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IS THAT SO?

A constituency in Alberta has elected a Conservative to the local Legislature. In its astonishment at such a marvellous proceeding the Toronto News sees. a clear indication of a Conservative triumph at the next Dominion election. It had evidently been having some doubts. But the result up in the Peace River, even though the questions at issue there were purely local, has cheered our contemporary's spirit. Mr. Borden may now consider himself certain of at least half of Alberta and Saskatchewan, all of British Columbia, and a big share of Manitoba. Then in Quebec both Laurier and the National-1sts have been eliminated, and in that province there will be an almost solid French-Canadian vote for the Government-which is a good thing when it is cast for the Conservatives, but very bad If it goes Liberal. There will be substantial gains in the Maritime Provinces, of course. Nothing is said about what Ontario will do; but we presume It is because they feel so sure of Ontario that it is not worth mentioning.

It is all very well for the News to feel so jubilant, but does Mr. Borden feel the same way? Does he really think a general election would send him back with the same majority he has nowto say nothing of adding 50 per cent to it? If he did there would not be much delay in bringing on an election. It have a higher motive than that. Accause she has been humiliated before naval aid to Britain." the whole world by the action of her to the defence of the weary Titan in its hour of need. A general election would not only consolidate Mr. Borden's he would be less than human as a politician, and he would be untrue to the

this almost unanimous indorsation. to make Mr. Borden believe.

## MORE TALK THAN SENSE.

nunciation of military mania by the president of the Association of Canagreat mass of Canadians think. He else. doubtless believes that a certain reasonable expenditure for the militia department is quite proper. He assuredly said nothing against it. But he did lift up his voice against the tendency of a few people in this country to advocate large expenditures and extensive military preparations for a war that is not likely ever to come, and in the encouragement of a spirit of truculent

A people who desire peace will never magnify the military profession. War is an evil, and everything that tends to promote it is evil. Robbery and violence are evils, and we make preparations to counteract them. But we do not brag port of all he saw, and said, and did, necessary, and we do not go into hysterics over it. Certain things are necessary, and we go about them soberly, almost regretfully. We know they are necessary for the public safety, and we try to make provision for the needs of the community. And we do it without exaggeration or bombast.

conducted in a spirit much similar. Certain things may be advisable, and we proceed with them quietly - with only the enthusiasm and energy neces-But with a Minister of Militia inclined town, with an effective militia muster of all male Canadians proposed, and compulsory service broadly hinted, there is no harm in emphasizing the fact that we are not going to turn into ter not go too fast. And an occasional

The Lord Chancellor of Britain, being nterviewed as to his opinions on the naval question, answered calmly and udicially, as might have been expected. He did not claim that there was an emergency which must be promptly met if the country was to be saved from disaster. Nor did he say that Canada should send a money contribution to the British admiralty in order to build more Dreadnoughts. He did say that the burden involved in maintaining Britain's naval supremacy was very heavy one, but one which they were prepared to bear in the British Isles as long as was necessary. And

ne did say that they would be quite

pleased to have Canada help. But how

that aid should be given he did not at-

empt to decide. That is for our people

And Canadians, we believe, are ready o bear their share of the burden. The Liberals are just as ready to give aid as are the Conservatives. Perhaps more so, because a section of the latter party, and a very powerful section at that, cannot be depended on for anything more than resolutions in Parliament that they say are to be taken simply as marks of good will, and of promises which are not to be implemented by

That the Mail and Empire should attempt to make political capital out of Lord Haldane's remarks is, of course, quite natural. When it talks about "the Laurier blockers of naval aid to the Empire," and accuses Liberals of "denying Canadian aid to Britain," it only repeats the old story, which has been made to do duty for the party ever since the Liberals voted against the contribution policy of the Government. But its diatribes are but misrepresentations and misstatements now as they have ever been. The Liberals have never, since the question was first broached, refused aid to Britain. It was a Liberal Government that first spent Canadian money to strengthen the naval forces of the Empire. The Conservatives belittled the Liberal expenditure. It was not enough, they said. But we are willing to spend more, if the first appropriations were not sufficient. The Liberal Opposition in Parwilling to vote for the Government's face—and lives to tell about it. outlay of \$35,000,000. But they were not willing to turn that amount over to least five years more. But he would an irresponsible authority in England. control, and as far as possible for the ernment, the Empire is in danger and needs Canada's help in its emergency needs Canada's help in its emergency. defend the Empire in connection with And the face of the fair Dominion is British ships. That was not "blocking

It is true the Liberals tried to block the Government tribute policy. And in was in the best interests of the Empire. And when they failed in the House of Commons they asked in the Senate power for the next five years; it would that the people should have an opporinsure the passing of the naval bill; it tunity to decide. But the Government would restore Canada's self-respect; it has refused to give the people of Canwould save the Empire. And if Mr. ada a voice in the settlement of their Borden believed what the News says, naval policy or the expenditure of their own money. "We are the masters," said the Minister of Marine, the other interests of Canada and the Empire, if day, and he voiced the policy of the he did not act promptly, and secure cabinet. We will wait till enough Liberal senators are dead, and we will If the News believes in its own fill their places with men who will vote vaporings, it might try a little harder as we wish, and then we will do what we want to do. If they felt that the people were with them, the Government would have carried out the Premier's Considerable talk has emanated from pledge, and have referred the whole certain papers on account of the de- matter to the people. But they are afraid to do it, for they know they would meet defeat. It is the Borden Government dian Clubs the other day. To listen to that "blocks naval aid to Britain," for some of them one would think that the instead of giving the people of Canspeaker was a rebel, an annexationist, ada an opportunity to speak their mind, and everything that was disloyal. The it simply marks time, and defers action fact is, he said nothing more than the It talks, and waits, and does nothing

Thaw has materially helped the hotel business in Coaticooke and Sherbrooke. Now the Montreal people are likely to have the pecuniary benefits of his presence. The florists also expect an increased revenue.

An English evangelist, preaching in New York, says that women's dress in these days is an invention of Satan, and that no wearer of a slit skirt can enter heaven. A man's intentions may be good; but that does not hinder him from making a fool of himself.

very pleasant oriental trip. His retrip, so far as Canada is concerned. it was doubtless an interesting experience for Mr. Foster.

That proposition to have the British Government create a Duke of Canada seems to have fallen rather flat. It had been one to provide titles for a a matter of scandal and innuendo; a short time becomes vulgarized by repehundred people instead of only one, it crinoline entering a hansom cab, a stile tition. But before this has come about

sary for their efficient performance. ing up the accounts between Nova session of nether limbs is not in itself Scotia and the Dominion since conto magnify his office unduly, with an federation, and estimates the sum due winks and vulgar suggestions are expenditure of \$2 per capita of her its province at \$170,000,000. If it spared. population for military purposes, with would do any good we could easily armories cropping up in every little figure out on behalf of Ontario a bill ed that European women looked as if of ten times that amount. But we they had a piece bitten out on each would never get the money. Neither side. And it was true at the time. The will Nova Scotia.

In view of statements made by inence given to some portions as a recertain hygienists that kissing is un- sult of the still more painful compresa nation of soldiers any more than of healthy, the Chicago Health Compolicemen. The militia department will missioner comes to the relief of an soon be the greatest spending depart- alarmed public with the announcement of the Dominion at the rate pur-reasonable bounds. We always thought be remembered as the time when sued by the authorities at present. Better not go too fast. And an occasional
utterance like the sounds are the bounds? Opinlone should are the bounds? Hand in hand with the discovery of utterance like that of the Canadian finds the danger limit. That is the terials. Milliners and dressmakers have learned from the post-impres-Clubs' president is not out of place. only way to be certain.

LORD HALDANE ON NAVAL AID. Looping the Loop 3,000 Feet High How the Daring, Dangerous, Thrilling Aerial Somersault Was Performed by French Aviator.



This illustration of an aerial somersault shows how the French birdman liament placed itself on record as being Pegoud, turned a complete somersault when 3,000 feet above the earth's sur-Pegoud gave this blood-chilling exhibition before the French army flying

corps at Buc, near Versailles. MON LEWIS HANDALL A foolish person is the Snob With silly notions in his knob, To those who rightly rate him; He goes and walls himself about To keep all "common persons" out Lest they contaminate him,

And on a high and lonesome shelf He proudly immolates himself. And so, because he will not meet The common people in the street Like Tom and Dick and Harry, He misses all the joy and fun Of learning how the world is run And how life's chances vary.

The folks whom he considers "low" Could teach him much he needs to The common folk don't care at all

How much he hides behind his wall Nor what retreat he chooses. If he won't join their work and play They go serenely on their way And HE'S the one who loses. The wise man mixes with the mob It takes a fool to be a snob.

## Modern Women's Fashions Find a Defender

[Sartor in the Manchester Guardian.]

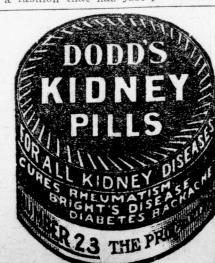
that it is disgusting. Frankness and short skirts slit at the ankle. beauty are anathema to her. In the The Halifax Herald has been cast- when everyone recognizes that the posanything to be ashamed of or scared

about, all the silly talk, the nods and siinouette of the sixties shocks us now with its impropriety. The painful promsion of other parts merely makes the modern woman feel uncomfortable. The

very origin of the crinoline is itself its condemnation. Every period has its

If one walked in Hyde Park in the sionists the joy of color and from the height of this season one was struck Russian ballet the value of pattern by the number of beautiful women in Surely at no period have such beautithe world. On all sides people were ful brocades and embroidered silks remarking that they had no idea that been worn. The demand for soft ma-English girls could be so pretty and terials, charmouse and crepe in place graceful. It was the same at the opera; of the old hard satin and moire an-framed in the boxes or strolling in the tique, shows a discriminating taste. oyer or the stalls, everywhere one was The inventive treatment of feathers, impressed by the beauty of young girl- the fancy in the use of tulle and lace will duly appear in a blue book in hood. The reason is that gradually and the attention to accessories, the daintimoney on our police forces than is about two years. From all appear- by degrees, with no doubt many a shock ness of stockings and shoes and paraabout two years. From an appearance and overcoming of obstacles, the hu-sols are all signs that dress is in its man form has come into its own. In- heyday. And how appropriate to the stead of inventing a new shape for our season are the summer frocks, how debodies we are now content to dress the liciously cool these chemisettes, leavfigures nature has given us. Of course, ing the neck free with a frill of tulle, Mrs. Grundy, the high priestess of all the soft folds of mousseline-de-soie, that is ugly in thought and form, says the little loose coats, the bare arms and

The pace of fashion is fast and furiwas too much even for the truly loyal old days of a fabulous multiplicity of ous. The latest invention is seized imperialists. Perhaps if the scheme garments the exposure of a "limb" was eagerly by every dressmaker, and in a might have been more satisfactory. to climb, a wet day or a high wind—all a new mode has arisen and is immedithese became subjects for music-hall ately pronounced more ravishing than songs and vulgar drawings. Nowadays, the last. You can never be well dressed in a fashion that has just passed. In



fact, to be really well dressed you must be not only in the movement but a little before it. To do this you mus either have a genius for dress yourself or employ a genius to dress you The only way to dress well without spending a fortune on your clothes is to make your own. And certainly at no time could a woman have a greater opportunity for satisfying her need for aesthetic expression through the medium of dress than now.

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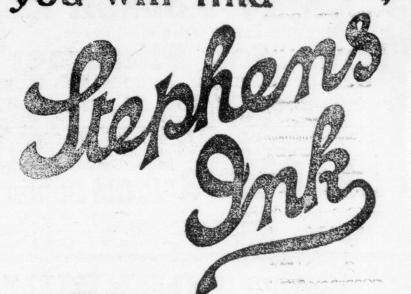
## Life Story of Charlotte Bronte

Charlotte Bronte was the daughter of Patrick Prunty, of Ahabeg, County Down. He changed his name to Bronte, and when a curate at Hartshead married Maria, daughter of Thos. Branwell, of Penzance. The father published two volumes of verse, "Cottage Poems" (1811) and "The Rural Minstrel" (1813). These were issued at Halifax. He became "perpetual curate" of Thornton, near Bradford. It was here that Charlotte was born, April 21, 1816. In 1820, the family moved to

Haworth. Charlotte Bronte wrote copiously, between April, 1829, and August, 1830, filling twenty-two volumes of sixty to a hundred pages of a small handwriting. These were childish tales and nome-made magazines. In 1831 Charotte was sent to school at Roehead near Leeds. In 1835 she became teacher at this school to provide money for her brother Branwells' education as sculptor. In 1839 Charlotte refused wo offers of marriage. Both Wordsworth and Southey advised her not to attempt a literary career. So she thought of starting a school. This idea was postponed until Charlotte should have learned something of foreign languages. And to this end she went to Brussels, to a school of eighty or a

The Professor"; and later in "Vilette" came a fuller revelation. Turning ime of poems at their own expense and Currier Bell. Then all three ofered novels to publishers, without suc-The very day of "The Professor's" first rejection saw Charlotte bewere both accepted before hers, but on curate, Rev. A. B. Nicholls. In June he completion of "Jane Eyre" Mr. W. 1854, she married him, but in Williams advised Messrs. Smith, El-lowing March died at Haworth,

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nundred pupils, kept by M. Heger and der & Co. to accept it. The result was critics began to praise the new author After the early death of Branwel o her literary work, it was in 1846 and her two sisters, who died of conhat the three sisters published a vol- sumption, Charlotte continued at Hainder the signatures of Acton, Ellis, Nursing and household cares, coupled with ill-health and worry, limited and colored her work. She seems to have tions and fame brought her two more gin "Jane Eyre." Her sisters' books suitors, a businessman and her father's

1854, she married him, but in the fol-

LOOKED, BUT SAW NOT.

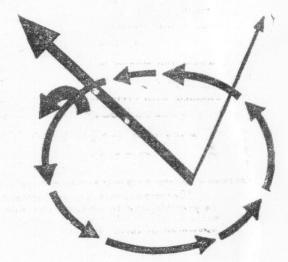
The magistrate had the misfortune to be cross-eyed, the result of which at times was rather amusing. One day he had three prisoners before him. "What's your name?" he inquired of

one to the left. "James Paterson," promptly replied he man on the right. The man on the bench turned round uickly. "I was not addressing you, sir!"

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