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In commenting upon the debate in the House of Commons a week ago the House of Commons a week ago to the sumfair to draw any conclusion from the necessarily brief synopsis of the remarks of those who participated in it. This implied that, when fuller reports came to hand, we would give colonist readers a more accurate idea of what was said. We are able to do so this morning. Mr. Foster, who opened the debate, developed his ideas in the three the House; and we congratulate the rank and file of both political parties in the debate, developed his ideas in the three are party one.
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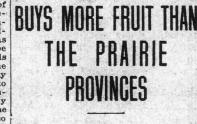
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trol. At the outset the Canadian navy would have to be based upon British ships manned by British officers and men; but it should be complemented by Canadian ships, manned by Cana-dian officers and men and built in Canadian shipyards. That in a general way Canada's pol-A PAPER OF INTEREST.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who followed Mr. Foster, said he agreed with him in the position that the subject should be approached not from the stand-point of Canada alone, but from that of the whole Empire. He took a strong ground against any cash con-tributions to the British government. He claimed that the increase in the militia expenditures from two and a

the Canadian people will be found ready and willing to make any sacri-fice that is required to give to the Im-perial authorities the most loyal and hearty co-operation in every move-ment for the maintenance of the im-tegrity and the honor of the Empire. The Eastern press of both sides of politics seems to be pleased with the result of the debate, with the excep-tion of the Montreal Witness, which hisks that pressure was brought to bear from some quarter upon both sides of the House to prevent anything like a distinct challenge to Germany. The Hamilton Spectator, one of the conservative party, seems to be great-ly pleased with the result. It says: We congratulate Sir Wilfrid Laurier upon the loyal, patriotic stand he has taken in this matter; we congratulate Hon. Mr. Foster upon the fact that it was upon his initiative the important to the the the the two the fact that it was upon his initiative the important to the two the two the fact that it was upon his initiative the important to the two the two two the fact that tis was upon his initiative the important to the two two the two two the fact that the two the two two the fact that tis the two the two two the fact that tis the two two the two two the fact that the two the two two the fact that tis the two two the two two the fact that the two the two two the fact that tis

put up with whatever inconvenien may arise from stopping such a prac-tice. We urge the City Council to give the subject matter of the petition their best consideration when it comes before them.



Columbia Imported British More Fruit From United States Last Year Than Any Province Except Manitoba

In the Strand Magazine is a new

by Canadian ships name and built in Canadian shipserds. That in a general way Canadi's pol-icy should be "to adopt the first line of defence by a coast line and harbor de-fence by small vessels at first which should make the attack of the ram-bling, radiding cruiser a doubtful and a dangerous one, which would ward off the first brunt until more sufficient aid could be brought into force if the invading force were a menacing one." Mr. Foster urged promptness in whatever line of action should be taken and he promised for the Con-servatives that they would stand by the government if it was deemed ad-visable under the particular circum-stances to make a direct grant of Ding the first for the subject should be approached not from the stand-point of Canada alone, but from that of the whole Empire. He took a of the whole Empire. He took a

a graphic pen and with a modesty of reference to himself, which errs, if at all, on the score of injustice to his British Columbia snips hundreds of crates of berries to the Northwest, and of berries, including strawberries, raspberries, blackberries and goose-berries, the province imported in 1908 over \$1,000 pounds, or nearly a twenat all, on the score of injustice to his own conspicuous part in that great drama. It is satisfactory to note that in his reference to the fnauguration of the Canadian Pacific Railway he makes a moderate claim for himself. The Colonist has on several occasions made reference to the fact that the part played by Sir Charles in this great undertaking has been somewhat over-shadowed by the praise bestowed upon

style, the pile giving a rich appearance and excellent service. In these new ones we have

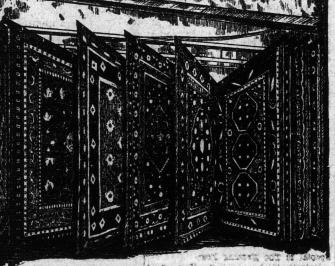


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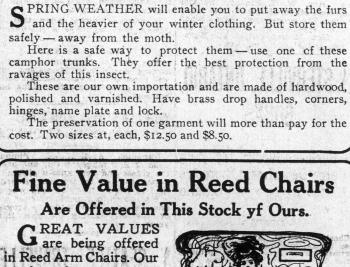
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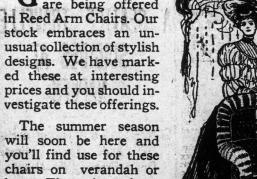
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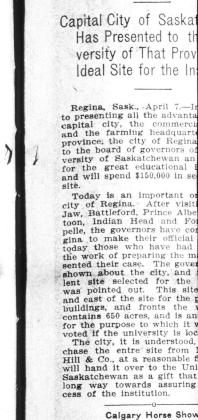
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lawn. Then when winter comes around again take



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others. The proceedings we by short speeches by J. Turn dent; Hon. Messrs. Bulyea a erford, and Mayor Jamieson. CHESTERVILLE, ON

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