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"Dominion" is the name which the British Government chose when wishing to christen a great battleship in our honor. The newest of Britain's huge meno'-wan was launched at Barrow on the last Monday in Au-Barrow on the last-Monday in August, in the presence of a distinguished company. The ceremony of naming the ship was performed by Princess Louise, and to add "local cor" to the event Pelee Island champagne was used. The vessel being new and unsophisticated was just swell pleased as though Veuve Cliquot had been permitted to trickle gown

The Dominion, when she is completed, will represent the highest type of battleship ever built. She will be one o, the largest vessels in the navy. Her guns are of the most powerful ever constructed, and in one minute they will be capable of firing one projectile of 850 pounds, sixteen of 380 pounds, and eight of 380 pounds, and eight of 100 pounds. In pursuit of an enemy, the Dominion can fire ahead four pro-jectiles of 850 pounds, eight of 380 pounds, and sixteen of 100 pounds. pounds, and sixteen of 100 pounds.
Anything that she can approach
within twelve miles she can throw a
shell aboard of. In other words, the
Silver Spray would have little
chance in an encounter with her. Her speed will be 18½ knots an hour, and her officers and crew cost will exceed \$5,250,000, and she is named after Canada.

Five New Warships The Dominion, as stated, belongs to the most powerful type of battleship in the British navy. She shares with four sister ships the honor of being the most formidable man-o'war floating the Union Jack. They are the King Edward VII., launched at Devonport; the Commonwealth, building at Fairfield; the Hindostan, building at Clydebank; the New Zealand, building at Portsmouth. These are all 16,350-ton ships. The weight of metal discharged by one of these of metal discharged by one of these vessels in a single round is 5,920 lbs., and is greater than that of any other British ships. Two American men-o'-war, the Georgia and the Connecticut, exceed this figure, tremendous as it is, the latter being capable of unloading 7,380 pounds of sudden death at one discharge.

Theoretical Improvements. Experts declare that the Dominion and the four other ships of her class exemplify the new tendency of battleship designers to afford better pro-tection to the secondary battery, and to increase the calibre of the guns. The improvement-for such we must it to be-was first noticeable assume it to be—was first noticeable in the Mikasa, a battleship built for the Japanese Government by Vickers and Maxim, the builders of the Dominion. In lieu of the scattered case-ment system, a central battery is used. It must be admitted, however, that most of the "improvements" which each of these groat ships shows on its predecessor are of a theoretical nature. There is no finality about They represent experiments The reason is that there has been little or no opportunity to test in action the merits of the different systems of armaments. The bombard-ment of Alexandria in 1882 was the first and last time that modern British ships have been engaged. The Spanish-American War was not as suggestive of the power of these leviathians as it might have been had the navies of the two countries been more evenly matched. The same remark applies to the naval battles between China and Japan. Where (anada Stands.

Canada's interest in discussions of his sort will be more personal now that she has a ship for which she will stand sponsor. True, the Do-minion is not ours, in the sense that the Good Hope belongs to Cape Colony, inasmuch as this magnificent vessel, which bore Joseph Chamberlain to South Africa, was a free gift of Cape Colony to the Motherland. Canada, however, through her Gov-ernment, expressed her unwillingness to make any such contribution to the Empire's navy at the colonial conference. Australia is giving a million dollars a year for this purpose, New Zealand \$200,000, Cape Colony \$250,000, Natai \$175,000, and even Newfoundland has promised to con-tribute \$15,000 annually, besides \$9,-000 for fitting up a drill ship. The 000 for fitting up a drill ship. The ancient colony also maintains a naval reserve force of 600 men. But where is Canada? This country is standing modestly by, and permit-ring the rest of the Empire to name

A Gift From the Dominion On this eccasion, however, Canada will not fail in showing appreciation of the honor done her. She will deof the honor done her. She will desire to follow the precedent established by Godparents, whe grace somewhat similar occasions by presenting a mug or a spoon to their little namesake. This custom is very popular in the United States, where the practice is made of naming vesthe practice is made of naming ves-sels after the various States. The State so honored never fails to pre-State so honored never falls to present to the vessel some magnificent present, beautiful dinner plates being probably the favorite gift. Most of the large American men-o'-war have exquisite services, and much rivalry is shown by the various States, each being anxious to outdo her sisters. The Dominion Government will probably the correctionity to The Dominion Government will probably not allow the opportunity to pass without presenting to the Dominion some present to show that we are not insensible to the compliment that has been paid us. Whatever gift is chosen, it must he worthy of a great country. The best is none too good for the Dominion, and only the best would be worthy of Canada.



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noted for their clannishness; we find noted for their ciannisaness; we find their country seats adjacent to one another in Buckinghamshire, and we find their town houses practically brushing each other in Piccadilly. Lord Rothschild's house at 148 is a handsome building of Portland stone, designed by March Nelson, and tewers over Apsley House, which and towers over Apsley House, which it adjoins. The interior is, as might be supposed, lavishly fitted up, the grand staircase and landings being entirely of marble. One of the downstairs rooms possesses a heautiful mantelpiece, concerning which an amusing story is told. A pompous diamond merchant in the city, meeting Lord Rothschild, and wishing to create a favorable impression by a display of wealth, asked the great financier whether he had seen any thing to approach the materials of a signet ring which he handed his a signet ring which he handed his lordship for inspection. "Very pretty," said the head of the Rothschilds; "I've got a mantelpiece like

it in my house."

Only a few doors from Lord Roths-Only a few doors from Lord Roths-child's is the handsome residence of Miss Alice de Rothschild, and just round the corner, in Hamilton Place, is the magnificent house of Mr. Leopold de Rothschild, a brother of the peer.

When the King travels in England beyond the fact that His Majesty usually has the use of a special train, no particular pomp or circumstance attends the journeys of the sovereign. The Emperor William's railway journeys in his own country are invested with much more ceremony, and the railways are al-ways well patrolled by guards. When the Czar makes a railway in Russia the whole length of rail-way over which His Imperial Ma-jesty will travel is patrolled for days before the journey by armed guards, who have orders to challenge any stranger in the vicinity, and if he stranger in the vicinity, and if he cannot satisfactorily account for his presence to shoot him on the spot.— London Tatler.

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Peo Picture of Canada's New Literary Light-A Stalwart Poet.

A poet of almost heroic build is Arthur Stringer. There are six feet and an inch of him. Also he is more or less good to look at. An English recruiting sergeant would scan him with longing eyes. Seeing him in a crowd you might pick him out for a champion athlete or, by his smooth thampion athlete or, by his smooth face, for a matinee idol. There's nothing about him to suggest the poet—save his poetry. Neither does he seem to have the poetic temperament. He is no dreamer, no idler. His mental poise seems to be as sound and as well balanced as his physical carriage which is saving a physical carriage, which is saying a

Canada is rather proud of having produced such a poet, and with good cause. London, Ontario, is his birthplace. His years are about thirty place. His years are about thirty. He comes from a fine old English family in which there's an earldom or something of the sort, but Mr. Stringer carefully keeps this fact in the background. He stands on his own feet. You may see by glancing at him that he needs no coat-of-arms background to proclaim his no-

He studied and played football at Toronto University and at Oxford. If they gave him any degrees he has forgotten it. Before he was twenty-five he had published two volumes of verse in Canada. They were slim little volumes which brought him Inttle volumes which brought him small fame and less money. Yet it was poetry, good poetry. The Cana-dians, however, prefer to wait until "The States" discover their geniuses "The States" discover their geniuses before showing their own appreciation. So Mr. Stringer sailed down into New York, prepared to starve in a hall bedroom. But he didn't. The New York magazine editors—who are much maligned, you know—promptly discovered that his poetry was good and paid him well for his verses. Since then, both by shart there and yorse he has been winwas good and paid him well for his verses. Since then, both by short stories and verse, he has been winning wide recognition and the rewards which accompany the same. Just now, while his new book of poems is being praised by the London critics, while the publishers are issuing his first novei, "The Silver Poppy," Mr. Stringer is up in Ontario, on the shores of Lake Erfe, locking after his fruit farm, working in blue shirt and overalls and enjoying himself hugely. Next fall, when ing himself hugely. Next fall, when his melons and poars and grapes have all been gathered and sold, he will pack his trunks and typewriting

machine and start either for New York or London, where he will settle down for a winter's hard work. Mr. Stringer's novel is likely to receive an extraordinary amount of atceive an extraordinary amount of attention in the newspapers on account of the identity of the well-known writer who figures in the book as Cordelia Vaughn. Mr. Stringer first met the lady in the manner described in the book, and his experiences of this "yellow vampire" are faithfully described. Every writer in New York will know the original of Mr. Stringer's heroine, and few will dispute the truth of his portrayal. It is more than likely that Cordelia Vaughn's real name will soon be aug-Vaughn's real name will soon be sug-gested in the newspapers.—The Read-

Equare Dealing Page

Here is a little sermon on honesty that Canadians who produce for ex-port should take well to heart. "Disport should take well to heart. "Dishonesty on the part of the American cheesemaker," says an agricultural newspaper published in lowa, "destroyed his English market for his product, and gave to his shrewfler and more honest Canadian competitor a market worth millions of dollairs a year. It pays in the long funto be honest."

Having, according to this, gained a market worth millions by honesty, it should not be necessary to remind Canadians who export cheese, butter, fruit, and other products that "it pays in the long run to be honest."

fruit, and other products that 'in pays in the long run to be honest.' But such reminders are necessary The Canadian trade agents abroad fire sending home warnings against sharp practices in packing goods for port. The Government has found necessary to guard the outlet, to export. The Government to prevent improperly packed and dishonestly graded goods from getting away to foreign parts. It seems that the individual producer often takes no interest in the foreign market, and that the small dealer is often equally deficient in a sense of responsibility, so that everything, depends on the man who actually does the exporting. The Government by various newly-devised regulations seeks to enforce honesty where it does not exist, and the importance of this cannot be overestimated. But the individual producer should bear in mind that when the preducts of a country get a good reputation in the country get a good reputation in the world's markets it means prosperity for the producing classes.

Declines to Acc pt Fees.

Niche as Murphy, K.C., who is an old friend of Sir Melville Parker, who has been recently ill at his home in Cooksville, noted the fact that Sir Melville, who over 40 years ago was appointed a justice of the peace, is one of the very few holders of such office who declines to accept fees or emolument for his services. While living a quiet retired life as a country gentleman, Sir Melville has always taken an active interest in local affairs, and was warden of Peel County, and was reeve of Toronto Township for several terms.

"A man of education," said Mr. Murphy, "of refinement and of a most genial disposition, with both friends and oppowents, and a Justice of the Peace for many, many years, in the County of Peel, Sir Melville has settled more cases that have some before him by making friends of those who wanted to be enemies, than any other Justice of the Peace in Canada. And he was always an adherent of the fact that stands patent, that Justices of the Peace should not be paid fees, and he held his position in that capacity without any fees or reward for his valuable and long service."



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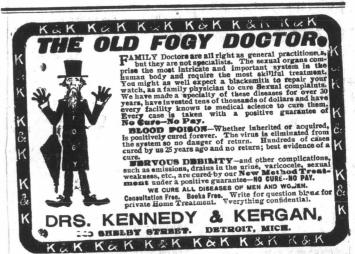
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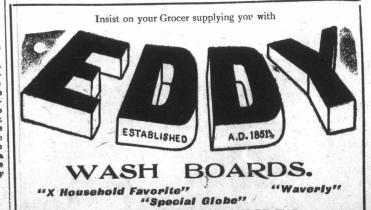
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