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CANADA'S NAVY.

The Canadian Government is accused of failing to rise to its duty because it will not include a Dreadnought in the fleet which is to be the starting point of Canada's career as a naval power. A fleet unit, under the Admiralty's definition, consists of a Dreadnought or Indomitable, three Bristol cruisers, six destroyers and three submarines. The Canadian Government has provided for six cruisers (four of them Bristol), and six destroyers. The reasons for preferring this force to an Admiralty fleet unit at the present time were stated by Sir Frederick Borden in his recent address:

"The arrangement which has been made with reference to Canada is of a kind which takes cognizance of the geographical position of this country, and the fact that we have two large oceans separated by a distance of some 4,000 miles, the idea being, and it is the only idea that can be considered by the people of Canada, that we should begin at one end and the same time the development of our navy on the Pacific and on the Atlantic. I may say that it did not appear to Mr. Brodeur and myself as being desirable or at all in accordance with the views or with the ambitions of the people of the whole of Canada that we should place one unit upon one of the oceans; we held it was much better to begin more gradually, to begin to develop the personnel, which, as I have said, is the very foundation of a navy, and to do it upon both of the great coasts of Canada, and later on it will be open to whatever government is in power in Canada to take such course as it may see fit as to the future development of the Canadian navy."

An Admiralty fleet unit, divided in two, would not be a fleet unit at all. The Dreadnought or Indomitable would be placed on the Atlantic or the Pacific coast, where it would be deprived of the necessary complement of cruisers and destroyers, half of which would be 4,000 miles away on the other coast. The Canadian Dreadnoughts are equally astray when they try to displace Canada's projected naval service. The last Erie, cruisers represent the latest and highest development of their type. Admiral Kingsmill, official naval adviser of this country, says of them:

"They would fill an important duty in warding off attacks against commerce or against the coasts of Canada, and would also act as commerce destroyers. Their first duty is to seek out and destroy the enemy's destroyers. It is most imperative for a battle fleet cruising to know, when night comes on, that the ground they have to go over has been cleared of the enemy's destroyers. . . . In the event of a British fleet coming over, these destroyers would have greatest information of the movements of an enemy's fleet, and so act as an advance screen, after which they could join up with the British fleet."

The cost of a Bristol cruiser in British yards is \$1,855,000; a destroyer, \$400,000. Four Bristols and six destroyers would cost \$9,540,000 in Great Britain, which means that they might cost \$12,500,000 in Canada. The cruiser Niobe, which will be used for training on the Atlantic coast, has been purchased for \$1,075,000. The Rainbow, the Pacific coast training ship, may cost a million. In addition the Government will spend \$6,685,000 in the first four years, for buildings, instruction, maintenance, etc., before any of the Canadian-built ships are ready for service. Here is a total of \$21,490,000 in four years, after which the annual cost of the fleet, beginning in the fifth year, will be \$2,650,000 at Canadian prices.

The Ottawa Opposition ask that \$20,000,000 be given at once to the admiralty, and they profess to advocate the subsequent creation of a Canadian navy to include a Dreadnought or Indomitable, and cost at least \$19,000,000 more than the fleet already projected. Their present policy, if it can be called a policy, is militarism gone mad.

ANOTHER OTTAWA ACROBAT.
What do East Lambton electors think of their representative in the House of Commons?

For years, Mr. Joseph Armstrong has sailed at the German surtax. The surtax was an assertion of Canadian self-respect, and has been justified by Germany's surrender. Mr. Armstrong was the only member of the House of Commons who demanded its removal, and so far as memory serves us, the London Free Press and the Montreal Gazette were the only newspapers to commend his craven and unpatriotic attitude.

Germany has capitulated, and the surtax has been removed. Is there any sign of approval from the member for East Lambton? No; quite the contrary. He now professes deep concern for some manufacturers, who he says have built up businesses on the assumption that the surtax would con-

time to shield them from German competition.

When Armstrong denounced the surtax he posed as a friend of the farmer. He filled the air with lamentations over the loss of the German market through what he called the sheer spite of the Ottawa Government. Today he is on the other tack. He is now posing as a sympathizer of the downtrodden manufacturers. He pretends to be alarmed lest some industries have been hit by the abolition of the surtax, but he has not a word to say of the admission of the Canadian farmers' products to the German market at the minimum tariff.

It is time East Lambton took Armstrong's proper measure. It was taken at Ottawa during his first session. He is regarded there on both sides of the House as merely a noise.

The Halley comet will be visible next month. Take a good look at it. It will return, but you will not be here.

The hydro-electric commission is worse than a soulless corporation in its dealings with unsophisticated farmers.

How the London Free Press would like to forget its greasy flattery of Mr. Beck, which it continued year in and year out!

The Kaiser says he is unalterably opposed to the secret ballot. His attitude means that he will have to place an increasing reliance on bayonets.

W. R. Brock, the Toronto wholesale drygoods magnate, and former Conservative M. P., has been known as a vehement partisan, but he has been impelled to denounce the Opposition's conduct on the naval question.

The prompt distribution of the unrevised Hansard has made that publication really useful to the newspapers for the first time. They now get the full reports of speeches two days instead of two weeks late. There was no reason why this should not have been done years ago.

From the Toronto point of view, Queen's University should be abolished and all higher education centralized in Queen's Park. Yet we venture to say Queen's has done as much for the province as Toronto. The Western also has a field of usefulness, and could occupy it without impairing that of Toronto or Queen's.

The writer of the letter headed "Porous Torontonensis" must be reminded of the rule which requires his name, though not for publication. It is a good smashing letter, and Sir James Whitney will deserve it if he finally refuses aid to the Western University. But his fulminations may have been stage thunder, and there is still a hope that he will do justice.

HON. MR. BRODEUR.

(Montreal Gazette, Conservative.)
It is intimated semi-officially that the state of Mr. Brodeur's health is likely to compel him at an early date to retire from the cabinet. The news will be received with widespread regret. Mr. Brodeur has had a singularly successful career in Parliament. Elected to the House of Commons before he was 20 years of age, he was Speaker before he was 40, and filled the office with an ability and dignity that caused his term to be remembered as something his successors should aspire to equal. Since 1894 he has been a member of the national administration, and in some difficult positions has managed to secure a good share of respect for his ability and loyalty to his predecessor's policy.

IN DOLLARS AND CENTS.

(Leslie's Weekly.)
To have a good woman is a liberal education. To have a lady of fashion is a commercial education.

THE POINT OF VIEW.

(Lippincott's.)
Newlywed—That thirty dollars for a hat? Why, it's simply ridiculous, my dear.
Mrs. Newlywed—That's what I thought. Harold, but you said it was all we could afford.

THE FIRST SPAT.

(Lark.)
Sue—If I had known that you would send me never would have married you.
He—If I had known that you would marry me I would have scolded.

THE WAY WITH SOME.

(Louisville Courier-Journal.)
"Is your husband in the meat boycott?"
"No, he went into it for three days, and then he got mad because we hadn't saved enough money to buy an automobile."

CANADA WINS.

(Detroit Journal.)
Canada has won in her tariff war with the German Empire, a war that has lasted twelve years and has asserted the right to be regarded by the world as a nation within a nation, rather than a mere dependency.

QUEBEC'S REAL VOICE.

(Ottawa Journal, Conservative.)
La Presse and La Patrie, two of the French daily newspapers of Canada, are supporting the proposition of a Canadian navy. Good! Although Canada's French-Canadian citizens may think differently on many subjects to their English neighbors, when it comes to the point it is generally—may, always—found, that as many of the leaders of thought in Quebec are to be found ranged on the side of generosity and decency as are to be found in Ontario. The attitude of La Presse and La Patrie in this matter, which is one, not of political expediency, but of conviction, goes a long way towards increasing the good feeling and helping the better understanding between the two sections of the Canadian people.

CANADA'S VICTORY.

(Hamilton Herald.)
The Laurier Government—and especially Finance Minister Fielding—must be feeling that it is some pumpkin, having forced the great German Empire to admit defeat.

A SIGNIFICANT VICTORY.

(Toronto News, Conservative.)
The Dominion Government's victory is significant and important. A great foreign nation admits that it has no right to interfere in the trade relationships of the mother country and the over-seas dominions. The different parts of the empire are free to grant each other special advantages which they will extend to



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no other part of the world. The issue should have some effect at Washington in persuading President Taft that, extending a preference to Great Britain, Canada has not earned the penalty of the maximum schedules of the Payne tariff.

NO URGENCY.

(Brantford Expositor.)
As regards Dreadnoughts, if there were urgent need, Canada would not hesitate. But the urgency has yet to be shown, and under existing circumstances it is manifestly the wiser course to commence the task of creating a Canadian naval unit which is the ultimate end of adequate naval defense.

THIRST FOR KNOWLEDGE.

(Washington Star.)
"The afraid," said the worried-looking woman, "that my husband is hopelessly impractical."

"He seems to take a great interest in his home."

"Yes, but he insists on buying thermometers to see how cold each room is instead of spending the money for coal."

HER EXPLANATION.

(Harper's Bazar.)
Howard—Bridget, did my wife come in a few minutes ago?
Bridget—No, sir. That's the parrot you heard a-hollerin'.

HER MILD COMPLAINT.

(Harper's Bazar.)
Patient Parent—George, what do you think I found in my bed last night?
George—What was it, mamma?
Patient Parent—A railroad train and a fire engine.

BURIED FATHOMS DEEP.

(Ottawa Free Press.)
The London Advertiser describes the Borden naval policy as a submarine. "Very little of it is visible, and you can't make out its real shape." It might have added that it is a matter of doubt whether it can ever come to the top.

THE LONDON AND LAKE ERIE.

(Brantford Expositor.)
An attempt was made before the Federal railway committee yesterday to insert a clause in the London and Lake Erie bill, providing for Sunday operations. The committee declined to restrict the company. This line is to operate over a wide territory from Brantford west. It should not be denied Sunday rights as a through road. The objection to Sunday cars is now confined mostly to small centres, where an attempt is made to operate a local system. Few will raise serious protest against operations in larger centres, such as Toronto, and the feeling is growing that inter-urban services are also desirable in many essentials if placed under proper restrictions.

ALL THAT'S NECESSARY.

(Tribune.)
"I suppose you must find it hard to please all your constituents all the time, don't you?" asked the beautiful widow of the popular M. P.
"Oh, it's impossible to do that," replied the statesman; "and, besides, it would be foolish to do so if one could. All that's necessary is to think of some way to please them just before it is necessary to get elected again."

Do You Suffer From Headaches?

There are few people who have never experienced a headache from one cause or another. It affects all ages and both sexes alike, but the female sex is naturally the more effected through the higher nervous development and more delicate organization of the system. Those also of a nervous temperament and studious or sedentary occupation are subject to it. The presence of headache nearly always tells us that there is another disease which, although we may not be aware of it, is still exerting its baneful influence, and perhaps awaiting an opportunity to assert itself plainly.

Burdock Blood Bitters has, for years, been curing all kinds of headaches, and if you will only give it a trial we are sure it will do for you what it has done for thousands of others.

Headache and Constipation Cured.

Mrs. John Connor, Burlington, N.S., writes: "I have been troubled with headache and constipation for a long time. After trying different doctors' medicine a friend asked me to try Burdock Blood Bitters. I find I am completely cured after having taken three bottles. I can safely recommend it to all."

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Now For the Last Saturday Before Stock-Taking

IN order to make stock-taking as easy as possible, we will push this Closing-Out Sale until the last day. All little lots, all odds and ends—everything, in fact, that can be disposed of—will be sold at reduced prices without regard to profit. We want clean stocks with which to start our new business year, and we're willing to make unusual sacrifices to get them. The list printed doesn't contain anything like all the bargains we have for you—it only suggests the opportunity.

Curtain Ends

Saturday morning at 9 (in the Carpet Department) a brand new lot of sample ends of Nottingham Lace Curtains, in absolutely perfect condition, fresh and clean. They are of extra length for sample ends. Please notice this, and that many of them are in pairs. Just the thing for sash curtains. On sale for the first time tomorrow morning, in four lots. Choice at

15c, 25c 35c, 50c

Ladies' Dress Skirts Worth to \$6.50, Saturday \$3.89

Most of these skirts are pleated and gored styles, of Panama and Venetian cloth. Colors are black, brown and navy. A miscellaneous lot, selling in the regular way up to \$6.50. Saturday to clear at

FIVE DOZEN BLACK MOIRETTE PETTICOATS, made of English moirette, that is a good-wearing cloth. Worth 95c. Just this small lot to clear at 49c

Boys' Suits

One hundred Suits for boys, at \$2.95. That should make big selling Saturday. Norfolk and double-breasted tweed suits, with straight or bloomer knickers; an excellent variety of light and dark patterns; sizes to fit boys 6 to 12 years. A great bargain, at

Misses' Coats

A table of Misses' Long Tweed Coats, seasonable mixtures, in dark and medium colors. Worth as high as \$8.50, Saturday Closing-Out Sale at

Sample Gloves

Few women but will be interested in this lot of Sample Gloves, including cashmere, suede finish and wool, in black and colors. Some long ones, but mostly 2-clasp short Gloves. We offer them Saturday at just half-price. 20c to \$1.00, now

Working Shirts

Men's American Black Hide and Rockfast Drill Working Shirts, all sizes. Worth 75c, Saturday 65c
Boys' Heavy Jersey Knit Top Shirts, blue color, excellent wearing shirt. Regular 50c, Saturday 39c
Men's Grey Wool Socks, elastic rib top, 25c quality at

Men's Suits

We are almost ready for our new spring stock of Men's Suits. Just a few lines that still offer price inducements for the sake of clearing. In particular, we have too many \$18.00 suits that are selling until the end of this month at \$12.95. Good suits, every one of them. Made of high-class worsteds, in patterns you will appreciate. Sizes 34 to 44. Never a better opportunity to get an \$18.00 suit

\$12.95

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Misses' and Small Ladies' Coats, of dark gray worsteds, 48 inches long, semi-fitting style. Just 25 coats to close out at half price, and some less, at

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Pure Bleached Cotton, 35 inches wide, for almost any purpose, at 12 yards \$1.00
Heavy Round Thread Factory Cotton, absolutely pure, 12 yards \$1.00
Bleached Sheet, 72-inch, special, yard, 25c and

Stanfield's Underwear

For Men. The well-known "Truro" brand of Stanfield's Underwear, sold everywhere for \$1 a garment, guaranteed unshrinkable, both undershirts and drawers. Clearing at, each

75c

About 8 dozen odd Shirts and Drawers for men, heavy knit wool, Regular 55c and 65c, at per garment

39c

Overcoats

Men's and Young Men's Handsome Black Melton Overcoats, built on the latest lines; 48 inches long, Chesterfield, single-breasted styles, silk velvet collars, lined with best Italian linings. Remember, these are our finest \$15.00 to \$16.50 Black Overcoats, and your last chance to get them at \$10.00. Mostly all sizes. Come in Sat-

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15 only Ladies' Hamster-Lined Coats, Isabella and black marten collars, colors blue and black, all sizes. Sold regularly for \$45.00, now \$29.00
10 only Ladies' Muskrat-Lined Coats, fine dark Canadian skins, Alaska sable collars, 50 inches long. Sold regularly at \$60.00, now \$42.50
3 only Ladies' Muskrat-Lined Coats, mink collars. Away below cost at \$50.00
2 only Men's Prime Canadian Coonskin Coats, 48 and 50, \$85.00 Coats, for \$50.00
An odd lot of Men's Coats at \$16.00 and \$18.00

1 Persian Blouse Jacket, 34, No. 1 quality, \$150, for \$95.00
1 Persian Military Coat, 34, \$115, for \$84.00
1 only German Otter Auto Sack, a most handsome garment \$100.00
Near Seal Blouse Jacket, trimmed Ohio sable \$30.00
Bokharan Jackets, black marten trimmed \$35.00
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