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MR. ROBERTSON'S REPORT.

The report in which ex-Mayor Robertson explains the results of his visit to Great Britain tells its own story. It is not a formal statement, as such reports are apt to be, but sets forth in a plain and straightforward way what the city delegate sought to do.

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The subject of the Bristol steamship line will no doubt be referred to the department of trade and commerce, which in view of the failure for the time of the fast line service should be disposed to furnish a temporary substitute.

The pulp making propositions, which it is understood were carried by Mr. Robertson much farther than his report indicates, are matters which concern the city, but will claim the special attention of private parties on this side of the water.

THE COLONIES AND NAVAL DEFENCE.

The statement made by the first lord of the admiralty to the deputation which waited upon him to discuss the relations of the colonies to the naval reserve, contains an important proposition.

bury has no minister who is more sternly matter of fact than his first lord. So it is not surprising that Mr. Goschen broke in on the discussion of the deputation by asking for a statement of their plans.

To begin with, the first lord explains that there is no shortage in Great Britain of naval reserve volunteers who are willing to serve a month with a battery and six months on a war ship. If the colonies are invited to furnish reserve men, it is not because more are needed.

MR. MULOCK AND THE MAIL SERVICE.

It is claimed on behalf of the postmaster general that he has almost brought his department to a paying basis. The deficit of \$700,000 two years ago, has been reduced in the fiscal year just ended to \$74,000.

A steady and regular increase in the postal revenue has gone on ever since confederation. This gain of last year is abnormally large, but the extra part of it seems to have been made up by the large sale of jubilee stamps in addition to those used for postage.

The postmaster general is entitled to all the credit that belongs to the reduction of expenditure by two and a half per cent. His eulogists tell us that \$108,386 a year has been saved in re-letting contracts for the carriage of mails.

So far as can be learned, no part of this saving has been made in dealings with the great railway and steamship corporations which have mail contracts. The railway companies in 1897 received \$1,500,000 for carrying mails.

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Robert O. the Spring to a friend that he has ing the go this city.

The death of Alfred Mills Rowan, a brother of A. M. Rowan of Main street. The deceased was a young man of about twenty-seven years of age, and for some years had occupied the position of first assistant engineer on the steamer City of Everett, which ran between Boston and Newport News.