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MR. BORDEN'S THREAT

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There is another point. What would the people of Great Britain say about an "emergency" contribution of \$38,000,000 from Canada which could not be adopted without altering the constitution, without tearing down the structure which has existed since Confederation and which has hitherto been found adequate to deal with the most serious questions that have arisen since the Dominion was created as such?

Now, it is known universally that the people of Canada are not divided in regard to the necessity for undertaking a fair share of the burden of Imperial naval defence. But they are divided, and very seriously, with respect to Mr. Borden's mistaken "emergency" proposal.

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THE WAY TO GET IMMIGRANTS

The gentleman who remarked once upon a time that the way to remove a pest was to remove it, was denounced by a great many interested persons as notorious falling in the master of detail. However, that style of advice may well be applied to New Brunswick's immigration problem.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DAMS ON THE ST. JOHN, AND MORE POPULATION

Mr. J. Fraser Gregory, president of the St. John River Log Driving Company, has written to the editor of the Standard regarding the proposed dam on the St. John River.

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