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**AFTERMATH OF RIOT.**

What people at a distance think of Vancouver is important and interesting to us not only from the natural...(illegible) of cities as well as men to be thought of well, but because our existence and growth is affected in some measure by the estimation in which...(illegible) are held in those distant places. A good(?) name is as important to a city as it is to an individual. It is necessary to(?) attract population of the right kind, and our attractiveness in this regard depends not only on the eligibility of our situation, the temperness(?) of our climate, and our general advantages as a city to dwell in it depends also on our character as a corporate body of citizens. As people who respect law and order and maintain them intact; who will...(illegible) go to some trouble and make sacrifices to uphold them. Anything that is calculated to give a different impression from this to the country in general, and to any places from which...(illegible) settlers may come, is of the nature of a serious injury to Vancouver's prospects, and whatever tends to...(illegible) such an impression must be stressed and held in check with all determination of which we as a people are capable.

It is dreary reading, as the newspaper exchanges come in from distant and more distant places, to read the comments that are made on the detestable events of Saturday, Sept. 7, ...(illegible), for a short time, a part of our...(illegible) was given over to the riot and disorder of an uncontrolled mob. It is the nature of things that those comments should in some instances have been based on a conception of what took place that was not exactly in accordance with fact. That erroneous conclusions should be jumped to and matters represented as worse than they were is not surprising in the circumstances. That which must be pressing(?) to every good citizen is that there was so much basis of lamentable fact as there really was...(illegible)

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was enough to blacken Vancouver's good name and to do the...(illegible) prestige much damage. Those(?) are not Vancouver's best friends who aim to minimize the evil that was...(illegible) and to pass it off as the mad mask of a few unrestrained hoodlums. As a matter of fact, coming soon after the lawless occurrences in Bellingham, it was lumped together as outsiders as part of the same movement, and Vancouver was supposed to have adopted the same tactics of mob...(illegible) that are prevalent occasionally distances south of the United States boundary. And we may as well acknowledge that thereby a very regretfully(?) stab has been given to Vancouver's reputation as a city. We will quote one of the references perhaps the bitterest and the shortest. It is from the New York Evening Post, which runs thus: "Vancouver, B. C.-is about 10,000 B. C."

It is impossible to avoid coming to the conclusion that the unfortunate circumstances that occurred, were the overall outcome, in a large measure, ...(illegible) unwisdom[Sic] of self-constituted liars, and the devices of alien agitators. They did not represent the...(illegible) attitude of Vancouver. They were stimulated by the violent efforts of the daily paper, which is apparently in(?) sympathy with Bellingham sentiments and one weekly journal which, though edited by a Canadian, seems to be somewhat destitute of ballast(?) of a sense of the due proportion...(illegible). The crowds attending the ordinary meetings on the subject coming up to expectation, it was...(illegible) to work up the excitement like(?) a parade and bands of music. It also determined to obtain the assistance of speakers fresh from the demonstrations of mob rule on the other side of the boundary. Of the expression and its concomitants it is a truth to say that nothing better created to work up the passions of the mob could have been devised, and Vancouver owes no gratitude to its strangers(?).

The cause British Columbians have...(illegible), the preservation of this province as a white man's country for our children and our children's children is not well served by such tactics as...(illegible). Nor can any section of the politics assume that on it and it alone is laid the necessity of agitating the legislative relief we require of that which threatens us. Vancouver is not going

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to be governed by parades and bands of music, nor do...(illegible) sensations help the...(illegible).

It is therefore highly satisfactory...(illegible) that there is no intention of...(illegible) the experiment of another part and also that the civic authorities have adopted a firm attitude with which to any ill-advised doings of the...(illegible). In this they will be supported by a large majority of the people in the city, and in time even the most enthusiastic demonstrators will come to know that there are other and better ways in which their aims can be accomplished without not only...(illegible) Vancouver's reputation, but making an impression in distant...(illegible) that this city is not so desirable a place of residence as it is painted.