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CANADA AND THE NAVY.

abstract proposition that a rich young country like Canada should contribute of her abundance towards the support question which cannot be decided off pant of the White House. tions dangerous to the very Imperal ously endeavoring to promote.

in war upon her own account is very deluded taxpayers? note. We trust that such a contingency as a consequence of her connection with the Mother Country is also very remote: but the latter contingency the United States, no publication of the city council. standing or influence in the United standing or influence in the standing the of the Tourist Association, after notino thought is ever entertained of the campaign. dread contingency of war.

is the trusted ally of Great Britain. These two Imperial powers have enter- | consideration." wers, there may be such a necessity point of financial and industrial recan see in the light of the present day, must get to work at once. can the question of naval policy be selved.

CONGRESS AND THE TARFF.

The United States Congress meets for the dispatch of business ta-day. that before it will be read the last, message, for the time being, of Presitent Roosevelt. Being released, in a sense, of the responsibilities of officeand we might say absolved from the effect of his deliverances of Theodore will kindly lead the way, we know Reesevelt ware ever hampered in that they may rely upon the hearty supway)-something possibly a trifle post and co-operation of the sitizens. stronger than usual may be expected in the message. In the Mght of past experiences it would not be at all sur-

prising if the President has something to say about the trusts and kindred instrutions which will make the cars of na

the magnates tingle. Of one thing we are assured: no matter what the head Published every Tuesday and Friday by THE TIMES PRINTING & PUBLISH-ING CO., LIMITED. pressed. It will proceed about its general election were held at any time his message had never been type-Yet no government, so far as external written. That has been the exper-It is all very well to lay down the political from a distance, it has al- age citizen more tolerable. It has proways appeared to us that Congress vided pensions for the aged, it desires rather resented these presidential mes- to bring about reforms in the educasages as impertinences. Perhaps the gentlemen of the "upper and the lower of the British navy, but it is quite a houses" think they know their business difficult matter to state what form such and ought to be permitted to attend given a more equal chance in the batcontributions should take. That is a to it without advice from the occu

hand. It will require the best thought The session which opens to-day will ing the land over to the actual occunavy, because such a course would in- Congress has expired. At that session It would establish an indefensible prin- will come up for consideration. A gained favor in the eyes of the peoto trouble in course of time. Nothing material germane to the subject for been bad has had some influence in could be more deeply charged with pos- some time. The unattached individual producing the dissatisfaction which is sibilities of mischief for Imperial does not expect any very serious at- quite palpable. But it is just a quesstatesmen. It might lead to complica- tempt to curb the power of the trusts tion whether a policy of domestic resolidarity those statesmen, whether of the past, so far as it goes, indicates ation of the British people. It is dull, the United Kingdom or of the self- that the trust lobby will be too strong grey and commonplace in comparison governing dominions, are so zeal- for the reformers. But it will be in- with a spectacular, "strong," foreign teresting to see whether the tariff policy. The British delight to fix their After all, what Charles Marcil states comes out of the mands of the repre- minds upon the imposing dimensions of is literally true. The necessity of Great sentatives of the people higher or lower the Empire, to contemplate its wonder-Britain maintaining her navy at the than it was before. Our readers will ful proportions and to listen to plans two-power standard has nothing what- remember that twice before strong for its extension. It would doubtless, ever to do with the position of Canada. agitations arose for the modification of therefore, be fair to say that the atwere no Dominion of Canada upon the McKinley tariff and the Dingley tariff, Parliament, has had a good deal to do Imperial map. The suggestion that the each ligher than its predecessor, was with the change of public sentiment. Monroe Doctrine was a guarantee of the answer of the protected interests the government means well and has American. It emanated from a British its friends" once more. Will it be re- control have been against it. If the statesman, and was urged as a reason vised upwards or downwards? It is tide continues to run as it has been why no objection could be taken said minimum and maximum sche- running, the Imperialists, who appear against the withdrawal of the several dules will be adopted. Will the mini- to have comitted themselves irrevoccontingents of the British fleet from mum schedules be equal to the duties ably to tariff reform and preferential stations on this continent. Further- now in force? Some in authority con- trade within the Empire, will soon more, it is palpably true that the pos- tend they will be. Will such a re- have their opportunity. Whether the sibility of Canada becoming involved vision prove satisfactory to the ever Britons at home or the Britons beyond

NEED FOR ACTION.

We confess some disappointment reis very much more probable than the garding the outcome of the conference former. The American jingoe has had on Friday between citizens interested scarcely recognize the members of the his day; no responsible public man in in the publicity work of Victoria, and House of Commons who assemble for

arms. Any one of them putting such fying the council that they could conarms. Any one of them putting such tinue operations until the end of this his annual tour minus his whiskers is this the first step towards the comlaughed at in derision or set down as month only, were invited to the city an incendiary. The relations between hall to confer with the Mayor and the announcement is made by a manuthe two nations were never so friend- board of aldermen. Presumably that ly; at no time was the fact more frank- conference was designed for the purly, more freely or more gladly recog- pose of deciding on some plan whereby nized that their political destinies are the interim between the end of this fixed; at no time have more generous year, and the striking of the estimates Shepherd and McBride should be in wishes been expressed for the success by the council of 1909 could be bridged. of each in its own particular sphere. and also to plan some intelligent, con-In the task of working out the great thuous, and effective plan for prose-railway belt required further considerproblems confronting the two peoples cuting the city's municipal publicity ation probably.

What actually took place was that There is only one power across the several of the delegation present were great waters of the Pacific with which asked to express their views, and were Canada has intimate relations. That then bowed out with the polite, if not

its object the maintenance of the in- Mayor and aldermen on this sub- lion or more able-bodied Englishmen terests of each within a certain spe-cified sphere. It is scarcely probable from the body primarily charged with hand to keep them ashere, their health that the provincial government of Brit- advancing the interests of the city, ish Columbia, in its lust for power, and who are naturally looked to for can succeed, in pursuance of the policy some suggestions regarding the main-It has thus far adopted in straining the tenance of this important work in 1909. This matter is too urgent, in view of Japan to the breaking point. Conse- the enormous trend of travel which will quently there is no immediate danger "turn this way in 1909, to permit of of an invasion from that quarter. Hence no concrete reason can be given for the creation in Canada of a navy. Unless there be a great change in the tamper of the nations, unless the dis-trust and jealousy while is national unless the dis-body as the board of trust and is work. trust and jealousy which is nationally the urgency of the matter, and is work- the voice of the people cheered the manifested to-day should pass away ing vigorously. Plans to be effective biggest purse. and a new spirit take possession of the must be decided upon and advertising matter should be placed in the East in the future. But Canada is growing early in January, before the new rapidly. Shewill soon be in a position, board of aldermen are elected. The public bodies of the city must work to in point of financial and industrial re-sources, to establish herself as a naval power. Only in that way, so far as we must get to work at once.

ter of funds as of plan and policy. In nerve-racking. Such incidents seldom formulating that policy the members of occur in real life, though occasionally the council should be foremost. That read of in stories. It establishes the is the reason why we regret that advantage was not taken of the unique for the dispatch of business ta-day. opportunity afforded by the common The session will be a notable one, not meeting last evening of members of persitions so much for the amount of the city council, board of trade and siness it will do as from the fact tourist association to thoroughly canvass the situation and lay plans for the Buture. We regret it the more because we realize that among the members of the council are several gentlemen, at least, who could give valrecessity of considering the political uable advice in such a matter. If they

CUTTING DOWN THE DEBT.

The latest simplified spelling calls "det."-Cleveland Leader.

Two is company, but with father in the

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DISQUIETUDE IN BRITAIN.

The situation in Great Britain is inor the manner of his saying it, the mes- deed peculiar. It is past finding outsage will be hailed by the press of at a distance of more than six thousan I Great Britain as all but the last word in the catalogue of human wisdom and miles. Every bye-election is going statesmanship. Congress will not be against the government. There does so deeply moved or so heavily im- not appear to be any doubt that if a business in the usual way, just as now that the Asquith administration though Rooevelt had never been or would be defeated by a large majority. ence of the past. If it is not repeated. indication go, could be more deeply Congress will surely give evidence of a desirous of promoting internal reforms, loss of independence. Viewing things of making the conditions for the avertional system by means of which all classes of the rising generation will be placed upon a more equal footing and tle of life, it has set in motion machinerv which will have the effect of givand the deepest consideration of states-and the deepest consideration of states-interest of the American nation and of legislation designed to lessen the evils men acutely sensible of their responsi- all other nations will be centred in the of over-indulgence in intoxicants. No bilities. No government of Canada special session which President-elect one can deny that the Asquith governdare ask Parliament to vote a lump Taft has promised to call immediately ment has aimed to carry out the sum annually for the support of the after the statutory term of the present pledges upon which it was elected. It has been a progressive, aggressive involve taxation without representation. the controversial issue of the tariff strument of reform. Yet it has not ciple, and would most assuredly lead special committee has been gathering ple. Possibly the fact that times have through the tariff. The experience of form appeals strongly to the imagin-It would be just as imperative if there the "principle" of high protection. The titude of the majority in the present the integrity of Canada did not come to the demands of the people. In this attempted to redeem its pledges, but from a Canadian, not even from an instance the tariff is to be "revised by circumstances over which it had little the seas will have reason to bless the day remains to be seen.

> If all the election petitions filed are bona fide and the cases should come to trial, Mr. Speaker Marcil will the dispatch of business in the year 1910.

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An advertisement in an American magazine says Santa Claus will make his annual tour minus his whiskers. plete abolition of jolly St. Nick? But facturer of razors.

Of course it was merely a coincidence that Comrades Hawthornthwaite, conjunction again in Victoria the other

LIKEWISE IN CANADA.

(Montreal Herald.)

The more Lord Roberts explains that nation is of course Japan; and Japan very original intimation that their re- a German army might land in Engpresentations would receive "serious land, the more it looks as though the soldiers thereof needn't buy return These two Imperial powers have enter-ed into a written alliance which has for What are the views of the troops some dark night; with ten milwould hardly be improved by the excursion.

THE WAY OUT.

(Montreal Gazette.)

According to statements now made public, the Republican National com-

CONSCIENCES NOT ALL DEAD.

(Stratford Beacon.) A man walked into the G. T. R This is not primarily so much a matexistence of a conscience.

SEA RITUAL

Preyers unsaid, and mass unsung, Deadman's dirge must still be rung; Dingle-dong, the dead-bells sound! Mermen chant this dirge around.

Wash him bloodless, smooth him fair, Stretch his limbs, and sleek his hair: Dingle-dong, the dead-bells go! Mermen swing them to and fro!

In the wormless sands shall be Feast for se foul ghuttons be; Dingle-dong, the dead bells chime, Mermen keep the tone and time!

We must with a tembstone brave Shipt the shark out from his grave; Dingle-den, the dead bells tell! Mermen dirgers ring his knelli

Such a slab will we lay over him! All the dead shall rise before him! Dingle-tens, the dear belis hoom; Mermon lay him in his fomb!

Fine China for Xmas

Fine Austrian China, a consignment of thirty-two barrels just received. Many dainty novelties suitable for Christmas Gifts. and certainly there is nothing nicer for that purpose. Our assortment is just now most complete. We carry a tremendous range and you are sure of getting a good selection, and the prices, well, they are the lowest possible for goods of the best quality. We buy closely and sell closely. These prices will prove that:

CHOCOLATE SETS, \$15.75, \$11.25, \$9.75, \$6.25, \$5.50, \$4.25, \$3,50 and \$2.25 TEA SETS (5 o'clock), \$5.75, \$3.75, \$3.50, \$2.25 and ... \$1.75 TEA SETS, 39 pieces, prices ranging from \$13.50 to ...\$4.50 CHINA DINNER SETS, 100 pieces, prices ranging from \$75

TEA POT, SUGAR AND CREAM SET, prices ranging from.

CREAM AND SUGAR SETS, prices ranging from \$3.75 to 50¢ CELERY TRAYS, prices ranging from \$3.00 to 50¢ HAT PIN HOLDERS, prices ranging from \$1.75 to 50¢ SALAD BOWLS, prices ranging from \$5.75 to25¢ FANCY FERN POTS, prices ranging from \$2.50 to 75¢ HAIR RECEIVERS, prices ranging from \$1.25 to 50¢ MAYONNAISE DISHES, prices ranging from \$1.75 to ...75¢ BREAKFAST CUPS AND SAUCERS, prices ranging from

\$2.00 to ... TEA CUPS AND SAUCERS, prices ranging from \$2.50 to 25¢ ALMOND DISHES, prices ranging from 75c to15¢

Mink Furs at Special Prices

We have made preparations to sell a big quantity of fashionable Mink Stoles during the next two weeks. Last week we purchased a lot of very fine mink skins from a gentleman from the far north, who was on his way to New York to dispose of same. Our offer was accepted for the skins and we have our own factory make them up into the very fashionable mink stoles, which are so much in demand now. Ask a woman what is her heart's desire for Christmas and nine times out of ten she will answer, 'Furs.'' Three causes will contribute towards making these furs extra good value : First, the skins being bought below the regular price; second, made by our own factory, saving the middleman's profit; third, the Spencer price the lowest consistent with quality, r or manual and terreture has such anow

Children's Coats on Sale Tomorrow

Values Up to \$7.50 for \$2.90 CHILDREN'S COATS, a quantity to clear at this price. They are made of pretty tweeds for large girls and curl cloth and colored fearcloths for small children. This is a clean-up of odd sizes and styles, that is the reason they are marked at this low price. They range in size from four years to sixteen

years. Regular prices from \$5.00 to \$7.50. To-morrow morning

Ribbons Worth 50c to \$1.00, To-morrow 25c

FANCY RIBBONS, beauties they are, wide widths, handsome Dresden patterns, in different colorings, some having an overcheck of a contrasting color. The ribbons are an extra sell at from 50c to \$1.00. To-morrow morning 25c good quality of silk and values that

Women's \$2.25 Umbrellas Tomorrow \$1.65

A quantity of Women's Umbrellas on sale to-morrow morning. These umbrellas have very strong frames and are covered with a nice quality of gloria, the kind that will not fade or cut. A good assortment of very pretty handles in fancy styles and natural wood. Regular value \$2.25. \$1.65



CATHEDRALS AS TOMBS.

erypt of the cathedral of St. John the doubt, Divine will give that imposing struc-

