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CO-OPERATION IN IMPERIAL DE-FENCE.

Public men in Britain of the rank of Lord Goschen and John Morley have been discussing the practicability of obtaining colonial aid towards Imperial defence; in fact, this has been one of the live subjects raised under Mr. Broderick's army scheme says the Guelph Mercury. In ten years the Imperial expenditure has almost doubled - from about £31,000,000 in 1891 to £60,000,-000 in 1901. The increase in civil administration, education, post office, &c., has been £7,150,000; increase in armaments, £22,600,000; doles to the landlords and the schools, to the tithes and the parson, £3,350,000 using Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman's words. This is normal 'extra expenditure, and the special war expenditure is not included. "What part did the colonies play in this new scheme? Were they to be asked to bear any portion of this additional burden? The colonies numbered 14,-900,000 people, or one-fourth of the self-governing British Empire. The position of the colonies with regard to the navy was intolerable. They ought now to pay six millions annually to this country for services rendered by the navy. Were the home people to load themselves with this great burden of taxation, and subject themselves to the still more intolerable burden of conscription in order that the colonists, free from both, might provide old age pensions, as they were now doing for their own people out of revenue derived from levies imposed upon British merchandise," declared Mr. E. Robertson, M. P., in the Commons. "Old age pensions" have been introduced in New Zealand, we think. The Dundee People's Journal, back-

ing up Mr. Robertson, says "the subject is one which hitherto the nation has been reluctant to face, but one which, by the increase of the burden of armaments, it must soon be obliged to consider. We pay about seventy millions ta year for the defence of the Empire. To this sum the colonies contribute nothing, though some of them maintain inconsiderable forces of their own. Virtually the entire burden falls upon the taxpayers of the United Kingdom. Yet in the sehlfgoverning colonies there are fourteen million people on a higher average plane of prosperity than the people at home. Th our Imperial plans of defence the colonies occupy a great part. Were they left to themselves, we might with perfect safety make and military burdens. It comes to be a very proper question, therefore how long are the taxpayers of Great Britain and Ireland to provide international protection for these fourteen millions of prosperous people? The time must come when they will be invited either, to protect themselves or to contribute their

due proportion to the general fund.' Mr. Morley expresses the view that 12 colonial aid would amount to a re lief of only a penny on the income tax. To-day the income tax stands at fourteen pence in the pound. The prospects are that it will go higher, and that it will not go below, a shilling for years to come. A penmy of the income tax, of which Mr. Morley speaks as the measure of the colonial contribution, represents over £2,400,000, or, roughly \$12,000,000, or about one dollar thead for the English-speaking colonies. Canada's contribution to this total would be between five and six millions annually, Australia's contribution between four and five millions. Considering that the income tax has increased from eight pence to fourtenn pence since 1895, this conbribution, serious as it might appear to us with our revenue of fifty millions, would be but as a drop in the bucket towards the Imperial expenses of sixty million pounds. Mr. Morley's argument is something like this, that as the utmost colonial aid will count for little, as the income tax cannot be increased indefinitely, indirect taxation must be resorted to, and that therewith must come a departure from the system which has given Great Britain control of the world's shipping and the world's markets The alternative is one which the British people are in no mood to contemplate.

Labouchere has come out as an advocate for the entry of women into Parliament, but his arguments are such that it is doubtful if even women suffragists of the most advanced type will support him in his conten-

"The proper sphere for usefulness for woman is the House of Commons," he says, "for the art of aimless and disconnected talk comes to her naturally, and has not to be acquired as it has by man. Moreover, a spe-cial feature of Parliamentary oratory is to wrap the most offensive taunts in the most polite phrases, and who can do that better than woman. It is little less than ridiculous of six

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Who will be most indignant with Mr. Labouchere, women suffragists or members of Parliament?

We ridicule the American system of justice, but we notice that a sheriff there is always in charge of his men, armed and ready to maintain the law and check resistance. He is not an ornament .- Toronto World.

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A man from Wheeling, Va., was pronounced dead by the doctors, and a coroner's jury found that he came to his death by heart disease. When the undertaker was about to embalm him, he suddenly revived and ran away. He was pursued and captured, taken before a police magistrate and fined for being dead-drunk. The police judge declined to accept the explanation that it was a case of dead restorto life, or the theory of a trance. He held that the man had been dallying with spirits, but had not been any nearer the spiritual world than the undertaker's shop.

The Ottawa Citizen makes the interesting announcement that Sir Charles Tupper will shortly commence the preparation of his political memoirs. They should prove a most interesting and valuable contribution to Canadian history. Sir Charles could hardly spend his later years more pleasantly and profitably, than in such a task. His ripe, clear, kindly judgment and tenacious memory enriched by an intimate association with the process of the building up of the Dominion, should enable him to produce a work that will further add to his fame. Al-

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This week Prince Edward Island enters upon a period of prohibition and the announcement is made by the Premier of the Government which passed the law that an attempt will be made to enforce it. The Island Province has had experience of pro hibition before. It had license, open sale without license, prohibition untalking at each other, knowing that der the Scott Act, and then repealed no argument, however convincing, the Scott Act, and went back to license. Now they again try a period of "no revenue." Unless the future is very different from the past not idle the time away, lolling on the experience, this does not necessarily mean no liquor. Sometimes the difference between license and no license is said to be just the difference between drinking iced beverages out of a dew-covered glass with a celleloid straw at a marble counter, and drinking warm beer out of a black bottle behind a barn door, but both varieties are equally intoxicating.

FOLLOWING A PRECEDENT.

Hamilton Spectator. Toronto has adopted the Chinese style of allowing the condemned to commit suicide.

BUT THEY HAVE LOTS OF SAND Toronto Star. The Ottawa plasterers have won

their strike, and the employers are said to feel intensely mortarfied over

THAT AWFUL PUBLICATION. Ottawa Citizen.

Judging from the tenor of the remarks of Conservative journals throughout the country, they regard the Toronto monthly as a no-Toryous publication.

NIPPED IN THE BUD.

Toronto Star. Just when we had begun to admire the militia authorities for allowing the men at the annual camp to wear soft shirts and straw hats, along comes a militia order that practically compels the men to adhere to their

old-fashioned harness. A BELATED YAP.

Perth Expositor. Laurier papers are increasing the volume of their shout that the census of 1891 was "stuffed." Their conduct is calculated to cause people to wonder what mischief it is the cry is meant to conceal. It comes ten years too late to find acceptance as the genuine belief of those who raise it, even among the men that once took Laurier, Blair, Tarte and Sifton for

THE MINISTER'S DISOBEDIENCE.

Bobcaygeon Independent. The minister of militia at Ottawa has been pleased to make a number of promotions among the officers who went out to Africa, and among them Lieut. E. W. B. Morrison is given a captaincy. There is a slight mistake in this, that the minister will, no doubt, rectify on his attention being called to it. This journal nominated Mr. Morrison as a major in recognition of his distinguished services. It would be well if the honorable minister would make a note of this journal's recommendations, at the time they are communicated, and so save the necessity of having to make al-

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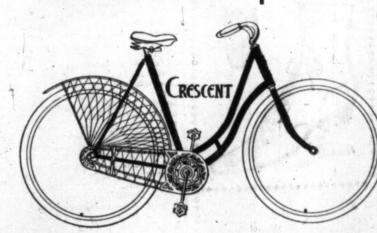
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