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any other than encouraging would say that they had he who made most of the recent explorations and reports on economic minerals in this province. He may have given some adverse opinions respecting many report. We believe that he reported adversely on gold discoveries which have from time to time caused some excitement in various localities. As yet nothing has occurred to prove that he was wrong, and if he was right he ough not to be blamed for advising those who came to him not to waste their time and money. A few years ago when the region about the Lake of the Woods was full of prospectors, and gold mines were opened at a hundred of this country large deposits of gold would not be likely to occur. These particular criticisms are not made now.

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pay for two British Dreadnoughts, said so by their votes. Mr. Turcotte, who does not believe Canada should either build a navy or contribute Dreadnoughts, voted in the House for the naval construction bill. Mr. Emmerson, who thinks a direct contribution to an imperial fund should be made, did not venture to submit his proposition to the vote of the House, but supported the bill which refused such contribution. Mr. McLean, who did not vote at all. Altogether the government majority was less than the normal, showing the vanity of the hope that the opposition would be divided and the government kept together.

And now we have a defence scheme which will be of no service to Canada for years to come, and is never likely to be of any service to the Empire. It is a political and sectional navy, and not an instrument of defence. We shall be sounded deeply in expenses. The bills of the Marine Department and its records are evidence for that. It will give patronage. There will be offices and ornaments. But the people of Great Britain will have to go on as they do now defending the British and Canadian commerce on the seas, and British and Canadian people at their homes.

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THE ST. JOHN SUN.

It is supposed that today's issue of the St. John Sun will be its last. A reminiscent sub-title to the Telegraph may perpetuate its name, but the journal itself will disappear after a lifetime of nearly a third of a century. For twenty-seven years and more, the Sun was recognized as the chief Liberal-Conservative journal in the province. Founded in the summer of 1878 as an opposition paper, it carried on a vig-EDITOR—S. D. Scott.

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SAINT JOHN, SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 12, 1910.

The late Mr. John Livingston gave the Sun the NEW BRUNSWICK AND THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY. best work he ever did as a political writer. His suc At the delightful banquet of editors on Thurs.

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At the delightful banquet of editors on Thursday, Mr. Hawke, in the course of a speech that contained much that was excellent, strongly condemned the Geological Survey, charging that the geologists gave reports and advice that discouraged investors, and in particular that the reports of these explorers were dead against investment in oil, gas, shales, coal and iron in this province. The impression conveyed, though perhaps not intended, was that the discoveries had come in spite of advice from the survey, though had been at length compelled to admit the existence of profitable shales in Albert county.

No doubt mineral wealth has been discovered in many places in Canada where the geologists did not expect it. Scientific men of this class are perhaps expect it. Scientific men of this class

gists, as to mines in this province, large losses have also been made by investing in mineral wealth that was not there.

It is not in itself an offence or an injury to prevent the investment of money in this province. If the money would be lost, the man who prevents the outlay has done his duty, and it is no less his duty if the investor lives in England. We all know that in Westmortand and Albert counties large sums of money have been lost in fruitless mining operations. Mr. Hawke does not wish to have these losses repeated.

It is true that Dr. Ells reported that oil in the native state would probably not be obtained in paying quantities, and if Mr. Hawke says that he made the same report about gas, his statement may be accepted. He may have been wrong. As yet he has not been proved so, for the oil wells have not yet paid, and Dr. Henderson says that he is not in a position to claim for the gas wells a commercial success. The prospects are encouraging and the operators are hopeful. They have a working enterprise and not a speculative proposition, and they are not tempted to go about booming the gas district. This increases rather than diminishes the confidence of the people in their undertaking.

Some unpleasantly plain opinions and disclosures on the part of the Sun. The final result is that the Sun has been bought by the party management, for the second time in a little over four years, making in all three purchases of six papers in the same party interest in this city since 1905. Very nearly half a million dollars have so six papers in the same party interest in this city since 1905. Very nearly half a million dollars have captured that the Sun has been bought by the party management, for the Sun. The sun years of six papers in the same party interest in this city since 1905. Very nearly half a million dollars down in the same party interest in this city since 1905. Very nearly half a million dollars who as changed hands in these operations.

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As to the Albert and Westmorland shales, Dr. Ells has for many years expressed the opinion that they were valuable oil bearing deposits. To the knowledge of the present writer he so reported at least three years before he was sent to Scotland with samples to be refined. It is, perhaps, safe to say that his strong confidence in the merits of these shales was one reason why he was selected to have the test made.

It is also absolutely certain that Dr. Ellis was at the beginning favorably impressed with the value of the

made now.

Mr. Fletcher and Mr. Fairibault, of the Geological Survey, worked for many years in Nova Scotia, one in the coal, the other in the gold measures. They both gained to a remarkable degree the confidence of practical miners, and were of great service, both in the encouragement and the discouragement of operations. Doubtless they made mistakes, for gold is the most capricious of metals, but they had the best information available. When to know him, and the mining people are preparing a memorial for him. Mr. Fairibault is one of many of the government geologists who have left the Dominion service for higher reward elsewhere.

It is clearly the duty of the Canadian Geological Survey to give out the best information it has or can get, and the best advice it can offer. This advice will sometimes encourage and sometimes discourage investment, and is equally valuable in both cases. The officers could do no greater wrong than to make people believe that there is mineral wealth where they themselves believe there is none. Nor does this province require such reports of them. They would in the end do more harm than good.

Notwithstanding the great variety of opinion experience of the safety of the notes. They are the first charge, and from what sources. There was never any question of the safety of the notes. They are the first charge, and from what sources. There was never any question of the safety of the notes. They are the first charge, and from what sources. There was never any question of the safety of the notes. They are the first charge, and from what sources. There was never any question of the safety of the notes. They safety of the safety of the notes. They had from the sources. There was never any question of the safety of the out of the safety of the notes. They had from the sources. They

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THE COMET.

Quite the Opposite.

"Let's see, we sometimes call a man a Jonah, don't we?"

"Yes, when he brings disaster."

"That's the funny thing about it. The original Jonah was a prophet while the modern Jonah is a loss."

Awful Fate in Prospect.

Hobbs—"Alas! I fear that boy of aine is going to be a newspaper husorist."

Hobbs—"Why do you think so?"

Hobbs—"A school essay he wrote legan: "The natives of leeland are cold and distant people."

Then You Begin to Move.

Hobbs—"Let's see; when you mate n chess, the game is practically over so n't it?"

Dobbs—": Yes."

Hobbs—"How different when you mate in the game of life; it's then just beginning."—Boston Transcript.

Rival Attractions.

First Child—"We've got a new baby at our house,"
Second Child (contemptuously)—
"We've got a new pa at ours."—Presbyterian Standard.

THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Brothers in blood to the dipping swallow.

List to the song of our motor's whirr; "Never shall aught of harm befall thee;"
Bear us, then, over the mountain's fir; "Come, and earth's pleasures in vain shall call thee!"

Towns in their sordidness sink afar—Close to our aircraft the hawk is winging;
Here is contentment that naught shall mar—And now at our side the lark is singing.

Well may men rub their eyes and stare;
Speeding like dreams o'er the cloud strewn courses.

We are the saddlemen of the air; Distanced at last are the Valkyr's horses!

—Arthur Chapman.

Wise

Says

"A church fair's like a barb wire fence—a man can't go through it 'hout leav in' somethin' behind."

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To the Editor of The Standard:
Sir,—The references your St. Stephen creences your St. Stephen creation and its action is self-ing to the fact had it a mark able for its inaccuracy and the evitantly stephen continuance of a state of affairs which has become intolerable. The Tempera occurrences attacted to the correspondent for the continuance of a state of affairs which has become intolerable. The Tempera occurrences attacted to the correspondent for the continuance of a state of affairs which has become intolerable. The Tempera occ

URGE INCREASED GRANT FOR THE UNIVERSITY

Fredericton, March 11.—This morning a committee from the Senate of the University of New Brunswick, composed of Chancellor Jones, Dr. W. White and Dr. Thomas Walker, of St. John, and J. D. Phinney, K. C., appeared before the provincial government and urged that the annual provincial grant to the university be increased from \$13,800, the presentigures, to \$20,000, to meet the growing needs of the university. The delegation was given an attentive hearing and the premier promised that the matter would be given favorable consideration.

Dr. Jones has been unable to have the university included under the benefits of the Carnegle Foundations, having stated special claims to the manager of the Foundation.

Last evening a delegation from the New Brunswick Medical Society, composed of Dr. Murray MacLaren, Dr. Bentley, Dr. W. W. White, Dr. R. A. Corbett, of St. John, and Dr. Gray of Fairville, accompanied by Dr. Bourque, M. P. P., and Dr. Taylor, M. P. P., appeared before the Executive Council. They were introduced by Mr. Wilson and Mr. Hatheway, St. John representatives in the House, and urged the government to pass legislation authorizing the appointment of health officers in the municipalities of the province. The suggestion is that remuneration of the officers be limited to \$1,500 annually.

NOTICE OF LEGISLATION

Dobbs—"Yes."
Hobbs—"How different when you mate in the game of life; it's then just beginning."—Boston Transcript.

No Reasonable Offer Refused.
Stella—"Is she in her declining years?"
Bella—"No; her accepting ones."—Illustrated Bits.

Golfer—"I can't get the thing out, and I've hit hard enough!"
Superior Caddle—"Ah, sir It's not strength wot's required, it's intellec.".—Punch.

The Logical Conclusion.

Magistrate—"You say the prisoner turned round and stealthly whisted. What followed?"
Intelligent Witness—"Please, your Worshlp, his dog."—The Skatch.

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