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### War at Last.

Europe has at last a genuine war on hand. The Greeks and the Turks are now using their guns and bayonets on each other. The conflict will doubtless be brief unless, of course, which is quite within the possibilities, other European nations are drawn into the war. Europe is an armed camp and has been for years. The "war cloud" has often been seen on the horizon, but up to the present the storm has always passed over, giving only a bad "scare" to the "concert." Nearly every nation in Europe is ready for war and it will be almost a miracle if the present trouble does not become continental. The course of events will doubtless be watched with deep interest by us all.

### The Speech from the Throne.

In answer to a question in last issue in reference to legislation in the Canadian Parliament during the present session, we may say that, while there will doubtless be much attention given to the tariff and the franchise bill, the subjects of intercolonial extension, cold storage, and prohibition will be prominent matters for discussion by our legislators. The Intercolonial Railway is, as most of our readers know, a government road. It has never been a paying concern, and it is hoped that by extending it to Montreal it will have a greater chance to compete with other through lines. Then, in view of the hostile tariff of the neighboring republic, it becomes a matter of much importance to this country as to how we are to reach the English market with what are termed perishable products. It is proposed to provide cold storage accommodation at creameries, on railways, at ports, and on steamers, by which these products can be preserved at the desired temperature during the whole journey to Great Britain. In the matter of prohibition it is expected that legislation will be introduced providing for the taking of a plebiscite on the subject.

### Spain and her Colonies.

It is asserted that there are unmistakable indications that Spain is relaxing her hold on Cuba. Gen. Weyler is removing his troops from the interior of the island to the coast towns. The reinforcements he asked for, it is said, will be sent to the Philippines. The rainy season is approaching, when active

operations on the part of the Spaniards must cease, and when yellow fever and other diseases will carry them off by the thousand. Besides, the recent loan is almost exhausted, and the government is at its wits' end to raise the means to supply the army with necessities. The insurrection in the Philippines has proved more stubborn than was anticipated, and Spanish statesmen see that unless they concentrate their forces they will lose both of their rebellious colonies—they must choose between Cuba and the Philippines. To add to their troubles there is no end of distress among the rural population of Spain, and Carlists and Republicans are inciting them against the government.

### What's a Jingo?

Our readers have doubtless often heard the term *jingo*. Nearly every country on the globe has its quota of jingoes, sensible Canada not even excepted. The Canadian jingo holds that his country could whip the United States without half trying; the Yankee jingo is possessed of the idea that the great American republic could wipe the British Isles off the face of the map in a twinkling. Then there are the British jingoes, the German, French, etc. The word seems to have established its place in our language so it may be well to know whence it came. The term "By jingo" is a common Basque oath, the dialect forms being Jingo, Jinco, Jainco, Ginco, Yinco, and Yainco. The jingoes (in a strict etymological sense) are therefore the swearers, those without moderation or restraint, prone to premature explosions, boastful, vain, over-confident. After this explanation of the term, we are confident that there will be no jingoes among our readers.

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In the next issue there will appear on this page a cut of a map of the Dominion showing the new districts.