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the duty on this commonly being re-moved. Nothing will be asked of Can-ada in return for such a step, and if anything were asked it would not be granted, because the people of Canada understand perfectly well that if the duty is taken off lumber it will not be to benefit them but to promote the in-terests of the nearly of the United terests of the people of the United States. Indeed the demand for Cana-dian lumber in that country is likely to be so great that an export duty on logs ought to shortly become a perma-nent feature of Canadian trade policy, so that our neighbors will be com pelled to buy finished products from us instead of the raw material. What is true of lumber is true of other things. The United States chose to build up a commercial fence between the two countries, and Canada can wait without impatience for the time when it is taken down, and need never trouble herself about offering any inducements to bring about such action The day of reciprocity delegations to Washington has gone, never to return. The advantages of the present situa-

tion are all on our side, and we are very glad that Sir Frederick Borden has shown so full an appreciation of that very interesting fact.

NOT A SOVEREIGN

Herr Mueller, speaking in the Reich-stag, reminded the members that the Kalser is not sovereign of Germany. This is a statement of unusual inter-est, for if ever a ruler assumed the role of sovereign, Kaiser Wilhelm has done so with a degree of confidence, which has successfully imposed upon the world. The German Empire consists of twenty-five sovereign states, namely, four kingdoms, six grand-duchies, five duchies, seven principali-ties and three free towns. In addition Alsace-Lorraine is included in it, but it is administered by the central au-thority. Germany is therefore a conit is administered by the central au-thority. Germany is therefore a con-federation, and the supreme direction of its military and political affairs, as a confederation, is vested in the King of Prussia, who therefore assumes the title of Deutscher Kaiser. This dignity is by law hereditary in the House of Hohenzollern. The Kaiser is the exe-cutive officer. He represents the em-pire internationally, can declare a de-fensive war and make treaties; but for an offensive war he must receive the consent of the federal council or bun-desrath, which is a body representing of its military and political affairs, as a confederation, is vested in the King of Prusia, who therefore assumes the title of Deutscher Kaiser. This dignity is by law hereditary in the House of Hohenzollern. The Kaiser is the exe-cutive officer. He represents the em-pire internationally, can declare a de-remain of the federal council or bun-desrath, which is a body representing the several states. The Kaiser ap-points all German ambassadors, but measure to without receiving an absolute majority bassador. The consuls are appointed by the Kaiser. No law can be passed without receiving an absolute majority of the bundesrath and reichstag, and

taken, as far as possible, to prevent anything like the absolute control of the approach from the water being in the hands of private concerns. Even during the early days of Prince Ru-pert the need of a public wharf, that is one under the control of the govern-ment, is likely to be greatly felt, and for reasons that hardly call for ex-planation. Under the circumstances we think that the course recommended we think that the course recommended

by the Chief Commissioner and adopt-ed by his colleagues will commend itself to the public. THE BRITISH FLEET

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predominance they will want to know the reason. We have heard very much of late years about Camada as a nation, and de we are safe in saying that the national idea finds its expression at least as strongly among Mr. Marcl's compa-triots as among the English-speaking element of our population. We claim the right to exercise national responsi-bilities. We wish to negotiate our own treaties. We are beginning to think that we ought to be consulted in Im-perial affairs. Surely nationhood, even in the form it is now enjoyed by Can-ad, carries with it certain obligations, and one of the obligations which na-tions have recognized in all ages of the in the form it is now enjoyed by Can-ada, carries with it certain obligations, and one of the obligations which na-tions have recognized in all ages of the world is that of being prepared to de-fend themselves. We shirk our duty; we are only an imitation nation as long as we refuse to take the steps necessary to protect ourselves as far as we are able against possible ene-mies. What guarantee have Cana-dlans that they will forever be at peace with all the world? It is nearly a hun-dred years since a foreign force at-tempted the invasion of Canada-we do not count the Fenlan raids—and we all hope that another century, at least, may elapse before we hear the sound

do not count the Fenian raids—and we all hope that another century, at least, may elapse before we hear the sound of war upon our borders. But what right have we to believe that this will be so? Can Mr. Marcil give us a pledge of eternal peace? If he cannot, and of course he cannot, who is going to de-fend us against a foe? This is a prac-tical question. It is not merely a query about something which may never oc-cur. No one knows who may attack us, but we all do know who would de-fend us if we were attacked. It would be the navy of Britain towards the maintenance of which we do not con-tribute a single dollar. It seems to us that Canada ought either to notify the Mother Country that she will defend tory of an empire with the population of a couple of small cities. While there is one weak point in the paragraph, namely, the assump-tion that Mr. McBride has extended Mother Country that she will defend herself in case of war, or offer to do her share towards Imperial defence. What that share ought to be we shall an invitation to the other provincial premiers, there is a valuable sugges-tion in what our contemporary says,

not very much to be added to what is and urges her to ren not very much to be added to what is therein set out. Hecate Strait is the water lying between the Queen Char-olotte Islands and the coastwise archi-pelago. It extends from Dixon's en-trance on the north to Vancouver s Island on the south. At its northern end it is twenty-four miles wide, and intety-five at its southern end. It is united with the open ocean by an ex-panse of water about one hundred miles wide, lying between Vancouver. Island on the south and the Queen Charlotte group on the north. The Canadian contention would be that a line drawn from a point three miles and urges her to remember that her army was much better disciplined a century ago than it is today. The opinion is pretty generally expressed that England must come to compul-sory military service. There is no other way. To continue to hold the Empire together, England must have allies. This means mutual military aid, and therefore, an up-to-date army. army. Did it ever strike you that if Vic-toria and her immediate suburbs keep on growing at the present rate, we will have about eighty thousand people line drawn from a point three miles from the northwesterly termination of Graham Island of the Queen Charwill have about eighty thousand people here by the year 1918? But that is the actual fact, and if anything out of the common should occur, if any one of the half dozen things, calculat-ed to give the city a new impetus, should come about, that number will be reached very much sooner. Our city is now like a youth who has out-grown his clothes. It is also to be remembered that when cities start in to grow they increase at a propor-

Figuratively speaking, the people in the Old Country are just now gazing in wide-eyed astonishment at Canada, marvelling at the wonderful way in which it survived the recent serious financial and industrial depression and at the evidences which it gives of being just about to enter upon an era of unexampled prosperity. Thus the Lonunexampled prosperity. Thus the Lon-don Canadian Gazette, in a recent issue says: "The bounds of Canadian commerce are ever widening. The other day we recorded an order of \$,000 tons of Canadian steel rails for India, an order secured in competition with the rail makers of the world Now an Ottawa message to the Times tells us of the closing of a contract by the Dominion Iron and Steel Company with the Australian government fo 16,000 tons of steel rails for the railways of the Commonwealth. Not long ago Canada supplied Australia railways with their managing director. The new order is a fitting sequel. It is also a plain notice to the world of the reality of Canadian industrialism.

With delicious frankness a Halifax firm which had large dealings with the Marine and Fisheries Department informed the Cassels commission "that it was necessary to charge some one a high price in order to make up for poor times. It was only by over for poor times. It was only by over-charging on such jobs that they were able to make the whole year pay." That rival concerns, not friendly to ought to accept Mr. McBride's invita ought to accept Mr. MCBride's invita-tion to go out and see British Colum-bia. It will take a little time, but if they do it right they will spend the pleasantest couple of weeks of their lives. British Columbia has the terri-That rival concerns, not friendly to the government, were not crushed out of existence through the operation of such a system is the really surpris-ing thing about the stuation thus dis-closed. If must be said, in all ser-fousness, that the revelations at the Cassels enquiry are of such a nature as to bring the blush of shame to the cheek of every self-respecting Can-adian.

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Residents of the Queen Charlotte group of Islands want better steam-ship connection with Victoria and Vancouver, and we trust that some-thing may be done to meet their wishes in the matter. Perhaps the business done with the Islands at pre-sent does not warrant the plaque sent does not warrant the placing of of a direct boat, but the day cannot be far distant when such a service will be imperative, in the interest of steamship companies quite as as the settlers of the northern trict.

The Montreal Gazette seldom lows anything to appear in its editorial columns at all conducive to merriment,



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WHARF AT PRINCE RUPERT.
The provincial government has depert. This is a somewhat unusual step, of late years at least, and the reasons for it are of interest. The wharf is to be built upon province and will be forever and will be forever and will prevent of a ready or portain or individuals or any one give a guarantee in any corporation or individuals or any one give a guarantee in a yoorporation or individuals or any one give a guarantee in the new city. The matter as it present diself to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works involved the purpose to which this very valuable piece of water frontage should be devoted. If it were rented or sold that in such an event Britain would despatch ships to our assistance. But surely a rich people, like in there would be nothing to prevent the dispose to adopt. There Rupert is to become the whole of the United Kingdom. We do not pretend to the origin the book which the comparison the polley which t

under public management will not be disputed, and moreover the existence of such a wharf will prevent any un-due charges being made for the use of the company's wharves. It is not intended that the government wharf shall be free. A reasonable charge will be managed with the expectation of making a great profit. We think every one will agree with the Chief Commissioner that in laying the foun-dations of a new city care ought to be

For reasons that are easily un-derstandable, Lord Roberts' recent speech on the possibility of the inva-sion of England was regarded with much approval in France. Even those hardened in the art of "calling a made a snade" when the psychological spade a spade" when the psychological moment has arrived, stand aghast at the absolute freedom with which the "German Peril" has been discussed on both sides of the above both sides of the channel. We make

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but it could not resist the temptati to depart from its usual custom the other day, and perpetrated the follow-ing: "Another section of the Laurier Government pier at Sorel is reported to have collapsed, the loss being esti-mated at \$125,000 to \$150,000. The cause is not known. Possibly some careless commercial person put coal or something on it."

"O 'tempora! O mores!" Even the sacred precincts of the House of Lords are not immune from invasion by the germ of Radicalism which in by the germ of Hadicalism which in recent years has caused John Bull so much discomfort, and now it is pro-posed, by the Lords themselves, to reform the upper house by replacing two hundred hereditary peers with an equal number elected by the main body entitled to sit in that chamber. "The world do move."

The following is at the service the Liberal members of the Reichstag without charge. Why is the Kalser like nineteen and sixpence? Now do

the Kaiser is like nineteen and six-pence, because he is a little less than a sovereign. One of the best short editorial para-graphs which has come under our notice for many a long day is the fol-lowing from the Ottawa Journal: "The proposal to advertise Canada by means of moving pictures is based, of course, on the assurance that Canada will not stand still long anough to have both sides of the channel. We make the following extract from a letter from the special Paris correspondent of the Montreal Star: "We suppose," say the Parisians, "that in a war with Germany the English could defend the British Isles and doubless could even destroy a German fleet sent against them, but in the meantime Germany would have selzed Paris and would hold us as a hostage. How could England release or give us assistance until the British 'army has been strengthened?" The Temps reminds England that it was at Waterloo and not at Trafalgar that Napoleon fell,

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