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THE POLITICAL NAVY.

It is stated on behalf of Sir Wilfrid Laurier that he has carefully studied the temper of the whole country and has adopted a naval policy which, in his opinion, can be carried through with the least friction. This statement of the case may be fairly correct. It means that the premier is building a political navy. He has not considered how he may do most for the defence of his own administration. The scheme may suit the end for which it is designed, better thank a plan which would add to the strength of the Empire on the seas.

But the problem before the Canadian people is not considered how may render the best service to the Empire with the money we have to spend. Not one man in ten throughout the country believes that the government plan will give such a result. The plan is defended because it is the only one which a certain wing of the Laurier party will support. It is expended in the country. Those on the patronage like it because they will give such a result. The plan is defended because the ministers could not agree on any-thing better. It is supported on the ground that it is best for the party. Politicians commend it on the ground that the money we heave to spend. The proposed field will be of any great advantage. Everybody knows that when we shall have spend our millions on this programme, the British tarpayer will have to pay as much as he would if we had done nothing. All that he saves is what we pay for obsoleto cruisers. Men in office or in politics may say what they like, but the people at large would prefer to pay their money for something real. If they pay for a fighting machine bought with the money we had to have a real fighting machine bought with the money we had to have a real fighting machine bought with the contary. They do not desire to pay for money for something real. If the pop for a fighting machine to pay for lungerial defence and buy. office or in politics may say what they like, but the people at large would prefer to pay their money for something real. If they pay for a fighting machine, they wish to have a real fighting machine bought with the money. They do not desire to pay for Imperial defence and buy Canadian politics. They are not asking Sir Wilfrid to invest their money in autonomies that they already possess. It is not their wish that this particular be turned into an industrial offering to some of themselves. Especially they object to have this particular money directed into the pockets of the middlemen. If they do not the prove his statements, when Mr. Foster to call him money directed into the pockets of the middlemen. If they do not the prove his statements. When Mr. Foster to call him he got away on the above plea. There remain the statements of the Toronto Globe and these are the subject matter of the trial now in progress.

The government and the Transcontinental Railway

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Mr. Assuith and his colleagues are in peril from their own campaign speeches. These declarations were intended to destroy the enemy, but they are now turned against the speakers. Mr. Asquith gave a Home Rule pledge which was intended to satisfy Mr. Redmond and his followers, and to win Irish votes for Libera Canada now.—Montreal Gasette.

Mr. Asquith in guarded language, and two of his cabine the Colleagues in the most direct terms, gave assurance that the Lords were to be shorn of all their power of veto. This also is remembered by Mr. Redmond against the government. Mr. Asquith in guarded language, and two of his cabine to the colleagues in the most direct terms, gave assurance that the Lords were to be shorn of all their power of veto. This also is remembered by Mr. Redmond, he saw in it the assurance that the Lords should never again kill a Home Rule bill.

But the redicals also remember, and they have now one among them who will not allow Mr. Asquith to put the question by. When Mr. Martin was elected The Standard ventured to suggest that Mr. Asquith recall fine Fighting Joseph as a supporter, more trouble-acute than many opponents. The trouble has already began. Mr. Martin says that Mr. Asquith's recent mond is the autocrat." is a phrase we find in a dident same to be an intention of the Writish premier. Mr. Red. Mr. Asquith headline. No description could be less appropriate to the same in the same of the

Premierably.

But Mr. Redmond and Mr. Martin seem to be on perfectly good ground. Ministers who go into a campaign announcing a programme cannot expect to escape from it when the time fro action comes. It may be assumed that the electors took these pledges seriously.

Mr. Acquith, Mr. Churchill, and Mr. Lloyd-George must

### THE TRANSCONTINENTAL FRAUDS.

The Lumsden investigation has brought to light some astonishing evidence given in the arbitration proceedings. It will be seen by the statements of the inspecting engineers themselves, that the classification is a mere sham. Instead of measuring the quantities of solid rock, loose rock and earth excavation, the inspectors guessed the percentages. They classified sometimes as solid rock, sometimes as loose rock, the material that was dug up by a plough with horses. Frozen earth they called loose rock, or if there were stones with it, they made it solid rock. When it is remembered that the price of loose rock is more than double that of common excavation, and that the price of solid rock is six times that of common excavation, the importance of these frauds will be partially understood.

The arbitration proceedings showed that the complacent engineers reported solid rock in cuts the sides of which were earth, while the rock extracted could not be found. Pits sunk where they had reported solid

not be found. Pits sunk where they had reported solid rock, disclosed nothing of the kind.

fence contribution held sacred, if all the rest of the public money is turned into party channels.

ELECTORAL REFORM.

It is agreed at Fredericton that the Attorney General has taken a proper course in respect to the reform of the election law. A committee of members of both parties will take up such amendments as have been proposed, and will draft a measure containing such amendments as are thought desirable. The matter will thus be taken up in a non-partisan spirit. This method was followed when the present secret ballot was adopted.

Among the draft bills to go to the committee is the one prepared by the electoral reform association of Westmorland, an organization which has already accomplished a vast amount of good. Through the efforts of this society, the last federal election and the last provincial election in Westmorland were contested with-

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Any that live are in love in the springtime;
All of the world is a wooing in May;
Wild-birds coo in the joy of the wing

glary
And the sleet bites cold from the leaden sky, Give me your heart in February,
If you would have my heart's reply!

What is the faith of a summer lover?
Cupid's a jester gay in June.
A laugh or a sigh or a four leaf clover
Is cause for a kiss, forgot too soon.
Smile if you will on the swains that
tarry
When warm sea-sands in the sunlight lie;
Give me your heart in February.

light lie;
Give me your heart in February,
If you would have my heart's reply!
—Chester Firkins.

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### JOB VII: 10

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place when each of the brothers dropped dead, he answered. They used to read it through regularly three times a year, before going to bed. And each fell down with the Bible open at Job. VII;10—"He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him any more."

"It didn't fall to the ground and close?"

"It didn't fall to the ground and the passage. There were thumb marks on many of the corners throughout the volume, but especially here, and the passage. There were thumb marks of Indian origin. I asked to have her brought in."

"Mary Leho stood by me, deflant and reckless. I guess you're one of them detectives,' she sneered. I know you're all against me, but I know my rights under the law. Yes, look at the book!' she cried, with a bitter laugh.

"You know the psychological twist in that impels a murderer to return to the scene of his crime. Very similario, I have found, the criminal is in the stinctively impelled to say something."

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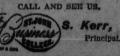
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