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"It is my duty in this Hou speak for the navy and th truth is that it is as sound as bell all through. I do not car where or how it may be tested it will be found good and fit ar keen and honest. It will be found to be the product of good manage ment and organization, and sour principles in design and strategy workment and workmenship, and careful clerks and accountant and skilful engineers, and pains taking officers and hardy tars-So, with almost boyish enthusiasm Winston Churchill, the other day wound up a recital of certain incidents which had proved, dur ing the opening months of thi unparalleled war, the extra ordinary efficiency of the British navy. It was not merely, he said athat the navy had come up expectations; again and again had exceeded expectations, tendency admirably exemplified in the Falkland islands engage ment by the Kent, a vessel launch the engines much greater than ever allowed in time of peace, th Kent was driven at 25 knots and so was able to eatch the fleein Neurnberg and sink her. As it was with teaming so it was with every other detail. In spite of gloomy prophecies they had an quantity of oil, not a single of

the Royal Sovereign to a com pletely oil-fuel basis As to manning, he continue they had proved the absurdity the wide spread delusion the although they might build vessel they could not man them, for not only had every vessel down to armed merchantmen been manned but they had provided all the me necessary for the air service and had already raised the Roya Naval division to a respectable total, fit for service not only home but very soon overseas. And so it was with every other detail of the navy. Lord Fisher, wh listened smilingly in the gallary and all those who in the past few years had had charge of the navy had built much better than they

dom, the price of oil had falle

The part to which members listened with closest attention, merchant service and to neutral Department of Trade and Com- budget. He urged that the sends into Canada he enjoys shipping approaching the coasts merce Ottawa show that in spite government should endeavor to preference of \$2.50 over of the United Kingdom after Feb. of abnormal conditions, there was provide employment for the un-foreign competitor more than the 18. Again although the first lord a considerable increase in Canada's employed in Canada. He reiterathad before, This government spoke gravely he spoke with con- exports to Great Britain, as com- ed his belief that the artisans of said Mr. White, has been placing fidence. They were now, it ap-pared with 1913. For the full year peared, to be the object of a kind Canadian produce sent to Great he believed that every municipa- upon luxuries and upon the of warfare which had never before Britain, was \$4,652,000 greater lity, and every province and the people who are the best able t been practised by a civilized state, than in 1913, and \$22,690,000 federal government "should spend sustain them. If the Militia The scuttling and sinking at sight, greater than in 1913. For the final every dollar that it honestly Department had not been starved without search or parley, of quarter of last year, the British could on legitimate public works," they could have been the better merchant ships was a wholly imports from Canada were appronovel and unprecedented depature. ximately nine and one-half mil-He had hopes, however, that their lions in excess of those of the last out undertakings started under was no vision the people perished. reply would not be wholly ineffec- quarter of 1913; principally due Liberal rule. It had had to pay Mr. White drew resounding ctive. Germany could not be to the large trade in foodstuffs and out money for the construction cheers when he threw this allowed to adopt a system of open other supplies brought from Can- of the National Transcontinental, challenge to Sir Wilfrid that all pirarcy, or what had hitherto ada, consequent upon the war. and to implement the guarantee the amendments he might make been called open piracy, while re- British exports to Canada, how- Pacific. It had spent \$9000,000 fercace would never obliterate maining herself protected by the ever, show a marked decline, on the Hudson Bay Railway, and his action regarding the naval George admitted the right of bulwark of international instru- especially during the last half of \$10,000,000 to replace the aid measure. He concluded with the Liberals to criticise the conments which she had utterly re- the year. The decrease for the six Quebec bridge. Nevertheless had this challenge: "If Sir Wilfrid pudiated and defied, and which months in comparison with the it not been for the war, the Luarier doubts whether we have

ngland had respected. So far corresponding period of 1913, wa government would have bee the mandate of the people to hey had not attempted to stop \$20,168,000. For the full year able to reduce the public debt, carry this war to a successful lerman imports of food; they Canada purchases from Great Mr. Bradbury said that Liberals conclusion let him say so."

Britain were \$32,654,000 less had talked blue ruin before rom trading direct with German than in 1913. The increase in heard in the near future preachports; they had even allowed purchases from Canada last year ing that the country was going derman exports in neutral ships was the more important when it to the dogs-because they were an early date is the prevailing pass unchallenged. The time is borne in mind that Great Bri- not ruling. (Laughter). Mr opinion in the lobbies of parliaand come he contended, when the tain's total imports from British Bradbury argued that the tarriff ment today. Members on both enjoyment of these immunities possessions last year were about changes now proposed would sides seem to be agreed that no by a state which, as a matter of \$17,200,000 less than in 1913. not, in fact, materially affect other meaning can be taken from leliberate policy, placed itself outside all international obligations,

would have to be reconsidered.

he United States.

he benefit conferred upon Cantrade matters?

vessel had been interfered within dvances already made, or which its passage to the United King re to be made, by France, Great Britain and Russia to the smal their estimates of consumption llied countries, as agreed upon had erred on the side of safety and they had been able to conver vances for the present, according o the newspaper, are to be 1. 350,000,000 francs (\$270,000,000), o Serbia, \$37,000,000; to Greece, \$100,000. There remains to be nent authorizes this arrange-

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Dominion Parliament.

cise joint control over ocean rates, be created, but thus far an arrange- in history." or the relief of distressed Can-ment had not been arrived atadians in countries other than The Prime Minister and Minister of Railways were disposed to A general review of the Com- especially emphasizing that the nercial Intelligence branch of the legislation would in no way inter-Canadian Department of Trade fere with the progress of the only difference the passage of the measure would make, would be pore particularly with the work that the C. P. R. would still own 1914 and will form a valuable the steamships in effect, but not will show, among other things, the bill to be in the general inidian industry and commerce created great satisfaction. It has Putting a pressure and strain or into between Sir Geo. Foster and the policy of the Borden adminisby water, rail and highway i ne of Sir Robert Borden's strongest policies. To this end he has been developing harbors Canadians seeking information on improving waterways, building

> pening of the House of Commons by the finance ministers of the Hon. Dr. Reid, acting Minister of hree powers during their recent Agriculture, stated that the shiponference in Paris. The total ad- ment of Canadian potatoes which cainted with powdery scab, and equally by the three powers for re-examination, had immedi-These powers already have ad- ately been bought by another vanced to Belgian \$50,000,000 purchaser in Boston, and shipped to Cuba. Samples of the shipment had been sent to the United 34,000,000 and to Montenegro States plant pathologist at Washadvanced \$178,900,000 which the potatoes. Dr. Reid said the will be divided between Serbia Canadian Agriculture Departand Belgium. France, the Temps ment would endeavor to obtain says, will take care of Russia's samples of the shipment in Cuba. share for the present by placing Borden stated that official inforfor re-examination. Sir Robert sums against grain to be bought mation had been received that n Russia for French account. A the 4,000 Canadian stroops deoill now before the French parlia- spatched some time ago had arrived safely in England. They

years ago extremely remote

the British preference.

Ottawa March 10th Sin Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Wilfrid Ottawa, March 8.—In the Governments plan of raising war British trade with Canada, was course of the discussion in the revenue. After a bitter partizan a trick amendment, for the bar Commons today on the bill au- speech, he moved the following riers have not been increased. On thorizing the Canadain Pacific amendment. This House is the other hand British manu-Railway Company to transfer its ready to provide for the exigen facturers have now a still greater ocean steamships to a new com- cies of the present situation and preference in Canada over their pany to be known as the Canadian to vote all necessary ways and foreign competitors, but the grain and relief work in Pacific Ocean Steamships Service means to that end, but it regrets amendment was a challenge. It prairie provinces. The Ltd., a most important statement that in the measure under con was in effect an announcement was made both by Sir Robert sideration duties are imposed that the Liberal party was going Borden and Hon. Frank Cochrane which must be oppressive upon to make this its campaign, On migration Department. The sum who said that the whole question of \$8,159,958 has been appropri- of the control of ocean freight or no revenue, and that the said government. Nobody knew ated to supply seed grain to set- rates was the subject of negotia- measure is particularly objection- better than Mr. White what was ers on lands in Saskatchewan tions between the Dominion and able in the fact that, instead of meant, and his reply was virtually and Alberta, while \$2,240,000 has the governments of Great Britain favoring, it is placing extra bar an acceptance of the challenge. been set aside for relief, other and the United States. It was riers against Great Britain's His words were watched and hat the supply of seed grain, being proposed that an internativade with Canada, at a moment weighed with unusual care by tional board, which would exer- when the Mother country is his political opponents and the

> nental Railway and the actual his war so far as Canada is conerned up to the end of next ear. Despite the estate of ndreds of millions of direct and indirect obligations which

and reckless expenditure of the ast gives the details of the a possibility which seemed three o good as they are today. Up only eight million dollars, whil the Liberals in the same length of ime up to going out of office of the country by \$70,000,000 Liberal blue ruin speech, during while the Tories were more partisan than patriotic the Liberals vere more patriotic than partisan This, coming from a man wh has been responsible for so much anti-British action on the part of anada, will be set down as th

> points, where suisable arrange manufacturer by the new ta accommodation. This statement proved that the British Preference was greeted with cheers. Mr. had actually been increased. Upor George Bradbury, of Selkirk, every hundred dollars worth resumed the debate upon the goods the British manufacture the Dominion were not looking itself behind the men in th for charity, but for work. Hence trenches. He had placed taxe He asserted that the present able to bear the strain. There of bonds of the Grand Trunk with regard to the British Pre-

the way in which the Minister of Finance replied yesterday to the amendment proposed by Sin

opposition today attacked the increase in the barriers agains under a war strain, unparalleled members on his own side as well. He delivered a fighting speech

He fought not only in defence of the policy of the government Hon: Mr. White, Minister of with regard to the raising of the Finance followed and made a sinews of war, but he carried the he Liberal ship fore and aft. He For some days the party truce showed that the late Liberal haf been a thing of the past. The government had been the in- opposition members have thrown ventors of the most reckless and it to the four winds of heaven purblind expenditure this country and it was only a matter of time had ever witnessed. That its when one of the members of the railway policy had been ruinous government would cut loose. Mr. and would be a heavy burden on White took up the challenge of ome, and that Liberals who special attack upon the Liberal upported that policy should policy and tactics which have ever mention freight rates prevented Canada taking her What has the Liberal railway proper place alongside the other pointed out, the difference between naval activities of the war, There considerably over 24 1-2 knots. through the arrangement entered shown the progressive nature of Mr. Fielding's estimate of the Thomas are through the Arrangement entered shown the progressive nature of Mr. Fielding's estimate of the Thomas are through the standard than the progressive nature of Mr. Thomas are through the standard than the progressive nature of the progressive nat embers seem generally to be of ost would pay the entire cost of the belief that it must be settled at once upon the hustings.

The outstanding feature of the

udget debate in the House o

ommons on Monday the 15th

was a masterly speech by Sin

George Foster. He woundup a grand ovation with these words 'I have this to say in conclusion, said Sir George Foster, "and it is: prospects of the government been To-day Canada and the Empire are engaged in a colossal contest, Mortgage Sale. the beginning of the war the the inner meaning of which, and Conservatives had increased the the possible consequences of net debt of the Dominton by which, not one of us has an adefor its very life. You can hear and belg on Township Number the quick, short pants of the Fifty-nine in King's County sloresid, entending force and you can easily translate that to the burden, putting behind what is steadfastly the mighty issue in which the proudest and hightest

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(Continued from page to duct of the war. He pointer Conservatives we policy. He was raising parties in Canada, that of vs. Free Trade. argument which carrying on the great under ings, many of them started the Liberals, and for saybich must share responsibility resulted in a serious home prol The Liberals were largely rest sible for the problem and she be prepared at this juncture stand behind the Governm Laurier, after fifteen years lavish expenditure, had sudde announced a policy of retrer the days preceding 1896. Liberals," declared Sir. Geo with emphasis, "are catering a feeling that Canada can the Empire without having

Progress of the War

London, March 10 panic in Constantinople has increased by the stories told large numbers of refugees arring from the Dardanelles distric says the Daily Mail's Salon correspondent. "Most of the she in Constantinople are closed, the banks have transferred eve thing moveable to Knoich, Minor Than the populace to join the ar without direction as regards

London March Lithia desp to the London Daily Express to the Hague says : A secretire has been sent from Cuxhaven the Admiral at Berlin that twe submarines have failed to rej at their base, eight of them be among Germany's newest boa be better to abandon the

London, March 12-It is ke Sea fleet is expected to start bombardment of the Bosph ports today in active co-operativith the Allied fleet which attempting to force its was Constantinople through the Da nelles from the south. Paris, 12-At least 5,000 men were by the Germans when they defeated at Neuve Chappell the British Wednesday, accor to a despatch received today Stomer. The report is corrob Echo de Paris. Major Civri writing for the Mating dec the battle of Neuve Chappele the Baptism of fire for g Kitchener's new army. The tish volunteers, he says, ms historic entry into the firing when coming into the battle

London, March 13-At harbour entrances and all strategic points around the B Isles the Admiralty has set of submarine trape to cate German underwater craft report has it that three submit were caught during the first days of the blockade. The set for submarines are not the gillnetts used by fishern

Paris, March 14 The ad of the British troops in the v of Neuve Chappelle is es at four miles in a despatch ing here today from Be The Germans are declared been driven back beyon

London, March 15th Kitchener gave a brief re the war situation in the H Lords tonight. The Mini