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information to the committee, although

THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTER

The provincial secretary Tuesday gix or seven hours with his maudlin re- as Cape Cod. The other class would be called attantion in the committee to a matter of some serious- Hibbert Topper accusing better men would be equ'l in force to the present ion government until our population ficial effect. not only on the city, but on New York police bille, which provides

were 24 cases of typhoid fever reported militia forces are of no value. in Fredericton which was much lower

MASTERS' COASTING CERTIFICATES. than the previous year, while in St John with six times the population of Fred-

Captain W. H. Smith, of the Royal ericton there were oil; 13 cases of Naval Reserve, seems to be very anxious typhoid reported. If Fredericton had to make it more difficult for the inhabibeen as free from typhoid as St. John tants of the maritime provinces to obit would only have had four tain certificates as masters or mates cases; whis if we had suffered from His report to the deputy minister of that disease in the same proportion as marine and fisheries, dated the 4th of Fredericton we would have had 144 cases November, 1898, contains a number of in this city instead of only 13. In justice recommendations which, if adopted, will condition of the province is sound, and to Fredericton we ought to say that the add largely to the expense and difficulty that at no distant date the revenue type of fever which prevailed was not of involved in the obtaining of a certificate. a very fatal character, there being only two deaths. It is certainly remarkable certificates of competency are now perthat the Gleaner, which preten is to have mitted to make a voyage to the West the interests of Fredericton so much at Indies and the whole coast of America. heart, shoul i raise an alarm which is He expresses the opinion that the navi likely to keep people from going there. gation knowledge required of them is

not sufficient to qualify such officers OBSTRUCTION. either to take charge of or to serve as It is pretty well understood that the mates in large passenger steamers rolongation of the debate on the ad- navigating those waters. He has theredrees for almost a month, with the end fore "formulated," as he calls it, not yet in sight, is due to a deliberate a new examination for offiintention on the part of the opposition | cers in the coasting trade, con sit is new paper subscription until all that a swed for it is paid. It is a well settled principal of law that a man must pay for what he has. Hence, who whether directed to him or somebody else, whether directed to him or somebody else, bates shows that nearly all the ination is somewhat more difficult than

BULES FOR CORRESPONDENTS talking has been done by the opposition that at present in force, the qualificaand that the friends of the government tions required of an applicant for a mashave said no more than was necessary ter's coasting certificate are very little in provincial affairs are conducted. All to refute the scand: I us charges brought excess of those demanded of a candidate against them. Nothing could more for a second mate's sea-going certificate. clearly show the weakness of the oppc- He then goes on to urge that the exami-

> aware that when the leaders of a party that it would be useful to issue two the topics dealt with in it are likely to be trade, "one for men engaged in what wick. pretty well exhausted, and that neither might be termed the home coasting One the house nor the country is likely to be trade, which would entitle the hillers

the second and third class mer. What trading between one port and another a man like Davin. of Regins, to Canadian ports and Newfoundland, and occupy the time of the house for ports in the United States as far south

well water which is likely in many be able to prove conclusively that we enails her industriel development to go that an increase of 20 per cent on the cases to be impure. Last year there are utterly defenceless and that our on unchecked. Russia has therefore population of 1881 would bring about every motive to assist in the m in- this result, tenance of peace, but that does not prevent her from constantly seeking to

the fostering care of the . resent governextend her territory, even when a way mant. T: e estimates for the current year has to be risked to obtain it. is \$190,000, but it may be much more, and in the near future it may be al-NEW BRUNSWICK'S FINANCIAL

most doubled. The government have POSITION. hardly as yet touched the sources of The Badget speech delivered by the

texation which they possess, but they provincial secretary on Wednesday exist nevertheless, although we hope showed very clearly that the financial that it will be a long time before it becomes necessary to draw upon them. Placing the matter in its most moderate will largely exceed the expenditure. form we think it may be safely affirmed He states that men holding coasting The small deficit which resulted from that three years hence the revenue of the financial operations of last year was the province will be\$100,000 a year more

Wh le there wi'l be this large increase in the revenue some other items of expenditure will decrease. This province

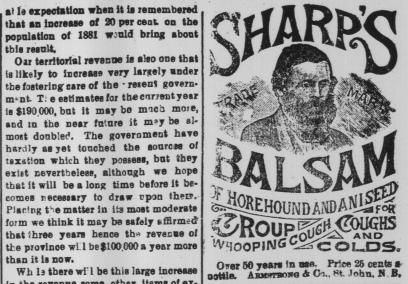
can borrow money at three per cent., but \$2,400,000 of the provincial debt for any uncasiness. The fact that all pays a higher rate of interest than that. the local services of this province, the When these bonds bearing high rates of great roads and bridges, the bye roads, interest are retired and replaced by the administration of justice, the legisla- three per cent, boods the province will effect a saving of upwards of \$38,000 a ture and executive government, provincial grants to education, government aid year in interest alone. To put this to agriculture and many other briefly while the revenue of the province services are kept up for about must increase very largely its expendi. production in the world for pig iron. two dollars a head of the population is | tures are likely to decrease.

THE DRY DOCK SCHEME.

those charges of extravagance, which vincial secretary's reference to the would flourish, because there is no have been so frequently brought against the government, are flatly contradicted Saint John dry dock scheme in his badby the facts, and we venture to affirm get speech of Wednesday evening, labor which is obtained on the other This paper has the largest they find it necessary to resort quired of all officers applying for cer- that there is no legislature anywhere shows that the members of the legisla- side of the Atlantic would not be equally to such tactics. Everyone is well tificater. He also expresses the opinion and no executive government conducted ture are in full sympathy with the idea available here, at as cheap a rate, living on a more economical scale than the of giving Saint John some financial as being quite as cheap on one side of the have spoken at length on the address classes of certificates for the coasting legislature and executive of New Brune- sistance for the purpose of helping in Atlantic as the other. With from ship-

> ince being less than it ought to be, was Mr. Gaorge Rabertson, includes the conedified by the lang-winded orations of to act as masters or mates of vessels the showing made by Naw Brunswick in struction of a dock eight hundred feet in the census of 1891. That census made length, large enough to accommodate to great and lasting prosperity. public interest is served by permitting in the maritime provinces, or between it appear that, in the ten years between the largest ship sfloat and the the 1881 and 1891, the population of the erection of a list for the repair of iron

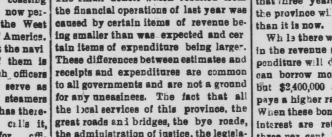
province had only increased by about ships, as well as for their constructio ... 30 persons. As we are to receive a sub- It is easy to see that such an industry public accounts marks? Who is edified by hearing Sir of lied a foreign coasting certificate, and sidy of 80 cents a head from the Domin- in St. John would have a most bene-



that the statement made by the provincial secretary was so well received. There is no doubt that S'. John is most advantageously situated for iron shipbuilding. It is estimated by those who are in a position to know, that iron can be produced in Cape Breton at even a less cost than in Alabama, which heretofore has been the cheapest lace of With iron so close at hand, with cheap water carriage and with ail the fac l ties which St. John possesses in other respects, there seems to The applause which greeted the pro be no doubt that the iron spipbuiling reason to believe that the same skilled the erection of this most important work. | building at our doors the ancient glories One cause of the revenue of this provowning port would revive and this city would take a new departure on its road

Change in Election Law.

ALBANY, N Y, Apr 1 13 - Gevernor Boosevelt today signed the first of the aner: 1 mas



an elequent testimony to the excellent

and economical manner in which our

nces, the deliberate nasting certificate. of the business done at the meetings of offences which we do not choose to the committee by the S. John Sun and name? The tactics of the opposition We have quoted Capt. Smith's exact words so that the reader may be in posses-Fredericton Gisaner. We understand will fail because the government are that the same individu 1 is held to be determined to pass their measures; but responsible for the reports to both if the session is undt ly prolonged it will these papers, reports which were wilfully be wholly the fault of the Conservative untrue because they placed the governe party. ment in the position of refusing to give OUR MILITIA.

the very reverse was the case. The The principal criticisms of General government were not only willing but Hutton with respect to our militis forces anxious that every information should relate to the lack of the proper staff and have been performed in any class of be given. Mr. Hamphrey, the new the inferiority of the equipment. He coasting versel, and that this does member for Westmorland, sought to dis- thinks that we ought to have a force that not appear to be sufficient service to tinguish himselt by criticising the prices would be prepared to take the field at enable a man to qualify himself to take paid for supplies for the Lunatic Aty- very chort notice, and that we cannot do charge of a vessel of large tonnage or a ium to T. McAvity & Sons. Their bil for this under existing circumstances. There hardware was, \$64?.94, they hav- is no doubt that the general's criticisms ing supplied the goods required are well founded with respect discontinued. He says that candidates for the improvements made in to equipment, and in this the are still coming up for these certificates the building. Mr. Humphrey at late government is to blame because some of whom have not been to sea for once pourced upon the charge for for years they kept the militia in a years, but who have been living on lubricating oil, which he said should miserably unprepared condition to take farms or engaged in mining or lumbarhave been bought for 35 cents instead the field. More than that, they reduced ing and that therefore what previous of 75 cents, the sum paid. The reader the period of drill, thus striking at the knowledge they may have had in naviwould naturally conclude that the gov. very root of the efficiency of the force. gation has been partly forgotten. ernment were being subjected to a The present government, however, is It will be seen from the above statefrightful sys em of robbery, but he will remedying thir. Our militis are being ment that if Capt. Smith has his way total amount of lubricating oil purchased all well armed with modern weapons term of service for coasting certificates from T. McAvity & Sons was six gallons, As for the staff it hardly seems will be lengthened, and the examinaand that the bill of the firm for sil was reasonat 1; to expect Canada to tions will be made more difficult. But \$4.50. The price charged was the maintain at all times such a body we think it very unlikely that Capt. usual one for oil of that qual of staff officers as would suffice in time Smith will have his way. The govern-Mr. Parker Glasier charged of war. There is no doubt of the great ment must by this time be pretty well that T. McAvity & Sons had charged importance of this branch of military aware what kind of a man Capt. Smith nine cents for Manila rope when the administration, and while we congratu- is, and how much his recommendation price shoul i o. 17 have been six cents late the mother country on the fact that are worth. He is certainly of no use to Manila rope is an article which has its army now has an efficient staff, we the marine department, and he ought dating the past two years, and we ob- so, and that even so recently as the the way of our young men who desire to merce of Monday that the price of staff of the British army was very far no hesitation in saying that the masiers

clined to think that the firm did not they got a profit of Ltit a cent a pound the staff should come with him. There are miserably deficient. on the rope they sold. These facts show are plenty of Cavadian militia officers the childishness of the charges that well fitted to perform staff duty, but have been made against the government these men may very well be left their

in the public accounts committer. their services on the staff.

TYPEOID FEVER IN FREDERICTON.

vided with a good militia force we do not desire our people to become too events it ought to awaken the people of The Federicton Geaner, in its seal to injure the government, is trying to stammuch enamored of militarism. Oar pede the pupils out of the Normal School friends in the United States seem to be they are pursuing in maintaining such by raising an alarm that the building is suffering from an overdose of that sort of in an unsanitary condition and that thing and the effect is not agreeable their people with enforced military ser Canada will take her part in the defense typhoid fever prevails in consequence As there are nearly three hundred of the empire, but Canada desires peace pupils from all parts of the province in It would be very foolish of us to so comthe Normal School, the provin- port ourselves as if we expected trouble cial scoretary very properly thought with our neighbors to the south, or for it necessary to contradict the us to appear to menace them Russia, by whom the congress has been

Gleamer's story with regard to the Nor- with inland fortifications or navil called, is a notorious viciator of treaties mal school bail ling, and he placed be- reserves on the lakes. After what and it is believed that any anxiety she fore the legislature Tuesday the most has happened during the past five may fet 1 to preserve the peace now is not conclusive evidence that the Gleaner's years, we have a reasonable assurance due to any dislike to war or its methods story is not true. There are, of course, of the maintenance of peace between but to the knowledge that she is not now cases of typhoid fever in Fredericton, Great Britain and the United States for in a position to maintain a contest with indeed no winter ever passes in that city an indefinite period, and that being so, Great Britain or Germeny. Russia is a without such cases, but no one building Canada can afford to act on that assump-

miserably poor country, many of her tior. We must not allow ourselves to peasants are barely abla to supply themis responsible for them. Fredericton is well sewered in comparison with be forced into an excessive militia ex- selves with food; she cannot enso that its soil is filled penditure or to seem to be looking for dure any greater load of tax-I or izulated to breed disease, trouble with our neighbors, even if all ation than she now bears, and

sion of his ideas, just as they came from Smith is not content with raising the this view, that after the next census the St. John would become as famous for standard of examination; he also wants the term of service lengthened. He says that a candidate for a coasting master's certificate is only required to have had three years' sea service, which may steamer carrying passengers. Captain Smith also wants a l service certificates

be consoled when he learns that the properly equipped and they will soon be service certificates will be abclished, the finetusted very considerably in price cannot forget that this was not always not to be permitted to block serve by the New York Journal of Com- breaking out of the Crimean war the become masters and mater. We have Manila rope is now from eight to nine from what it ought to have been In and mates of our coasting vessels are cents per pound in callad lots, with an the event of a great war with a first among the best sailors in the world, far advance of half a cent for smaller quan- class power, in which Canada would superior to Capt. Smith's special pets tities. The Lunstic Asylum did be likely to be attacked, we ought to who carry certificates from the British buy Manila rope from T. be able to count on some assistance in board of trade. A sea captain cannot be McAvity & Sons by the carload, for the way of staff officers from the British manufactured out of protlims in navithe whele all for rope on ly amounted army. Indeed, as our forces would, gation; he needs common sense and to six or seven del'arr. We are in under such circumstances, be under the judgment as well as book learning and command of a British general we would in these two qualities some of the British make a large fortune out of that, even if naturally expect that at least a part of captains, including Capt. Smith himself,

THE PRACE CONGRESS.

Although not much is expected from battalions until there is a demand for the Czar's peace congress, which meets in May, it is just possible that it may While we desire to see Canada prohave some substantial regults. At all

Continental Europe to the suicidal course

enormous armaments and burthening

vice. One great difficulty in the way of

disarming seems to be that the nations

have no confidence in each other, and

that it is by no means certain that any

treaty which is made will be observed

reaches 400,000, the fact that our non the whole lation apparently had not in- measure a revival of the shipbuilding creased during the decade, caused us from which St. John derived so much a severe financial losr. It is the opir- benefit in times past, and there is no his brain, or the mass of matter that ion of the provincial secretary, and we reason to doubt if such an industry were goes by that designation. But Capt. have no doubt that he is quite right in established that in the course of time

population of the province will be shown its iron and steel ships as it was for its wooden vessels in days gone by. to have increased so much that we will It was very gratifying to the representhave about \$50,000 a year more revenue

from the Dominion government. It will stives of S'. John and to the visitors insly makes up his mind to bring his be admitted that this is not an unresson- from this city who were present to find I family.



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one of his deputies to conduct the prose cation of violators of the election framchises in the metropolitan election dis trict in New York city.

Captain C. Davidson, of Cornwall, G. B., who wrote to Immigration Offic Gardiner asking information regarding New Brunswick as a place for set has decided to look around himesit. He will stay a year or so here

