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TERRITORIAL REVENUE.

The enormous increase in the territorial revenue the Province under the present Administration shows the How many hundreds of thousands of dollars were lost to the Province through the failure of the Govern ment which was defeated by Mr. Hazen to make proper collections will never be known, but in the last ten years alone the average was over \$100,000 and perhaps half as sire to please a few political supporters.

Attempts have been made to defend the administra tion of the Crown Land Department by the old Government, but the facts presented by Surveyor General Grim ner at the last session of the Legislature were so col rincing that even the plausible statements of Mr. Robin son, the thundering of Mr. Copp and the almost tearfu appeals of ex-Surveyor General Sweeney, who was the appeals of ex-Surveyor General Sweeney, who was the last of the old crowd to hold the office of Surveyor General, vanished into thin air. The conduct of this department for many years was so bad that no defence is possible. It cannot be denied that the provincial treasury suffered severely and that under even an ordinary business management the funded debt of the Province would have been at least a million dollars less than it is.

Here is a comparison of the territorial revenue of the Province for the very 1907, the last year of the old

Province for the year 1907, the last year of the old Administration, and for 1911. It must not be forgotten that the year 1907 was the record year of the old Govern-

	1907	1911.
Sales of Timber Licenses	\$ 2,386.50	\$ 2,176.00
Renewal of Timber Licenses	79,148.04	81,206.00
Stumpage	180,135.44	367,679.14
Land Sales	3,807.69	5,440.90
Labor Fund	327.40	146.60
Instalments	286.15	89.50
Deposits for Survey		1,291.00
Orders for Survey		459.00
Land Leases	1,010.00	1,031.00
Mining Leases and Applications	9,650:01	6,333.40
Mining Royalty		6,695,97
Fishing Leases	15,517.00	15,610.00
Game Licenses	29,054.80	38,672.17
Guides' Certificates	110.00	142.00
Fines		345.50
Miscellaneous	115.50	25.00
Taxidermists and Meat Licenses		268.80
Copies Records, plans, etc	******	183.01
Transfers Timber Licenses		644.06
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1908	 	 	 	 	 		306,445,056
1909	 	 	 	 	 	**	325,213,639
1910	 	 	 	 	 		327,519,421
							285,981,379

From this it will be seen that while the stumpage collections of 1911 were the largest in the history of the Province the export of lumber was not nearly so large as in the previous year. As no record is obtainable of the quantity of lumber held over each year it is necessary to take a group of years to get an accurate idea of the amount of lumber actually cut in the Province and exported. This Mr. Grimmer did in his speech before the House. He gave the returns of trans-Atlantic abigments from 1900 and the lumber cut from the public domain.

The figures were as follows:

		ins-Atlantic	Lumber Cut on Crown Lands.			
1900					489,000,000	118,500,000
1901					 398,000,000	101,500,000
					445,000,000	107,000,000
					288,000,000	123,500,000
					358,000,000	139,000,000
					243,000,000	107,000,000
					420,000,000	141,000,000
					355,000,000	149,500,000
					324,000,000	151,000,000
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GREAT BRITAIN'S NAVAL SUPREMACY.

As intimated in a recent cable from London, change In naval organization by the creation of a naval war staff are announced by Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty. This is a step of far-reaching importace. It places at the disposal of the First Lord an

will no doubt in future be a determining factor in British naval policy.

The present position of the British navy in completed ships is admitted to be generally satisfactory, but the outlook is certainly one which gives occasion for anxiety if the German authorities are about to enlarge their programme. Probably the nearest approximation to the present position of affairs in Germany is to be found in what is apparently an inspired statement in "The Frankfurter Zeitung." The journal says:

"The next Reichstag will in all probability be confronted with the problem of the increase of armaments, and, of course, also, with the voting of financial means. Many things indicate that the manner and degree of what it is proposing to demand from the next Reichstag are at present being discussed, and that a decision will soon be arrived at. Whether or not it becomes known before the elections, hardly a single politician will shut his eyes to the fact that the Reichstag to be elected on January 12th will have to occupy itself, either demands for the army and navy, and corresponding taxes, of which nobody dreamt half a year ago."

It is generally understood that Germany will lay down next year one battleship and two battle-cruisers, being one more vessel of the latter type than was originally proposed. The Naval and Milltary Record, in discussing the situation, gives the following instructive table showing the position of the great armored ships of all nations, generally described as Dreadnoughts:

	Complete. 1	aunched.	Bunding, 100
Great Britain-			
Battleships	11	4	7
Battle-cruisers	5	1	2
British Dominions-	-		
Battle-cruisers		2	-
Gormany-			
Battleships	7	3	6 -
Battle-cruisers	2	2	1
United States			
Battleships	6	2	4
Italy			
Battleships		3	1
Austria			
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France-			
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anything else. The present Cabinet has made effort after effort in the direction of a limitation of armaments, and all their advances have been regarded abroad as signs of weakness. Mr. Churchill has promised that if there is an expansion abroad the Cabinet will take corresponding measures. In view of the intentions attributed to the German Government the point arises whether the time has not come for the British Cabinet to indicate its policy so clearly that there can be no misunderstanding."

Mr. Churchill's announcement of the appointment of a naval war staff was not made when the above comments appeared in the Record. The new departure will have a reassuring effect on the public mind as a guarantee that under the watchful eye of a body of experts Great Britain's naval supremacy on the high seas will be adequately maintained.

Current Comment

(Pittsburg Gazette-Times.)

"Getting Christianity out of cold storage" is one of thief objects of the men and religion forward move.

It is an application of the old-fashioned "revival" eiple to meet modern conditions. It is announced over 5,000,000 men and boys are interested in this tet, "a larger number than have taken part in any effort of the kind since the crusades of the middle." With such an army at work there need be little it as to the outcome.

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