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### THE NAVAL PROGRAMME.

the Imperial Government is contemplating a naval programme of four Dreadnoughts a year for three years. In a great war Britain might easily be called upon to pay more in a month than the price of this whole three year programme. But it looks like a heavy extra bill in time of peace. The Imperial Government does not offer the peace of the delaying realess of the great of peace. The imperial determines the delusive solace of a "capital" account, on which ships and guns may be bought without increasing the current expenditure. An increase of debt does not go with a surplus in that country. If Mr. Asquith says as a canadian Minister, he might buy ships, as Sir Frederick Borden buy's Ross rifles, without increasing the deficit or decreasing the surplus. But British officials scorn such devices to mitigate the adverse balances. The worst aspect of the financial situation is always present.

If a British statesman could feel sure that when he undertakes other inventions. he paid \$10,000,000 for a Dreadnought he had a fighting machine good for even half his lifetime, he would breath more freely. But in thirty years, he has seen introduced four or five new classes of ships, each consid-ered a perfect achievement. He has heard each of in turn declared to be obsolete within ten years now said of the Dreadnought class was said a few years ago of the Majestic, and a few years before that of the previous types. If we reason from experience, we shall

This problem did not torment the Admiralty in the days when Britain acquired the mastery of the seas. Wooden ships that Nelson handled might have been half a century in the service. Queen Elizabeth built ships which were fighting under Cromwell, and one craft of Henry the Seventh was in action after the Restoration. A wooden ship in the days of Britain's naval glory outlived many admirals. An admiral of the service of the lived many admirals. An admiral of today sees many generations of battleships arrive with much sound of

What Great Britain is doing today she will have to do over again tomorrow, and the next day. It is an an-fiual insurance that has to be paid, and will be paid so long as other European countries establish and maintain navies of their own. Britain does not attempt to match the standing armies of the other powers. The navy is her reliance. Every part of the Empire is equally with Great Britain dependent on this fleet, and no part of the Empire will look with indifference on the pre-

### THE CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT.

in a few months he will have completed sixty years of continuous educational work in this province. To those when most boys are about entering high school, this announcement would imply to an age of fourscore or more. It may be said that the Superintendent himself is the only person to suggest the necessity of his early retire-

ment.

"When that day comes," writes the Chief Superintendent," I hope to be able to spend what days may be left to me sustained by the consciousness that to the best of my ability I have discharged the important duties committed to me."

It will be generally agreed that Dr. Inch has abundant right to cherish this hope, and more especially in respect to the trust which he now holds. He brought to that position nearly twenty years ago, experience of many kinds, as teacher in country and village schools and in a preparatory academy, as principal of a ladies' college, university professor, and president of a university. He has stanght all the classes in the lower and middle schools and more in the university than are usually placed in charge of one professor in these times.

He knows the powers and limitations of the average pupil. He understands how much teachers can do, and what are the conditions under which they work. He appreciates the circumstances of ministers and legislators. Neither from governments, or teachers, or pupils, or sitizens has he expected impossible things. But few men could have made better use of the forces and resources at his command to accomplish the work that was given him to do. Dr. Inch has made no gallerly display, but has gone methodically, cheerfully, patiently and comradeship, with as much justice as the Chief Superintendent has in his power to administer.

The former Surveyor General does not come very well out of the discussion of the past and present of Crown Land administration. Mr. Sweeney must have been a most incapable administrator, if he meant to do right. As he does not now appear to know what he did when he was in office, the best excuse that can be offered for him is that he did not understand what he was doing at the time, but was the preature of more designing and masterful colleagues. Mr. Sweeney cannot be cleared of the responsibility growing out of his permission to an official of his department to draw from the treasury large sums of money for which there was no possible public purpose. He seems to have made appointments without knowing it, or at least without remembering that he made them. As a campaign proceeding he allowed himself to unload on the Provincial treasury at one time a score or so of officials who were not required. Mr. Sweeney seems to be rather surprised to learn of this perform ance. The cheerful manner in which he brushes aside the "mistake" of his department in reporting a cut of three millions, when it should be twelve millions, is another illustration of his value as a head of a revenue department. It is significant that after all this, Mr. Sweeney cannot even yet reconcile himself to the refusal of the St. John Globe to defend the late administration, and joins Dr. Pugsley, in reading Senator Ellis out of the Liberal party. Mr. Pugsley differs from Mr. Sweeney, in that he himself took numerous "advances" from the treasury, while the former Surveyor General only authorized others to do so. The comparison is to Mr. Sweeney's advantage.

### PROFESSOR BELL AND THE AIR-SHIP

Professor Graham Bell has given to the Canadia Zeppelin's balloon as a war machine. This is another The price of a Dreadnought is about \$10,000,000 and Bell explains in some detail Mr. Bell does not know imperial Government is contemplating a naval prowhether England is doing anything to meet this new peril,

Professor Bell has given the Telephone to the world, and this establishes his claim to serious attention when

### NO HURRY.

The Insurance Bill now before Parliament is not makturn declared to be obsolete within ten years was placed in commission. Everything that is tached, was presented to Parliament. The Government paid \$25,000 to Mr. Shepley, with some \$50,000 to other people, and then took a year to consider. In 1908 a Bill was introduced and referred to a Committee, with the result that Parliament rose without legislation. This

When the head of a family buys school books for his children, he knows how much he saves out of last year's generations of battleships arrive with much sound of trumpets, and reach the scrap-heap.

It is not, therefore, a question of pullding eight or types, each larger and costlier than the last, each doomed to oblivion before it has even begun to depreciate in intrinsic effectiveness. Many classes of ships have appeared, cujoyed their brief period of confidence and respect, given place to new types, passed from first to second, and from second to third class, and been strück off the list, without having met an enemy. man who pays is grateful for his escape from the plun-derer, and hears with contemptuous amusement the criticisims of those who fastened the old monopoly upon him If politicians should try to raise doubts in his mind, he has but to appeal to the price list and to the evidence in his own pocket. The fathers of fifty-eight thousand boys and girls are in this position.

### A WHOLESOME CHECK

The St. John Standard, in its general appearance, is the equal, if not the superior of any paper in the Mari-time Provinces. Its news service, both local and gen-The Superintendent of Education, in closing his last report, adds a personal note suggesting that in the ordinary course of events, the time is approaching when he shall retire from the active duties of his office. In this connection Dr. Inch makes the surprising statement that in a few months he will have completed given a superior of the connection Dr. Inch makes the surprising statement that in a few months he will have completed given a superior of the provinces. Its news service, both local and general, is quite up-to-date and it will, no doubt, have a wholesome effect in checking the Sun and Telegraph. It is news service, both local and general, is quite up-to-date and it will, no doubt, have a wholesome effect in checking the Sun and Telegraph. In this connection Dr. Inch makes the surprising statement that in a few months he will have completed given and the surprising statement of the surprising statement that in a few months he will have completed given and the surprising statement of the surprising statement that in a few months he will have completed given and the surprising statement that in a few months he will have completed given and the surprising statement that in a few months he will have completed given and the surprising statement that in a few months he will have completed given and the surprising statement that in a few months he will have completed given and the surprising statement that in a few months he will have completed given and the surprising statement that in a few months have been without parallel in this country.

When Mr. Emmerson bought the Canada Eastern, he informed Parliament that \$1,000 per mile would put it in first class shape. A return recently brought down shows that the Government has since expended on capital account on this line, \$714,554 or \$5,200 per mile. It appears also that before the Government purchased the railway, it was earning \$11,000 a year over running expenses. Under Government management there is an

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### THREE ST. JOHN **MEN ARRESTED** IN FREDERICTON

de admission and told not to come back again.

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Foss was at the C. P. R. station with the intention of going down the line to watch developments. At Salamanca Station the train was slowed down and McKinnon, Kelly and Logan got aboard. They were at once put under arrest and the train was stopped at Victoria Mills and the three young men were marched back up the track in charge of Officer Foss and taken to the police station. McKinnon did not take kindly to the arrest and when the train was started made a successful effort to get aboard only to have the train slowed down until he could be ejected.

Were Remanded.

At 11 o'clock McKinnon and his two companions were arraigned before Colonel Marsh in the police court, when the formal charge of administering intoxicating liquor to a young woman of tender years, was made against each of them. P. A. Guthrie appeared for the prosecution, as Miss Duncan's condition is still critical.

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of bottles of lager beer which is said to have been brought from St. John by the young men.

Logan and Kelly are likely to be released on Monday, as the charge against them of administering liquor to the young women may not be pressed. Kelly and Miss Lynn have been friends for years. He is unmarried, but McKinnon and Logan are both married men.it is said. On Saturday afternoon Minnie Duncan was improving, but her condition is said to show conclusively that she was drugged.

The Girl's Condition

Fredericton, N. B., March 28—Minie Duncan, the 17-year old girl who is claimed to have been "doped" at a sporty little gathering at Wallace's Restaurant on Friday night, has about recovered from the effects of her experience and was able to be about the house today.

Gordon McKinnon and his companions, Fred Logan and Fred Kelly, have spent a quiet day in the county jail. They are all three together in one of the largest cells and had their meals sent in to them from a local restaurant, while they also sent out for some fruit and a supply of cigarettes. Realization of their position and expectations of hot reception on their return to their wives and fiance have only added to the gloom caused by the dark and stormy day.

Caused a Sensation

In the meanwhile the affair has been the talk of the city and has created a profound sensation here. So much interest is there taken in the case that the newspaper offices were besieged with demands for papers on Saturday afternoon and the presses could not run off papers fast enough for the crowds that gathered at the Gleaner office.

### Out of Danger.

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It has been known that Minnie Duncan has been out of danger since Saturday noon and a thorough examination has been made by physicians. Her symptoms have been those which would result from over dose of certain powerful drugs, but according to the statement of Dr. R. H. McGrath, the first physician in attendance, the combination of a cocktail and lager beer with a beefsteak supper might possibly cause the condition in which the girl was found.

Whether it was a drug or liquor only that caused Miss Duncan's condition is where the principal point in the case will hang.

### McKinnon's Case Serious

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In the police court tomorrow Fred
Logan and Kelly will likely be released, being now held on the charge of
administering intoxicants to a young
woman of tender years, while the
charge against McKinnon will likely
be increased to that of administering
a drug to a girl of tender years with
improper intentions.

The three prisoners had a coach to
drive them to jail on Saturday so as
to escape the notoriety of being paraded through the streets and will likely
be driven up to court again tomorrow.

row.

It is understood that the prelimin ary examination will be concluded be fore Col. Marsh behind closed doors.

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# cape the annoying publicity given the case. But they were later seen to-ther on the street. On Saturday af-trinoon Misses Toner and Lynn called Sergt.-Major Duncan's residence to this daughter, but they were refus-d admission and told not to come

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Girls Were Surprised

church passed and sent to Mr. Snider's widow and brother, the following resolution:

"The joint board of Centenary Methodist church, comprising the Board of Trustees and Quarterly official board hereby place on record their appreciation of the life and service of Peter Wellington Snider, who died at a comparatively early age on the 22nd of March, 1999. Coming as a young man to the city, about the time of the great fire of 1877, his regular attendance at church and his exemplary habits and deportment attracted the attention and respect of those with whom he came in contact. He was soon introduced to social usefulness in the church as usher and in other fitting ways.

A vacancy occurring he was, on March 3, 1896, appointed a steward and member of the quarterly official board, which position he has held continuously since.

On Jan. 21, 1908, he was elected a trustee. He was also a representative on the board of management of the Sunday school.

Gifted with a clear mind and a faculty of steady and concentrated attention to duty, these qualities which gave him success in business, also proved of good advantage to the church. Although quiet in manner, his wise and carnest counsel was always at the disposal of the official board

church. Although quiet in manner, his wise and earnest counsel was always at the disposal of the official board and was highly appreciated and at the union of the boards for more efficient conduct of affairs, his suggestions as to an improved system of church bookkeeping were of great value, and as a member of the joint finance committee of the church he

value, and as a member of the joint finance committee of the church, he was particularly efficient.

"Kind in manner and with a character of strength combined with Christian gentleness, his memory will linger in the hearts of his brethren. The members of the board hereby convey their sympathy to his widow, brother and other relatives.

(Signed)

C. R. FLANDERS,
Pastor.

J. CLAWSON,
Trustee Stewart.
J. L. THORNE,
Trustee Steward.
Rev. Mr. Snider said last night that he wished to express his gratitude to all for their kindness and sympathy since his brother died.

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