is also officially announced that the Imperial Dry Company, whose charter has been acquired by Griffiths and Co., will apply to the Government he contract to build the Courtelay bay any any sing its length to 1,150 feet, and are including in-programme the establishment of a shipbuilding plant its area. The company will also negotiate for the tion of iron and steel works on a site to be reclaimed ory arrangements will be made.

Sugar Refining Company appear elsewhere in . It would be difficult to over-estimate the imof these announcements. Taken in conjunctive programme of construction in Courtenay grain elevator by the Canadian Pacific Railway aking, they provide conclusive evidence that the steady John as one of the great national ports of Canada is

An apt illustration is provided by the Telegraph of the straits to which Liberal organs are reduced in the effort to discredit the proposal that the Dominion should make an emergency contribution to Imperial Naval De-fence. Taking a paragraph from the Montreal Star em-Tence. Taking a paragraph from the adolts to been proposed, Mr. Pugsley's organ professed to see a change in the situation and suggested that "it may be that Mr. Borden and his colleagues have decided to adopt the Laurier plan, in effect if not in detail." The paragraph from the Star is as follows:

"We do not propose a cash gift. We propose to we do not propose a task gir.

build Canadian battleships and lend them to the British Government. We propose to take this course because it promises the most and swiftest efficiency. If our battleships could help the Empire most by lying in Halifax harbor, we would want them to lie there. We want to do the most we can at the earliest

Commenting on this statement the Telegraph said:

"This is somewhat surprising, and also somewhat confusing, coming from the Montreal Star. Mr. Borden, according to intimations in the Government press, is about to propose a money gift of thirty millions—and here we have the Star frowning upon sh contributions. If the Star is going to insist country, to be paid for by Canadians, to be built by Canadian workmen in Canadian shipyards, its policy is quite in line with the Laurier naval legislation, and is obviously the one sound line of procedure in the matter of Canadian contribution to Imperial Naval

"land, owned by Canada and placed at the disposal of the

The reply from the Star was as follows:

"The Star has never contended or believed that a cash contribution would meet the exigencies of the naval situation. Your interpretation is absolutely correct. By taking a paragraph of an editorial away from its context almost any meaning desired can be

The Telegraph deliberately misinterpreted the Montreal Star to suit its own purposes. The Star is not opposed to a cash contribution to Great Britain for the purpose for which it would be designed, to build Canadian ships which would aid the Mother Country, as the Star says, "at the earliest possible moment in a supremely effective manner." The permanent naval policy of the Dominion Government is an altogether different matter and one into which the question of cash contributions does not enter.

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THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR.

In the recent reconstruction of the Cabinet, made necessary by the resignation of Mr. Monk, Dr. Roche, the Secretary of State, became Minister of the Interior. He Secretary of State, became Minister of the interfor. It is one of the most popular men in the House, and his appointment is a fitting recognition of his ability both as an administrator and as a parliamentarian. The Interior is particularly a Western department, and the news of Dr. Roche's appointment has been especially well received in his home Province, Manitoba, and in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

By high Dr. Roche is an Ontario man, although of

By birth Dr. Roche is an Ontario man, although of Irish parentage. He was born at Clandeboye, near Lucan, Ontario, in 1859. He was educated at Lucan and ondon high schools and then studied for medicine. He senrolled as the first graduate in medicine of Western University, London. Last fall his alma mater honored University London. Last tall his aims mater honored him by bestowing on him an honorary degree. He graduated in 1883, and in the same year removed to Manitoba, locating at Minnedosa, where he has been engaged in active practice. He is thus one of the pioneers of the West, and probably no man in Parliament has a more thorough knowledge of Western conditions and Western affairs.

His first essay into politics was in 1892, when he was His first essay into politics was in 1892, when he was an unsuccessful candidate for the Manitoba Legislature. Four years later he was the Conservative candidate for Marquette, and redeemed the riding, entering the House the same years as Mr. Borden. Despite continued efforts to defeat him Dr. Roche carried Marquette with increased majorities in 1900, 1904, 1908 and 1911. His popularity in his home riding has made him practically unseatable. in his home riding has made him practically uns

and a close follower of legislation, Dr. Roche was early recognized as one of the Conservative party's ablest men in the House, and in 1901 he was appointed Conservative whip for the West, continuing in that position until 1910, when he was appointed assistant chief whip.

Through the long years of opposition, Dr. Roche bore the brunt of the fighting for the Conservatives on Western subjects. His thorough knowledge of the West, his eloquence as a speaker, and ability as a debater brought him into prominence and he took his place

bater, brought him into prominence, and he took his place as a front bencher in the Conservative ranks and as one of Mr. Borden's right hand men.

When the Prime Minister formed his Cabinet Dr. Roche was appointed Secretary of State. During the past year he has shown splendid administrative ability. His elevation to the important portfolio of the Interior is an admirable sheet. an admirable choice.

Current Comment

The Late Senator Bell. (Vancouver News-Advertiser.)

Senator Adam Bell, whose death is announced, was Senator Adam Bell, whose death is announced, was a man of unusual intellectual qualities. He began his public career in the Nova Scotia Legislature. As Provincial Secretary in Sir John Thompson's Administration and leader of the Conservative party in opposition he made a conspicuous and creditable record. Later he Realizing that this was wilful misrepresentation, The Standard wired the Montreal Star quoted from the paragraph in question, and from the Telegraph's comment, and added: "We take it the Star is maintaining that an "emergency contribution will provide ships built in Eng." We contribute the star is maintaining that an "emergency contribution will provide ships built in Eng. "It is a conspicuous and creditable record. Later he served two terms in the House of Commons as the collegue of Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper in the representation of Pictou County. Mr. Bell was for a time, when Mr. Foster was out of Parliament, the leading financial critic of the Laurier Administration.

(Calgary Herald.)

Receipts for grain at Winnipeg are very large. The crop was a little slow in starting to move, but the figures show that it is going forward now at a record rate, and without any serious complaints of blockades. The Government seems to have done all in its power to remove the serious blockades of previous years. The Marine Department has made all arrangements for icebreakers at Fort William and Port Arthur, to keep the harbors open to the latest possible date. The open weather in the West is also a considerable factor in the expeditious handling of the crop.

The White Man's Burden.

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(Troy Record.)

There are five cities in the United States with a negro population exceeding \$5,000, and only one of these is within the domain of the old Confederate States. Evidently the race problem must be decided as a national, not a sectional question. As long as New York and Washington remain the negro centres of the North and South all parts of the country are interested in the destiny of the body of citizens whose condition almost split the United States into two governments fifty years ago.

A recent announcement that the Inland Revenue Department has issued regulations establishing the standards for a variety of articles of food, including fruit and fruit products, and canned fruits, vegetables, honey and lard, is a matter of general interest. The definitions call for a high degree of purity and will be welcomed as a safeguard by the consumer.

In referring to canned fruit the regulations state that "Canned fruit is the sound product made by sterilizing clean, sound, properly matured and prepared fresh fruit, by heating with or without sugar, and keeping in suithey are the sound product made trom clean, sound, properly matured and prepared from clean, sound, properly matured and prepared from clean, sound, properly matured and prepared fresh fruit, a fruit pulp and sugar with or without spices or vinegar; by boiling to a semi-solid consistence; and conform in name to the labels are worth quoting. It is laid down that when jam, marmalade, fruit butter, or jelly contains other fruit juice than that which gives its special that they are the sound product made trom clean, sound, properly matured and prepared fresh fruit, a fruit pulp and sugar with or without spices or vinegar; by boiling to a semi-solid consistence; and conform in name to the fruit seed in their preparation.

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