider that such could be the
case. With his staff answer-
able to the Civil Service Com-
mission the auditor-general will
have the whole service on
which to draw for efficient work-
ers, a circumstance of inestim-
able worth. The government

can not accept the proposal of
the member for Newcastle."

The report on the bill was ad-
opted and third reading given
the measure.

The bill respecting the regis-
tration of births, marriages and
deaths was committed and pro-
gress reported.

What About the Coroner

When the bill respecting the
Regulation of Crematoria was
placed in committee of the whole
House Mr. Parker Williams de-
clared that where cremation of
human remains was permitted it
would be advisable that all bod-
ies so treated should first be the
subject of an enquiry by a cor-
oner. He pointed out that in
cases of deaths which were ul-
timately enquired into and where
the bodies have been buried in
the ground, it is possible for
them to be exhumed in order
that post-mortem examinations
may be conducted and the ob-
jects of a coroner's enquiry car-
ried out. However, were such
bodies incinerated no such fol-
lowing up of a case would be
possible.

Hon. Dr. Young, provincial
secretary, who introduced the
bill, declared that as a medical
man he believed in cremation,
and he asserted that if Sir Rich-
ard McBride would permit him
he would bring in a bill making
cremation compulsory in British
Columbia. He stated further
that he did not think it imprac-
ticable to make a coroner's en-
quiry compulsory in all cases
where cremation of a body was
desired. However, he declared
that he quite appreciated the
point of the member for New-
castle and he was willing to re-
ceive from him any suggestion
he might make and to that end
he was willing to allow the bill
to remain in committee. In ac-
cordance with this desire of the

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provincial secretary progress
was reported and the committee
will sit again next week. In the
meantime Mr. Williams will con-
fer with the introducer of the
measure.

The bill for the incorporation
of St. Mark's Hall was commen-
ced, reported complete with
amendments and the report will
be considered on Monday.

FORMER CLERGYMAN STOLE THE FUNDS

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