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There are evidently a considerable number of people in and around Victoria who think the presence of a servile class for the performance of menial labor is a necessity in this community. Some say, and others apparently think, that the noxious portion of Greece and Rome in ancient times, are enabled to more effectively attend to the higher duties of life; to think loftier thoughts and to soar to sublime heights generally, when they have serfs, slaves or menials to wait upon them and attend to the wants of their lower nature.

well as workmen. There is no farmer in the neighborhood of Victoria that can compete with the Orientals in the special line of agriculture to which they give their attention. Australia is said to be the wealthiest country in the world to-day per head of population. Its people are almost entirely British or of British origin. There was no doubt a great demand for a servile class there to perform the menial labor there was so abundant. The Chinese were eager to go in and assist in the opening up and development of Australia, but the white men had sufficient foresight to perceive what the ultimate result would be and promptly erected barriers that are exceedingly difficult to scale.

papers of the baser sort as well as journals of the higher class have a considerable circulation in all parts of the Dominion. Such food is not the stuff upon which to rear healthy Britons. The old fellows are all right, but the young ones have neither the experience nor the flesh which bid their fathers to the old land. Give them reliable news from Great Britain, Australia and all the colonies and excite as effectively as possible the lying-rubbish which, absurd though it appears to us, has an influence upon the minds of the rising generation of Canada. Our neighbors are an enterprising people and they have a great country, but Canadians have no desire to join them now, nor will they ever have if they are brought up with a true conception of the resources and might and a knowledge of the history of the great Empire of which it is their privilege to be a part.

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THE PAST. "Il passato e' passato, e per sempre" D'Azeglio. The past is past; and in that twilight valley, Dwell slow repentance and the vain regret. Fears for the future from those shadows, And hang around the path before us yet.

THE PAST. The past is past; in solemn silence taking On the live altar of the fond heart breaking Full many an idol built on feet of clay. The past is past; in certain, still rotation, Deaden and loosening, as it travelled by. Each hope that binds in glad anticipation, Each vivid passion and each tender tie.

THE PAST. The past is past; and oh, how few deplore It, Or would redeem their time, had they the power. Tho' nature sometimes weakly weepeth o'er it, At memory of some wrong, or happier hour. The past is past; there's bitter joy in knowing 'Tis gone forever, dead and buried deep. It lies behind, and on life's stream is flowing, Where the still waters of the Dead Sea stop.

THE PAST. The past is past; in faith and patience taking Its lessons, let us lay them on our hearts; Tho' duty vibrate the pose; attend all; Be earnest! use the present ere it parts!

WONDER WHERE THIS PLACE IS? Ottawa Citizen. A Western city has just appointed a medical health officer at a salary of \$1,000 per annum. Of course he is a qualified medical practitioner. His duties are outlined in the by-law appointing him cover twelve clauses. Here are a few of them: He will discharge duties as required by the health act; devote his whole time to his duties; attend the inmates of the jail and poor house, also the indigent poor and any member or police injured in discharge of his duty; vaccinate the poor; attend all meetings of the board of health, and superintend the sanitary inspectors. His office hours will be 9 to 12 and 2 to 5. For this work the salary will be the munificent sum of \$1,000, and an attempt was made to cut it down to \$800 on the old argument that numbers of good men would take it at that figure, which was proved by the applications for the position at \$800. The medical profession must be overgrown with doctors who undertake such a catalogue of work for less than the wages of a good mechanic.

WE SHOULD BE IN ON THIS. St. John Telegraph. Carnegie might remember St. John, as this city is more Scotch than either Vancouver or Ottawa. But we are forced to admit that the latter cities use more Scotch.

2 Star Flour PER SACK, 90C. "As good as whole wheat Flour," so say those who have used it. Hardress Clarke, 86 Douglas Street.

SPENCER'S Shoe Department "QUEEN QUALITY" Nine New Styles Shown To-Day-See Windows. Ladies' Fashionable Patent Toe Cap Lace Boot. Price... \$3.75. Ladies' Kibo Kid, Plain Toe, Cap, New Lace Boot. Price... \$3.75.

Whitewear Department SHOWN TO-DAY NEW BLOUSES. Fancy Pique Blouses, embroidered figures, trimmed two rows of insertion. Price... \$2.00. A Plain Print Shiraz Waist, made of best prints, in spots and stripes, with linen collars; all sizes. Price... \$1.75.

Thursday's Specials 125 White Cotton Blankets, small sizes for cots; regular 35c. Thursday... 15c. 100 White Cotton Blankets, large size; regular \$1.25. Thursday... 95c. 100 Extra Heavy Cotton Blankets, full size; regular \$1.65. Thursday... \$1.25. We show for Thursday 100 Silk Blouses, several different patterns. Price... \$2.75.

Furniture Department New Sideboards, Dressing Tables, Hall Pieces, Dining Tables, Parlor Sets, Lounges, Bureaus. All sorts of Furniture recovered in the Upholstery Department. We show to-day 200 pieces of Linoleums, 6-4 and 12-4, at 40c., 50c., 60c. a square yard. Our Floor Cloth and Linoleum stock takes up about a quarter of our large premises. Showrooms on Broad street.

Men's Furnishing Department New Shapes in Men's Soft and Stiff Hats... \$2.00 and \$2.50. Several new lines to-day of Men's Fancy-Colored Shirts. Price... 75c., \$1, \$1.25. New Soft Shirts, Fancy Silk Stripes and Checks, Collar Attached... 50c., 75c., \$1.00, \$1.25.

Not Sold Anywhere Else. There's only one post office in this town and only one Slater Shoe Agency. You can't buy "Slater Shoes" from any other dealer here. The manufacturer make this rule so that they can keep tabs on their different agents and always have their selections up to the times. All "Slater Shoes" are Goodyear Welted, perfectly smooth inside, no tacks, lumps or threads under the foot. To be a genuine "Slater" the sole must be stamped with the makers' trade mark, a slate frame with name and price. \$5.50 and \$4.00.

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