situation, was merely a private deal. If this is serious, The Standard will be well pleased So will the people of St. John, who are not anxious to be fooled all the time, though Mr. Pugsley sometimes



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the political boss of the city and largely of the prov- Aylesworth and the editor will end. ince. He is a contractor, doing a large business with the government at Ottawa, and sometimes has bills of extras running up into the hundreds of thousands. The organization of the party rests largely on his contribu-If newspaper stock has to be bought, Mr. Haney is the man who comes forward. When campaign present political situation. They also explain on dispenses patronage. When a federal minister goes views in his advice to the peers to Toronto Mr. Haney is the man to see him. When party of Toronto. His influence goes a little farther, have authorized some responsible person to state the When Mr. Haney had claims against the government he in his name. Since it is left to all to guess for h usually found Mr. Murphy, an Ottawa lawyer and poli- self what the King's position is, this journal venture

that a contractor should not have the whole control of party matters. They may perhaps be styled antimachine Liberals. While they have not gone so far as to call Mr. Haney a "buccaneer," they have the same complaint that is made about a group in St. John. In in parliament. It was necessary. Things have reach-Toronto, however, it is not complained that the contractors contribute comparatively little, while they get absolutely essential that there must be a solid standing

party organization should be something more than a pretence, while the authority which it should exercise is vested in a few contractors. As the News says, the whole fighting wing of the Liberal party "has been com-"mercialized. The old element who a contended for "ideals and principles has been set in the background," ment on Thursday. In the middle of the last general

A TOP-HEAVY MILITIA.

force many times that of the Canadian militia.

Courtney, Mr. Fysche, and Mr. Bazin pronounced the machine ridiculously top-heavy. They pointed out that the officers at Ottawa were paid higher salaries than the employes of any other department, and reached the conclusion that too much of the outlay was absorbed at headquarters, leaving too little to provide for the trainheadquarters, leaving too little to provide for the train-

Sir Fred Borden furiously attacked the commissioners and their report. The minister was in a splendid rage for the three hours in which he accused Mr. Courtney of ignorance and falsehood. But there is much in the statement of General Lake which confirms the report of the commission and the popular impression that the militia department at Ottawa is spending too much money at headquarters and too little in actual training. The cost of the force has climbed up until it is many times larger than the expenditure of fifteen years ago. Yet the number of men under training has hardly increased. The amount of drill is but little more than before. There appears to be no improvement in the spirit and zeal of the force, and in fact there is little to show for the multiplied outlay. to show for the multiplied outlay.

COURTENAY BAY BORING.

The organ of the dredgers says that the proposed were not intended to discover anything or to increase the stock of departmental information. They were intended to fool people into voting for Mr. Pugsley. It was a campaign contrivance and nothing else. The meu came when the election came on. They went away when the votes had been counted. Nothing that they did was of value.

The present operations are probably intended to a public purpose. It is reasonable to suppose that the department really wishes to know something about this place. We may suppose that Mr. Coste proposes to learn how much dredging would be required to open a low water passage. He may intend to get information sufficient to give a dredging contract as a business proposition. The contract given in election year with contract given in election year, with contract given in the canadian Northern line west. Notice is given of a given of 3 1.2 per cent, bonds of a guarantee of \$3,150,000 of 3 1.2 per cent, bonds of a guarantee of \$3,150,000 of 3 1.2 per cent, bonds of a guarantee of \$3,150,000 of 3 1.2 per cent, bonds of a guarantee of \$3,150,000 of 3 1.2 per cent, bonds of a guarantee of guarantee of \$3,150,000 of 3 1.2 per cent, bonds of

AYLESWORTH AND THE GLOBE.

Mr. Aylesworth has offended many people by par- flavors and fancies, call at oning an offender who was convicted of selling indecen literature. The Minister of Justice says that the books sold were "classics," and that the vendor should never have been convicted. It is stated in reply that the ooks were only classics in the sense that they were written a great many years ago, and that old books in clude many bad books that are not regarded as classica but only obscene literature. Moreover it is alleged that Tublished by The Standard Limited, 82 Prince William this dealer sold many late works which are utterly obscene and have nothing but indecency to make them saleable. Still further it is declared that the very books which Mr. Aylesworth pardons the dealer for selling are shut out of the mails by his colleague, the postmaste general. Lastly it is set forth that the offender has caused circulars, advertising these "classics," to be placed in the hands of young people, who would not be expected to read them if they were the class of books which Mr. Aylesworth represents them to be.

Such are the statements. The interesting feature of the case is the fact that the Liberal organ of Toronto is the complainant. It is much the same as the case of last year when the Globe got into collision with SAINT JOHN, TUESDAY MORNING, APRIL 26, 1910

TORONTO AND ST. JOHN.

the Secretary of State of The Liberal party in Toronto has a trouble which will be understood in St. John. Mr. W. J. Haney is mains to be seen how the controversy between Mr.

THE KING AGAIN.

Cable despatches tell us that there is general regret over the fact that the King has been involved in the funds are needed his cheque is first and largest. On that the King was opposed to the course taken by the the other hand Mr. Haney recommends appointment and Lords, and that Lord Rosebery spoke His Majesty's

Fortunately no one is obliged to believe these things. Mr. Haney goes to Ottawa he represents the Liberal lf the King had desired his views to be known he would tician, an excellent man to deal with ministers. The the opinion that King Edward is leaving the politician time came when Mr. Haney and other contractors, who had found Mr. Murphy an able aid thought it well to have Mr. Murphy in the government. Mr. Scott then disappeared and Mr. Murphy became Secretary of State.

All this suits Mr. Haney and suits the federal minders. The opinion that king has interfered publicly or privately, or that he has announced to his advisors, or any other persons the course he will pursue in any future condition of things. So far the King has got along very well by dealing with cases as they came up, and the suits Mr. Haney and suits the federal minders. isters. But there are Liberals in Toronto who think that a contractor should not have the whole control of

THE SAWDUST WHARF.

Pugsley has been again whitewashed by his friends rything. Mr. Haney pays well, But in Toronto, as in St. John, it is thought that the collapse. In this latest scandal, the Minister of Public

"office and patronage are the supreme considerations, election the government purchased a wharf in Richibucto, who was the Sawdust Wharf. The price paid for it The commercialism in the Liberal party of St. John goes farther. While the rank and file are supposed to obey the machine, only the machine which issues the command gets the reward.

The price paid for it was \$5,000. The vendor had just bought the wharf from the owner for \$700. There was therefore a rake-off of \$4.300, and, while \$300 went to the middleman, the balance, \$4.000, passed to the campaign manner. Brunswick .- Toronto Mail.

Mr. Blondin's proposition to start a French party in The report of the Inspector-General of the militia Quebec on the lines of the Irish party in the Imperial expresses the opinion that the force is not sufficiently parliament, is not new. Such attempts have been made or effectively drilled, and that there is a great deficiency of qualified militia officers capable of giving instruction. Some years ago the civil service commission reached the same conclusion. The commissioners also found that the staff of Cluving was employed for the commissioners also found that the staff of Cluving was employed for the commissioners also found that the staff of Cluving was employed for the commissioners also found that the staff of Cluving was employed for the commissioners also found that the staff of Cluving was employed for the commissioners also found that the staff of Cluving was employed for the commissioners also found that the staff of Cluving was employed for the commissioners also found that the staff of Cluving was employed for the commissioners also for the commissioners also found that the commissioners also for the commissioners also found that the commissioners also found the commissioners also found that the commissioners also found the commissioners also found the commissioners also found that the commissioners also found the commissioners are commis e staff at Ottawa was sufficient for a feels the same interest in national affairs that other

. The airship is taking a heavy toll of life as the price of experience. The steam engine did the same So has the science of electricity. The sea has gathered in its millions of victims of navigation by water. In all journeys new and old, care and death ride behind the horseman. These fatalities will not check the zeal of borings in Courtenay Bay will be painful to The Standard. On the contrary this journal will be glad to see

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Drave his hilt against her door, flung a golden chain.
Said, "I'll teach your lips a song sweet as his that's ended, Ere the white rose call the bee, the almond flower again."

Griggs—So you got home from the club at midnight. Well I suppose you told wiffle you had to work late at the office; played upon her sympathies eh?
Briggs—Well—er—yes; but either her sympathies were out of tune or I'm a darned poor instrumentalist.

But he only saw her head bent withi the gloom Over heaps of bridal thread bright as apple-bloom, Silver slik like rain that spread across the driving loom,

Dreaming Fanch, the cobbler's son, took his tools and laces,
Wrought her shoes of scarlet dye, shoes as pale as snow.
"They shall lead her wild-rose feet all the fairy paces
Danced along the road of love, the road such feet should go."

But he only saw her eyes turning from his gift Out toward the silver skies where the last sails lift, Where the wild gyrfalcon flies, where the old wrecks drift.

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Too Much For Tipple.
The Shopman—That, madam, is the latest thing in dog's coats. Very popular on the Riviera.
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The Real Enemy.

Why didn't you come to the dance the other night Lieutenant Schmidt? I believe you were afraid of all the girls you have been engaged to.

Lieutenant—No, not them; but others.—Fliegende Blatter.

Spring, where the dawns are fair, since I may not yield her Stars of morning for her feet, of evening for her hair."

But he did not see them ride, seven dim sail and more, all along the harbor side, white from shore to shore.

Nor heard the voices of the tide crying at her door.

Yell bean-Marie has touched his pipe down beside the river, when the folds are still, said, "I'll send her all the gifts that my love may give her—Golden notes like golden birds to seek her at my will."

But he only found the waves, heard the sea-gull's cry, In and out the ocean caves, underneath the sky, all above the wind-washed graves where dead seamen lie.

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