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## GRITZ POWDER

One quart of boiling

water, one and a half cups

of "GRITZ" add salt,

stir and boil 20 minutes.

5 lb Bag--GRITZ--25c.

PERSONAL

Mr. J. Harry Durick went to Sack-

ville Friday.

Mrs. W. I. Fenton was somewhat

better yesterday.

Mr. W. B. Turner, of Sussex, was

in the city yesterday.

Ald. Vanwart came in on the Bos-

ton express yesterday.

Mr. W. B. Tennant came in on the

Atlantic express yesterday.

Mr. Percy Humphrey arrived on

the Boston express Friday.

Mrs. Geo. S. Shaw returned to

the city Friday morning.

Mr. M. G. Teed went east on the

C. P. R. express at noon yesterday.

Mr. James Jack returned Friday

morning from a ten days' visit to

Halifax.

Mrs. George F. Smith and Miss

Smith came in yesterday on the

Montreal express.

Mr. Harry Roberts of North End

left on Wednesday for Edmonton,

where he will spend a month.

## URGE PURCHASE DREADNOUGHT-

CANADA'S DUTY DETAILED AT

MEETING OF EMPIRE LEAGUE

(Toronto Mail and Empire.)

The gravity of the crisis now con-  
fronting the British Empire, threat-  
ening her maritime supremacy, was  
emphasized at the annual meeting of  
the British Empire League held in  
St. George's Hall last evening, when  
able speakers on the question of naval  
defence were contributed by Lieut.  
Colonel Denison, Sir Mortimer Clark,  
Sir James Whitney, Mr. Alexander  
McNeill, ex-M. P., and Mr. W. K.  
George. It was pointed out that for  
years British statesmen had contended  
that it was essential that the naval  
force of Britain should be equal to  
the combined strength of any two  
powers, but at the present time the  
energies of the nation would be  
taxed to keep pace with the strides  
being made by Germany as a mar-  
itime power. It was the consensus  
of opinion that Canada should be  
prepared to do her share in contrib-  
uting to the naval defence of the  
Empire and that as the opportunity  
had now arisen the Government should  
immediately. Lieut. Col. Denison  
said that as Canada could not build  
Dreadnoughts in time to be of service  
the country should buy one of the  
British ones now about finished.

The President's Address.

There was a good attendance of  
ladies and gentlemen and the ad-  
dresses were followed with the deep-  
est interest. In the course of his  
very able report the president, Lieut.  
Col. Denison said that during the last  
two or three years this league, so far  
as Canada is concerned, has been ob-  
liged to play a waiting game. On  
Imperial questions there has been  
practically no difference of opinion in  
the country, for both political parties  
have given their adherence to the  
general principles which this league  
has formed to advocate Imperial  
preferences have been declared, and  
the support and approval of a united  
Parliament. Unfortunately, Great  
Britain has not adopted our policy,  
and the only thing that holds us in  
wait patiently until the people of the  
Mother Country have been educated to  
the fiscal views which obtain among  
all other civilized nations.

One of the objects of this league as  
laid down in the constitution is, "to  
devise a more perfect co-operation of  
the military and naval defences of  
the Empire with a special view to the  
due protection of the trade routes."  
In 1894 Great Britain had the  
complete and undisputed mastery of  
the sea. Now, however, we see a  
distinct and determined effort being  
made by Germany to enable her in  
the near future to wrest from Great  
Britain that supremacy which she has  
so long maintained, and under which  
the British Empire has increased and  
prospered in peace and security; and  
this danger cannot be put aside or  
ignored. We in the Colonies have  
been so long dependent upon the  
generations that we forget we owe  
it solely to the great fleet which our  
Mother Country has maintained.

No one can now fall to see that the  
great struggle is coming upon us with  
great strides, and that if the whole  
Empire does not at once take urgent  
and vigorous steps to prepare to meet  
that danger, we shall deserve the  
terrible disasters that will infallibly  
come upon us.

Germany is Preparing.

Germany is preparing for this  
great struggle without any conceal-  
ment. It is not only the ambition  
of the Emperor that is the cause of  
this. The idea has seized the imagi-  
nation of the people, who have  
formed navy leagues of enormous  
numbers everywhere. They are clamor-  
ing for an overpowering fleet. The  
rapid growth of her navy is mar-  
vellous. About three years ago she  
had only three slips on which Dread-  
noughts could be built; now she has  
seventeen, and within the last three  
years the Krupps have increased their  
works enormously and have added  
38,000 men to their staff of engineers.  
While this has been going on in Ger-  
many, thousands of skilled workmen  
from our English dockyards and ar-  
senals have been turned adrift to  
seek employment elsewhere and prob-  
ably among our enemies. Another  
ominous fact is the statement that  
Austria is about building eight  
Dreadnoughts.

Cost of Navy Upkeep.

Our safety as a people depends  
upon the strength of Britain's navy,  
and it is not only our duty, but our  
keenest interest, to assist to the ut-  
most in this cause. Few know how  
much we should have to pay for de-  
fence if we were in any other coun-  
try. In Great Britain the people (of  
whom one-third are almost starving)  
pay for defence no less than \$245  
per head per annum. In the United  
States for all kinds of military and  
naval expenses they pay per head  
\$5.90 per annum. In Canada we  
pay about 75 cents per head. If we  
were annexed to the United States,  
as one writer suggested the other day,  
the only escape from paying for a  
navy, our share of the military and  
naval expenses of the United States,  
which would automatically fall upon  
us, would be the enormous sum of  
about \$35,000,000 per annum. If we  
paid per head as the British people  
pay it would cost us about \$39,000,000  
per annum. Is there any reason  
why we should not be able to expend  
very much more than the \$6,000,000  
per annum which we pay now?

Suggestions have been made that  
we should have two small fleets to  
defend our coasts. A small one on  
the Atlantic and one on the Pacific.  
This would be a useless waste of  
money. The decisive fight, when it  
does come, will be decided by the  
great battleships, and it will be de-  
cided where the great battle takes  
place.

Buy a Dreadnought.

We cannot build a Dreadnought  
in this country soon enough to be of  
any service if the war is near, at  
hand, but we can buy one. There are  
two and the Brazilian ones just  
about finished should be bought now.  
No chance should be left for them to  
drift into the hands of Germany.  
We could not officer the Dread-  
noughts now if we did buy them, but  
we could pay the expenses.

Our plan is to help to consolidate  
the whole question of naval defence.  
About ten per cent. of all the cadets  
attending the Royal Naval College at  
Dartmouth should be Canadians, and  
we should pay that percentage of the

## LOST HIS LIFE

IN A PRAIRIE

FIRE IN SASK.

MOOSE JAW, Sask., May 7.—The  
body of Theodore Bruning, farmer,  
who lived about eighty-five miles  
south of Moose Jaw, reached the city  
yesterday. Bruning lost his life in  
the prairie fire which started near  
Limerick on Monday and bore west-  
ward with terrible rapidity. Bruning's  
own place was well protected and  
he reached over to help save the  
place of a neighbor by starting a  
back fire. The main fire came on so  
rapidly, however, that before he could  
get to a place of safety the flames  
were upon him. The unfortunate man  
lived through the night but died  
Tuesday morning. He was 38 years  
of age and has been in the country  
less than a year, coming from Minto,  
N. D. He was starting farming on a  
large scale, having four sections of  
land. He leaves a widow, but no  
family.

Latest reports from the burned dis-  
tricts to the south and southwest of  
the city confirm the worst fears re-  
specting the serious nature of the  
damage done. Many settlers lost  
everything they possessed. One of the  
heaviest losers was H. Cathers, who  
had his thrashing outfit, stable, shed  
and much machinery destroyed, mak-  
ing a total loss of \$5,000. Henry Bates  
lost his corn crib, his house, his im-  
plements and large herd of cattle, mak-  
ing a total loss of \$3,000. J. Downey  
lost two cars of lumber which he had  
just removed to his farm to erect  
new buildings.

Near Swift Current.

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