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#### THE NAVAL QUESTION.

Prof. McCurdy, of Toronto Univermotive of the demand for a Canadian dukes. our own recollection have been of sporting preserves. to take part in them.

Many Canadians will sympathize Twelfth, a tax on minerals is to be middle west," says a Chicago man. "Perdians have to meet.

Quebec, alleges another reason against output of the mine. the Canadian navy proposal. He says it owes its birth to the new movement for a centralizing federation of all British territory. He professes to think it is subversive of self-government. On the other hand, the advocates of a money contribution to Great Britain that a Canadian navy will have a decentralizing tendency, danthem speak as though it were a calculated step in that direction. Neither ontradictory arguments has any serious bearing upon the main

mad competition in armaments which mons. is crippling every great nation in Consequently the Township of Lobe President of the United States. some Canadians fear. There is no lature in December. waved before the faces of the farmers deal? of Canada. Even if the Canadian naval service prescribed by the Imperial Defence Conference eventually costs this over a number of years. The action of the British daughter nations may help British sea power. At all events, by the shock. the time the Canadian naval service is fully organized the prospects of a limitation of armaments by internaday. If Canada, Australia and New often and too loudly. Zealand will have helped to promote the improvement, their money will have

There is no likelihood that this country is committing itself to an indefinite growth of expenditure for naval purposes. Such expenditure will be always regulated by the Canadian people themselves. The projected Canadian squadron will be small in comparison with the fleets of Brazil, Argentina, Chili and Holland, countries which are less wealthy than Canada. If the Dominion were not a part of the empire she would in all probability build a fleet of her own. Even if she regarded her shores as inviolate she would protect them to save herself from the reproac of relying upon a friendly interpretation of the Monroe doctrine at Washington.

#### WHAT MR. LLOYD-GEORGE PRO-POSES TO DO.

People have been reading so much about the Britsh budget controversy that some may have overlooked or forgotten the nature of the budget itself. Mr. Lloyd-George proposes to meet a deficiency of \$75,000,000 in the following manner:

First, he largely extends the system of graduation in the income tax. For the future the rate on earned incomes above \$10,000, and on all unearned income (money derived from investments), is to be raised from 5 to 6 cents on the dollar; while in the case of incomes above \$25,000 there will be a super-tax of 21/2 cents on the dollar on such portion of the income as ex-

a scale of license duties which, for the criticising the policy of conquest of South real and would-be, right on several imfirst time, will make the liquor trade Africa. He faced hostile mobs, had his

WESTERN ADVERTISER WEEKLY. pay 4 per cent; of over \$50,000, 5 per emotions, they are still convictions, and 15 per cent.

> Fourth, he imposes an extra 94 cents per gallon on spirits and an extra 16 cents per pound on unmanufactured tobacco.

Fifth, he increases the settlement, legacy and succession duties.

Sixth, he hopes to raise over \$3,000,- graduate. "But—er—do you think the 000 by adding to the stamp duties on transfer or sale of property, on bonds to bearer and on transactions in

Seventh, he taxes motor cars at rates varying from \$10 50 on a car under 6- and is married to the youngest daughhorsepower to \$300 on cars above 60- ter of the Earl of Rosebery. Qualificahorsepower, and imposes a duty of 6 cents a gallon on petrol. The proceeds Louisville, Ky.—Kentucky International devoted, under national authority, to News Company.

Montreal, Que.—Peter Murphy, postoffice News Stand.

Toronto Land.

Eighth, he reduces by \$15,000,000 a year the fixed sum set apart for meeting the interest on the national debt. Ninth, he claps a tax of 20 per cent on the increase in the site value of land, to be paid whenever the land is sold or sity, writes an open letter to Sir Wil- let on lease for more than fourteen frid Laurier protesting against the years, and whenever it changes hands Canadian navy project. "The most by death. Land used for agriculture is promising democracy the ages have exempted; also small houses and land, evolved," he says, "will be diverted which the public may use gratis for from pursuits of peace." Canada, he pleasure purposes. This is the famadds, does not need navies to protect ous unearned increment tax, which has her sea coasts or lake shores; the incurred the special wrath of the

navy is not Canada's own needs, but Tenth, there is a duty of a fifth of a the possibility of a foreign war, in cent on the dollar on the value of unwhich it is remotely possible England developed land—i. e., land which is not may be engaged. The fact that some put to its most profitable use. It will of the wars waged by England within fall chiefly on vacant lots and on

doubtful justification, makes it incum- Eleventh, there is a reversion duty bent on us in every case to corsider akin to increment duty, of 10 per cent well the motives and grounds of Eng- on the increased value of land accruland's wars before rledging ourselves ing to an owner on the expiration of

with these arguments, but they are levied at the rate of a shilling on the haps the oddest example of this I've ever deficient in one respect: they rule out pound on the "rental value" of rights encountered is a monument in a spring-field cemetery, erected by a stonemason in the contingency of war. Canada is a to work minerals. In Great Britain memory of his wife. Inscribed on this part of the British Empire, and the mines are generally owned by one man handsome product of the mason's art are British Empire may some day be at- and worked by another, who pays for Henry Hume, stonemason. This monu-This is the situation Cana- his privilege according to the value of ment was erected by her husband as a the output. The tax will fall on the mark of respect, and also as a specimen Mr. Monk, the Conservative leader in owner who contributes nothing to the of his workmanship. Monuments in the

The alternative the Opposition has to propose is "tariff reform." It is a plan which would place the heaviest burdens not on the strongest, but on bachelor. the weakest shoulders; that would tax not the luxuries, but the necessaries "when I was quite young I resolved that of life; that would mulct the reople in a far larger sum than would ever reach after many years I found her." gerous to British connection. Some of the treasury, and that would single out "Lucky beggar! And then—" for taxation bread, meat, butter, instead. "She was looking for the replied the bachelor, sadiy. of land.

The Township of Lobo is in West Every lover of humanity deplores the and in North Middlesex for the Com- at your age George Washington was a

Europe, but the part Canada as a mem-did not have a vote Wednesday in the ber of the British Empire is being election for the Commons, and will called upon to play may not be so not have a vote in the election for financially and morally disastrous as North Middlesex for the Local Legis-

authority for the assertion that this This is one effect of the Ontario gercountry is pledged to an expenditure rymander of 1908. Do the electors of feel a high ambition as a singer to excel, of \$22,000,000, a figure which is being North Middlesex consider it a square

Two Bourassa candidates were badly ere a month has rolled away. Then the defeated in Quebec yesterday. The neighbors come and see me, and they give had been thrown into momentary dis- able that the sods were turned by amount, the expenditure will be spread province has the best Government it ever had, and knows it.

Governor-General dispensed to convince Germany that it is useless with the usual outriders and Sir Wil- a can of yellow ochre and a jug of turto build a navy against the combined frid wore a frock at the opening of pentine, I produce some masterpieces that resources of the British Empire, if Parliament. The British constitution about perspectives and the whatness of she nurses the ambition of rivalling is a tough old fabric, and will survive the whence, till a neighbor comes and

There is no indication that the President of the United States will bring some chapters that will make the nation think; and I rear some Vandyke whiskers tional egreement, or of an understand-down the big tariff stick on Canada's and neglect to cut my hair, and I read ing between Great Britain and Ger- head. Although we don't fear it, it may up Bulwer Lytton for some good old many, may be much brighter than to- be good manners not to tell him so too oaths to swear; when I get the proper

Mr. Winston Churchill is being snubbed by London clubdom for his speeches on the budget. This snobbery is shortsighted. The blue-bloods ought to be proud of him at a time when the old aristocracy is contributing so little brains to public life.

incomes over \$800-a year - has increased in ten years from 762 million But the amount country is growing amazingly in preying on its vitals. This is a problem each, viscounts 15,000 each, and barons battle fired the funeral honors to his that British statesmen are facing at 14,000 each.

A Plainfield, N. J., citizen was have a power of veto over legislation, and ordered by the police to haul down a should even claim a right to sit in judgflag he had raised in honor of King ment on the death duties and land taxa-Edward's birthday. Both the police and the Britisher were wrong. The flaunting of a foreign flag in any country is, to say the least, not good manners. Our neighbors to the south are rather addicted to the habit. Canadians should tolerate it, but not imi-

#### tate it. WHAT THE WOMEN LEARNED.

[Toronto Globe.] The women who were threatened with a search on a steamer between Sandusky and Windsor and made to ray duty on their purchases, have gained a world of wisdom on the problem: "Who pays the duty?" In future they will be more alert to learn in advance who collects the duty.

#### A GROWING FIGURE. [Springfield Republican.]

Mr. Lloyd-George, judged by his record seeds \$15,000.

Second, Mr. Lloyd-George establishes

in the Boer war, is not a mere demageg, for no public man in Great Britain equalled him in braving unpopularity by

pay in proportion to the real value of ed by his opponents a traitor. A man the monopoly granted to it by the state. Third, he raises the death duties. In as a popularity hunter and fickle opporfuture an estate of over \$25,000, will tunist. Whether his convictions are based cent; of over \$100,000, 6 per cent, and Mr. Lloyd-George is one who would folso on, till estates of over \$5,000,000 pay low them regardless of the temporary gusts or even the baffling whirlwinds of

> SURE OF HIMSELF. [Catholic Standard and Times.] "I'll give you a position as clerk to start with," said the merchant, "and pay you what you are worth. Is that "Oh, perfectly!" replied the college

firm can stand it?" HE OUGHT TO DO.

[Bobcaygeon Independent.] It is reported that the Earl of Crewe is likely to be next governor-general of Canada. He is said to be a good sport, tions look all right.

#### BETWEEN FRIENDS.

[Illustrated Bits.] Miss Homeleigh-Perhaps you won't believe it, but a strange man tried to kiss me once. Miss Cutting-Really! Well, he'd have been a strange man if he'd tried to kiss

you twice. DUBIOUS POLITENESS. [Exchange.] Figg-Allow me the pleasure of return-

ing the fiver I borrowed of you last

#### Fogg-Thanks; the pleasure is mine. HONORED IN THE BREACH.

[London Opinion.] Lady (who has been shown over one of the ships, to sailor who has been her guide)-What a pity gratuities are forbidden on your ship. Sailor-So was apples, mum, in the Garden of Eden.

#### "JUST LIKE A MAN." [Puck.]

She-I don't see why you should hesitate to marry on \$3,000 a year. Papa says my gowns never cost more than that. He-But, my dear, we must have something to eat.

She (petulantly)-Isn't that just like a man! Always thinking of his stomach.

#### THE BUSINESS SPIRIT.

[Harper's Magazine.] "The business spirit enters into almost every product of human ingenuity in our

#### FOUND AT LAST. [Philadelphia Inquirer.]

"Why did you never marry, Tom?" inquired the young benedict of the old

"Well, you see," replied the single one, Unicago Record-Heraid: I wouldn't marry until I found an ideal woman. I was difficult to please, but ONE FOR THE PUPIL.

[Boston Transcript.] Teacher (to dull pupil in mathematics)-Middlesex for the Local Legislature, You should be ashamed of yourself. Why, situation and environment with almost Pupil-Yes, sir, and at your age he

### AMBITION.

[Walt Mason.] When I hear a noble singer reeling off entrancing noise, then I bend in admiraand I put my voice in training, and I afternoon just after commending the thrown into the sea (Napier). An army prance around and yell. Oh, I dish up trills and warbles, and I think, throughout the day, that I'll have Caruso faded Forty-second (Black Watch) Regiment retain me stern reproof, saying I am worse than order either from the want of ammu- bayonets. forty yellow cats upon the roof. When see a splendid painting it appeals to brain and heart, and I blow myself for brushes and decide to follow Art. With asks me what I'll take to paint his fence. in pens and ink, and prepare to write bearing, and the literary style, then I'm asked to write a pamphlet booming some-

#### one's castor ile! A SCREAMING FARCE. [Windsor Record.]

Two-thirds of the total acreage of the Kingdom is in the hands of 10.911 persons. Investigation further finds out that out of the Kingdom no less than 15,300,000, or ered in the grave by his staff simply almost a third, is held by 525 peers. Add-In Great Britain the amount upon ing 5,000,000 acres for non-cultivated areas ternal mark of mourning was which income tax is levied—i. e., all the possessions of these 525 noblemen reach the enormous total of 20,000,000 acres-an average of 38,000 acres each. widely differs, and, pounds to 980 million pounds. The strangely enough, in strict accordance with the various gradations in the neer-Thus dukes average 142,000 acres age. wealth, yet the canker of poverty is each, marquesses 47,500 each, earls 30,000

Bearing in mind these figures, what a screaming farce it is that these five or six hundred titled landowners should

### THE GENEROUS SOUL.

[Catholic Times.] "Sir," began the caller, "I come to you in the interest of the city's poor children. thought you might like to contribute to our fresh-air fund for them." course," said Mr. Stinjay, the wealthy suburbanite, "you may take as

much as you like from my place, but world are you going to carry A PARTY SHIP RUDDERLESS.

### [Hamilton Spectator, Con.]

With Monk, of Quebec, talking like leader and contrary to the announced policy of the acknowledged leader of he Conersvative party, and men more or less prominent in other parts of the country making a noise like opposition to recognized authority in the party ranks, it is more and more plainly evident that there is need for a national party convention, to let the rank and file express itself, and set the leaders,

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# THE BURIAL OF SIR JOHN MOORE POEM IS ACCURATE.

versity, has been disputing the accuracy of the version of Si. John Moore's British pickets broke into name on death and purial given in Wolfe's fa-mous poem. A writer, supposed to be simply, peacefully, without pomp, Professor Mounton, thus replies in the amid a reverent silence."

nicago Record-Heraid:
The somewhat pedantic criticism rear guard, and in "Hill's Life," by made by Professor Thomas, of the Sidney, London, 1845, I find this: University of Chicago, on "The Burial" "To the brigade of General Hill was photographic accuracy. He only failed

his French foemen Charles Wolfe, the author, was an onets or not. Irishman, born in 1791, who died all and evening of Jan. 16, 1809. Moore the hands of the enemy. . .

nition of by confusion of orders. The essential facts of the poem are that-not a drum was heard, not a his farewell shot; that Moore sods were turned with bayonets by the moonbeams' misty light; the lantern dimly burning; no useless coffin inclosed his breast; his martial cloak around him; few and short were the prayers said; that he was laid down fresh and gory, and finally that they carved not a line and raised not a ing the enemy, said:

Robert Blakeney, a subaltern officer of the Twenty-eighth (Irish) Regiment, saw Moore receive the fatal cannon poleon quotes the emperor as saying McCutcheon was quite willing, the In his book ("A Boy in the Peninsular War," London, 1809), he

The battle of Corunna terminated at the same moment that the British once erected a monument inscribed: commander expired. He was buried in As the enemy's last the citadel. the 48,000,000 acres of cultivated land in guns were firing his remains were lowwrapped in his military cloak. No explayed.' Sir Archibald Alison's "History of

Europe," volume xii., chapter 55, de-"Not a word was spoken as the melancholy interment by torchlight took place; silently they laid him in his

grave, while the distant cannon of the Major-General Napier's "Peninsular volume i., chapter 5, says: "His corpse, wrapped in a military cloak, was interred by the officers of the guns of the enemy

James Moore, a brother of Sir John Moore, in his ("Campaign in Spain," printed in London July 4, 1809), states: "The body was never undressed, but wrapped up by the officers of his staff in a military cloak and blankets.' This writer, who was not on

paid his funeral honors."

"Towards 8 o'clock in the morning some firing was heard and it was then resolved to finish the interment." The "Letters and Journals of Field embarking from Corunna." and he as-

"To the Ninth Regiment, in which Gomm was then a captain, was consigned the sad though honorable duty of burying him on that fatal evening." Captain Gomm's "contemporary" ac count is, however, somewhat discredited by misquotations from Wolfe's poem, not printed until after eight years had elapsed.

Strang's "Light Brigade in Spain" retired into its "Sadly the army lines at Corunna; and as the last shot monicker. She was not funny for a

Professor Thomas, of Chicago Uni- from the French guns boomed across the neights the body of the nobie

of sir John Moore' and your graphic assigned the office of protecting the editorial in the Sunday Record-Heraid British army as it proceeded to the sent me to an examination of the wit-ships at the close of the engagement, esses of the scenes immortalized in and when the exhausted soldiers had the pathetic and vigorous verses. These ceased to file down from the field, witnesses and other historians seem feeble as the moon's wan beams on to prove that the poet reproduced the that chill and misty night, he himself went on board and sailed for England." All these witnesses and historians handled badly. in his prophecy of the treatment to be seem to make out a case for the poet accorded to the ashes and memory of as against the professor, and but one the gallant Scot, Sir John Moore, by statement of fact remains: Whether the sods were turned with the bay-

Some curious sidelights appear upon untimely in 1823. His verses first ap- this question. A few days before the peared in an Irish newspaper in 1817. battle Moore abandoned \$300,000 in Corunna was fought in the afternoon coin and permitted this to fall into received his death wound early in the tillery in the action was by the British fierce fighting of the Fiftieth (Irish) compelled to abandon its war chest Regiment and while "animating" the and artillery would not be likely to

funeral note; not a soldier discharged Lightly they'll talk of the spirit Bowdoin College, and a Rhodes scholar- which are appointed in buried at the dead of night; that the And o'er his cold ashes upbraid him.

This was foretelling, and the facts

are adverse to the prophecy. Thier's "Consulate and says: "He died gloriously." Marshal Soult, in speaking of the conduct of the campaign, after prais-"Sir John Moore finished by dying in

a combat that must do credit to his of Moore: "A brave soldier, an cellent officer, a man of talent;

Alison states that the French "John Moore, Leader of the English Armies, Slain in Battle 1809." Montgomery Gibbs, in his book, Military Career of Napoleon," which I have not at hand and am quoting from memory, says in effect: French Grenadiers, in admiration of the noble Moore, reverently surroundwhile the British fleet still lay on the bosom of the Med.terranean. extremely characteristic of that chiv

alric people. After all, it seems to appear the professor has not made out his case on the facts as against the poet or else the eve-witnesses and the historians are wrong. E. M.



### "The Cash Girl," was the attraction

at the Grand last evening, and at-Marshal Sir W. M. Gomm," says he tracted a fair-sized audience, some of "last British fighting man, whom enjoyed the show. It is a vaudeville show, with a bunch of girls attached. Some of it was good, much of it was passable, and some of it was had The costumes and scenery were very good.

Some musical numbers of a high order were introduced, including "Love Only Dreams," "Tale of an Old Rag Doll," and others A quartette was introduced who

sang fairly well, and danced Miss May Ward was announced as the Dresden doll comedienne. somebody must be cheating with the



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Some of the other roles were scholarships offered a The comedy was the go to Germany, 85 to the United State low-brow sort, and the comedians and 199 to the British colonies, 45 of which are yearly distributed were as funny as a church funeral. Of course it is a popular-priced ada.

#### harshness in dealing with it. QUALIFICATION FOR THE RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS

Mr. David Porter Is in the City -Will Address Boys of Collegiale.

ship man, is at present in the city, ince. partly on Y. M. C. A. work, and partly scholars have done as well at Oxford in the interests of the Rhodes scholar- as the English students; this is a ver ship trust. During the past few months satisfactory state of affairs, as then Empire" Mr. Porter has spoken to over 200,000 no effort made to send over Collegiate boys on the qualifications that are necessary for the Rhodes know that the Canadian Rho scholarship, and the conditions that are have stood higher and have taken govern it. It was Mr. Porter's inten- more honors than the representatives of tion to speak to the boys of the Col-10f the other colonies. Count Labedovere's memoirs of Na- legiate. Strange to say, though Mr. school board definitely refused to let Mr. Porter speak. As they did not give John on the C. P. R. steamer Empl at any reason, it is rather difficult to un- of Britain Dec. 3, or the Lake derstand their attitude in a matter itoba Dec. 11. which is so distinctly educational, and which might be of such great importance to the pupils.

erally understood.

Mr. Rhodes' ideal was to gather th show, and that might modify any men who will be leaders in the different countries, that they might be trained in the same way with the same ideals, and thus it ter years aid in the unification of lifferent countries. For the choice of the scholarship me not made on a basis of scholarship and under 24 and must have spent at least two years in some universi-Other than these conditions, however

the candidates are judged on a ba of 10 points, 3 for scholarship athletic ability, and 4 for acter and quality of leader Mr. David Porter, a graduate of is decided by a committee Statistics show that scholars, but only the average

### Christmas Sailings.

Germany, or the United States, or an

round men. It is gratifying, to

Anyone wishing to spend Christm on Dec. 16. in place of the Empr Ireland, but will not land passenge at Liverpool in time for As these steamers are filling up i The conditions under which these ly berths should be reserved a scholarships are given under the will Call at C. P. R. city ticket offer of the late Mr. Cecil Rhodes is not gen-Iner Dundas and Richmond, W.

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