

able interest that the prize offered by the Navy League of Canada, for the best essay on the question "Shall Canada Have a Navy of Her Own?" was won by a woman, Mrs. W. Hews Oliphant, of Toronto.

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DIRECT TAXATION HEAVY.

(Ottawa Journal.)

THE new British budget is likely to give a fresh spur in the mother country if any were needed, to the movement for "fair trade," alias more customs duties. Great Britain has practically no customs duties except upon tea and intoxicating liquors. Ninety-two per cent. of the imports into the British Isles are duty-free. So far, when additional revenue has been needed by the Imperial Government, it has usually been sought by increases in taxes on incomes, inheritances and law stamps. A Conservative government departed from this in the Boer war by imposing a slight duty on imported corn since removed. In most countries in the world now—Germany, France, the United States, Canada—government revenue comes chiefly from customs duties. When more revenue is wanted, the usual plan is to look to the customs for it.

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MORE AND MORE LAND.

(Edmonton Journal.)

NOTWITHSTANDING the development that has recently been experienced in Alberta, and the wave of immigration that has flowed into the country, the era of expansion has evidently hardly begun, and even in the surveyed districts millions of acres of valuable land are still available for homesteading. The railway extension that is projected for the immediate future will put these lands into touch with means of transportation, and will vastly accelerate the progress that has everywhere been conspicuous.

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THE UNHYGIENIC FLY.

(Ottawa Journal.)

SOON cometh the fly. The restless, bothersome fly used to be regarded as merely an incident of summer; something to be either philosophically endured, or killed casually as the spirit might move one.

Science has now decided that the fly—the ordinary house fly that is with us in millions, is more than an incident of summer. Science has come to the conclusion after exhaustive research and bacterial tests, that the fly is not merely a nuisance to humanity, but is a daily menace to life. It has come to the conclusion that the fly must not be killed casually when it gets bothersome to a bald pate or disturbs a siesta, but must be deliberately, persistently and scientifically hounded to death.

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THE LONG TURNPIKE.

(Manitoba Free Press.)

THE growth of the ever spreading network of railway extensions does not lessen but increases the need of good roads. What this country will have to have is a main highway running westward from Winnipeg, with radiating roads, maintained for constant traffic. That there will be in time such a highway from Winnipeg to and over the mountains is not to be doubted. For the immediate future it is the problem of good roads in the region immediately surrounding Winnipeg that claims the attention of the people of Winnipeg and the surrounding municipalities. The Provincial Government, in concert with the municipalities, will have to work out a system by which the Province will be divided into groups of municipalities for road, making

SAVED THE BUILDING

Here is another fire picture—it speaks for itself. It is taken from a photograph of the Graham Nail Works on their old site on Dufferin Street, Toronto. Their building was burned to the ground, and the high wind carried the flying red hot embers over to the roof of the adjoining building, where they blazed fiercely.

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