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PHILIP GOODWIN DEFENCE COMMITTEE  
Sir.—Philip Goodwin, native son of Victoria, B. C., military pensioner, and prison and hospital chaplain of Los Angeles, California, is awaiting execution of the death sentence for a crime of which he is innocent. His prison work brought him in touch with members of the criminal class and it is on the false evidence of one whom he befriended that he is now an inmate of the condemned cell.

Goodwin was charged with murdering James Patterson, a Los Angeles broker, in March 1926, and convicted on the evidence of one Gaines who fabricated his testimony to clear himself.

Affidavits, sworn by reliable and responsible persons, sufficient to establish a complete alibi, were sent to the court by air mail and delivered after the jury's verdict was given but before sentence was pronounced. The judge declared they were too late to be considered, and passed sentence of death.

After a searching examination of the accused in the office of Capt. Hobbs in the presence of a guard, a Mr. Labery, we are satisfied that Mr. Goodwin is entirely innocent.

Efforts are being made to secure a new trial, and an appeal is made to all organizations in the Dominion of Canada to assist in the arduous Canadian public opinion in support of this endeavor. Supporting wires, letters or resolutions should be sent to the undersigned who will make arrangements for their presentation to the proper officials.

Gen. Sir Percy Lake, K. C. B., K. C. M. G., Dominion President of the Canadian Legion; Hon. T. G. Coventry; Mr. A. C. Pike, Grand Treasurer, Native Sons of Canada; Mr. Robt. D. MacLachlan, Grand Secretary, Native Sons of Canada; Prof. V. L. Denton, Provincial Normal School, and many other prominent gentlemen who are working hard to secure justice, are satisfied that Goodwin is not only innocent but entirely ignorant of the crime, and quite able to prove this if a new trial is granted.

I am Sir, etc.  
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This is a bright prospect that we see ahead of and around our seagirt isle in the closing days of 1926. With this in view we should look forward with hope of still greater markets, greater production, and immensely greater success in 1927 and afterwards than has ever yet been achieved by its leaders in our Province and in the vast domain of the Dominion of Canada.

With these few comments, we wish our Province to accomplish all that our beautiful city and good fortune have in store for her.

Notes by the Way

DELHI, the new capital of India, is rapidly being completed for occupation as the official capital of India. Instead of Calcutta, which has hitherto held that position, Delhi is much more central than Calcutta, being about 700 miles northeast of Bombay and 900 miles northwest of Calcutta. It is also of much more historic importance to the people of India, having been the capital of the Mogul Empire and the chief centre of Mohammedan power in India. It was at one time the largest city in Hindustan, covering a space of 20 square miles and having a population of about 8,000,000. It is now greatly reduced in size to about seven miles in circumference and divided into Hindu, Mohammedan and European quarters.

To accommodate the Governor-General, his official staff and the host of civil servants, a new city has been built on the slope of the hills south of the old city. The new Parliament House containing three chambers, for the Council of Princes, the Council of State and the Legislative Assembly, will be opened early next month. It is mentioned that visitors to the new Delhi are bewildered and amazed at the magnitude and impressive nature of what has already been achieved. The city is not finished, but aside from the official buildings, countless houses, shops and schools have been built, native princes have erected splendid residences for themselves and others have acquired sites. Vast open spaces yet to be laid off and planted with trees and gardens and new edifices yet to be erected constitute features of a great design which will require years longer to complete.

Finland has tried the bold experiment of broadcasting the speeches delivered in her parliament. To signalize the event the members staged a full dress debate. One of them, thinking to capture the listeners in the back townships, tried to make a practical address on ham and bacon. He talked and talked, quite encouraged by the silent attention of his unseen listeners until finally a constituent sent word by telephone that if the speaker did not stop he would be defeated at the next election. Then he stopped.

There is many a public man who doesn't know when to stop speaking, and more than a few who have made speeches in Parliament that defeated them later and that before the days of radio. And broadcast- ing might make it worse. The man who had spoken unadvisedly with his lips would have so many more witnesses who could testify "I heard him say it."

It will be of interest to farmers to learn that a new forage plant has been developed by research work in the University of Saskatchewan. It has created a combination of Arctic sweet clover and alfalfa and it is hoped it will give to the Prairies a new fodder plant containing the good qualities of both and the bad qualities of neither. An agricultural journal in the West foresees in this a product of almost inestimable value in the West. "It