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ERITISH POLITICAL SITUATION.

Our cable dispatches announce the rrobability of the Conservatives in the British House of Commons uniting with the Liberals in passing the budget. Such a consummation is not improbable, considering that the country has endorsed that budget by a considerable majority and that government cannot be carried on for an indefinite period by the issue of Royal warrants as has become the custom in British Columbia under the regime which calls itself Conservative.

good deal of speculation about immediate political events in the Old Land ditions that have been brought about They realize that they have been given the community than to take circumby the election. But to the keen politi- & whole island continent for a pos- stances by the hand and make the best cal observer certain facts stand out conspicuously in the foreground. If the majority obtained by the Asquith government is indecisive, there are ing provision for the newcomers by evils, that seem to be inherent in the plainly manifest indications that if making the conditions of settlement inthat government were thrown out by viting. They have taken action which when the new regulations become law a Conservative-Nationalist combina- will make the holding of large areas by they will be effectively enforced. tion and another election precipitated. the conditions would not be likely to lier days are to be broken up. Ausundergo a material change. If one tralia is a land of wonderful possiblsection of the country has declared it- ities. It leads the world in experiself in favor of food taxes as opposed mental legislation designed to improve too would have been pleased had the Company's Act without catting to land taxes, other sections have the conditions under which life's bat- government of Canada seen fit to fol- special legislation placed themselves more decidedly in the are fought. We do not know low the first suggestions of the naval coposition to protection. The economic whether the struggle has been mad defence committee, which called for owners that their timber would not all sentiment of the constituencies is not easier in the Commonwealth than elselikely to undergo a radical change in the space of a very few months. It is simply a case of the large business and manufacturing centres of England being inflexibly arrayed against the agricultural districts, the latter being dominated, according to popular conception, by the "squire, the parson and the publican." There is not the remotest possibility of anything occurring to change the attitude of the conagainst a system which experience has | ing and promises to flourish exceedingproved elsewhere to have added ma- ly in the future. terially to the keeness of the struggle of the "common people" in the battle of life.

The fact is quite apparent, therefore, not a shortsighted statesman, whattermination as shown by the facility cal at the present time in Great Britain is unquestionably due in a large degree to the isolation of the Irish these two parties can obtain a majority which will enable it to disobviously national or imperial

There will of course be a good deal has been dragged into the controversy. highly gratifying. There is not much probability of such rassment in its dealings with the sioners will simply make a general surhave been taught a lesson by recent point of desirability and decide in what the "little Canadians" who affect to political events and agitations. We do neighborhood, in the best interests of believe that the people of this country be made by Premier Asquith, so far as not think that there is any desire to the institution the university should are an inferior people. until public agitation has subsided and the Minister of Education intimates

to realize that immigrants would be session which must be populated if they of them. Indeed we are inclined to are ever to reach the summit of their agree with him that a stringent license in the bill than met the eye and drew ambitions. They are holding out in- law strongly enforced is the most efducements to settlers. They are mak- fective way of dealing with certain which proposed to spend \$3,000,000 had a minimum of the people unprofitable. where as a result of these experiments. rection in which all the world is from a broader standpoint than that pused to erect works to cost \$3,000,000, bound to follow in course of time. Next of merely local selfishness. to Canada Australia must always be The government of Canada has un-

THE PROVINCIAL UNIVERSITY.

that an appeal to the country on the hail with satisfaction the announcepart of the Conservatives would simply ment of Dr. Young, Minister of Eduresult in a deadlock. Mr. Balfour is cation, that there is a prospect of the

precipitate another general election be established. Against that judgment it may be located

Twice-a-Week Times | IMMIGRATION AND PROSPERITY, PROPOSED LIQUOR REGULATIONS OFFICERS GUILTY OF The government of Australia has at | We have no hesitation in giving the

ast reached the conclusion that the McBride government the fullest credit only way in which a new country can for the progressive liquor license legisadvance is by encouraging immigration. lation it has brought down in the leg- Assistant Secretary of U. 3. The progress of Canada led to the con- islature. We have no desire to withversion. A very short time ago the hold, either, from the Attorney-General government of the Commonwealth as- whatever credit may be due him for sumed that by adding to its population the part he may have played in shapwould also be increasing the keen- ing such progressive legislation. He less of the struggle of life. It failed has gone much farther than we ever expected, or had any reason to expect in the light of his political cononsumers as well as producers and nections, in proposing regulations lookcompetitors. Acting on this presump- ing to restrictions governing the sale tion it not only ceased to encourage of intoxicating liquors in the unorganbecome jealous of the Canadian Do-minion. It became convinced that we were receiving more consideration and go a long way to mitigate many un-desirable conditions which have been court-martial was his consideration of the extenuating circumstances congaining greater distinction than the lately developing in the districts surnected with the assault. As modified relative attractions of the two counneighborhood of other growing centres observe that our southern neighbors have been restored to a right mind. Instead of feeding their jealousy of Cantinued they are imitating our policy. ada, they are imitating our policy. the face of the growing sentiment of

The immense estates acquired in ear- ARE CANADIANS AN INFERIOR a prior application in for 5,000 cubic PEOPLE?

the establishment of a complete fleet be burned up and that proper care But it is well to have such trails unit on the Canadian Pacific Coast. would be taken in the works by a company which had a capital of \$50,000, blazed. They do at least tend in a di- But the matter must be considered with only \$500 paid up, and which pro-

State in lopulation and wealth and since the day when the victory of acres under lease, on which it paid to stituencies of Scotland and Wales, world influence, Australia will not be General Wolfe on the Plains of Abra- the government yearly \$1,000, to say which have declared emphatically against the usurpation of supreme political authority by the Lords and which is all under one flag is flourish. tenance of a fleet on the Pacific Coast legislature should expect. alone would not have been a com- Mr. Elliott said the company he re plete and satisfactory beginning to our presented held its lands in fee simple voluntary obligations. Of course we to the sea if this bill was passed. The know the idea at the back of the sug- section validating the water licenses The people of British Columbia will gestions of the defence committee was which the company might secure would that the Atlantic Coast of Canada is have the effect of giving it the same assured against attack in case of war by the maintenance of Imperial payal by the maintenance of Imperial naval pany's absolutely as if they had had forces at stations in the South Atlantic it bottled and corked up. This comas well as by the existence of enormous pany was seeking by its bill to deal the provincial university. The spirit fleets in home waters. This proposi- with assets of the crown. with which he has been moved from the speech in which the intimation tion also carries the presumption that the sound political principles of a life- was conveyed to the legislature that the sound political principles of a life- was conveyed to the legislature that the sound political principles of a life- was conveyed to the legislature that the sound political principles of a life- was conveyed to the legislature that the sound political principles of a life- was conveyed to the legislature that the sound political principles of a life- was conveyed to the legislature that the sound political principles of a life- was conveyed to the legislature that perfect peace will always exist betime by the reactionary elements in his during the present year a commission tween Great Britain and the United company. It was put in simply to party. The position of affairs politi- will be appointed to pronounce upon States. It would be both profitless and make it plain to investors that the li impolitic to discuss these features of censes had been properly issued and the defence programme at this time. For the benefit of the timber comcrown of our educational system was The only thing worthy of consideration panies he was quite willing to have Nationalist party and in a smaller de- most admirable. There was a consider- is that in the judgment of the Can- a clause put in to allow their timber gree to the evenness of the balance be- able amount of highly interesting in- adian government, as we are going to to pass down. The land the company tween the two great political divisions formation in the remarks of the Minis- undertake the responsibility of naval Northern Pacific Lumber Company was of the whole country. Under the conternation that after all the defence, we might as well lay the affected by this the company would ditions which at present obtain, it is idea of a provincial university is not foundations of a complete and compractically certain that neither of premature, as a few somewhat pessimistic souls have been inclined to maintain. The number of British Cocharge the business of the country in- lumbia students attending universities ulation and wealth. In the beginning pay the greater fees until it was known dependent of the support of the Na- in Eastern Canada and other parts of the Canadian fleet will probably be that the water license would be issued. tionalists. There is therefore only one the world proves beyond peradventure neither awe-inspiring nor a terror to At any time the capital could be in way to overcome the possibility of a that the establishment of a university nations cherishing sinister ambitions creased. Although only \$500 was paid that the establishment of a university nations cherishing sinister ambitions creased. deadlock. That is to decentralise the legislative authority and gives not only fill a real void in our educational sys-Ireland, but England and Scotland as tem. It there should be an attendance our neighbors in the United States will was subscribed and readily collectable. well, bodies having authority to deal of eight hundred in the first year of laugh in derision at our puny navy There had been no lacking of candor with affairs that are purely local as the institution that would probably from merely humorous motives, as in the making of the application for distinguished from business which is constitute a record in Canada. From some in Canada are inclined to do this bill, as all the parties interested the remarks of Dr. Young there is rea- from purely political motives, But The committee finally decided son to believe there will be such an fleets cannot be built in a day. Neither throw the bill out. of speculation respecting future po- attendance. The assurance of the Min- the United States nor Japan jumped . The bill to incorporate the Northern litical possibilities in Great Britain. ster that the endowment provided by into the relative naval positions they B. C. Telephone Company was the That is but natural considering the imthe government will be ample, assuroccupy in the year 1910 in a single first taken up this morning and it was portance of the issues involved. It has been suggested that already the Crown has been dragged into the controvers. fairs of by-gone days. Our government's bill. The rights of the future city of While we believe that the government first efforts must be governed by the Prince Rupert were fully safeguarded. an unfortunate denouement. The King should have had the moral and politi- extent of its financial resources, by the Rates are to be subject to control by is one of the most sagacious of the cal courage to decide upon the location sentiments of the people who contribute may also order the company to make statesmen of our own times. He is an of the provincial university, as neither but of their pockets to those re- connection between its long distance accomplished diplomat also, besides be- of these virtues have been displayed, sources, and by the fact that the de- lines and local telephone systems on ing a man of acknowledged common the next best course has been decided velopment of shipbuilding and other terms to be agreed on. The company sense. His Majesty, there is little doubt, upon. To a commission of Eastern edu- kindred industries must to some ex- gets the right to use wireless systems foresaw the difficulties which might cationists of repute as suggested by a tent precede the creation of a navy. All of telephony or telegraphy. Inside arise from the reactionary course of the representative committee from Vic- that is necessary in these directions posit of \$2,500 as security for the ex-House of Lords. No one need have any toria, will be relegated that duty. Pre- will presently be added unto us. It is penditure of \$10,000 on construction bemisgivings as to his course now. Un- sumably the actual question of site not well to despise small beginnings, fore December 31, 1911, but it may get less his powers are waning he will be will not be included in the commission We have faith in the future of Canada a year's extension for the expenditure. guided in his actions entirely by the advice of his constitutional counsellors. That will be a mere matter of detail to which the only defend their own shores but to The ministry will experience no embar- government win attend. The commis- produce every engine that may be necessary to the perfection of such de-Crown. All the estates of the realm vey of the situation from the stand- fence. The things to be despised are

In a year or two we will all be wonthe normal balance of the popular there shall be no appeal. As far as Vic-dering why such a fuss was raised secretary, succeeding Herbert Gladmind has been restored. A great deal toria is concerned the official ultimatum over the question of Canadian naval struggle just brought to a somewhat be loyally accepted and supported by the government has adopted the only board of trade. have been heavily drawn upon. The a prospect of the immediate establishmation needs a period of calm for rest ment of the institution no matter where and resuscitation.

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UNBECOMING CONDUCT

Navy Reduces Sentence of Court Martial

Washington, D. C., Feb. 12.-Paymaster George P. Auld and Past Assistant Surgeon Robnett, two central figures in the Boston navy yard scandal, were found guilty of conduct unimmigration, but passively placed ob- ized districts of the province. If the Dr. Cowles in the recent court-martial, stacles in the path of immigrants seek- bill brought down in the House be pass- according to an official statement made ing its shores. Then, seeing that ed without radical amendment there is public. The verdict of the court or-Canada was progressive while Australia was stationary, if not actually retrogressive, a still more unreasonable obsession took possession of the Antique of the province in favor of curtailment of evils which can be directly traced to nitted numbers in grade, but Assistant Secretary of the Navy Winthrop in approving the proceedings, renitted numbers in the content of the province in favor of curtailment of evils which can be directly traced to nitted numbers in the content of the numbers in grade, but Assistant Secretary of the Navy Winthrop in approving the proceedings, renitted numbers in the content of the numbers in grade, but Assistant Secretary of the Navy Winthrop in approving the proceedings, renitted numbers in grade, but Assistant Secretary of the Navy Winthrop in approving the proceedings, renitted numbers in grade, but Assistant Secretary of the Navy Winthrop in approving the proceedings, renitted numbers in grade, but Assistant Secretary of the Navy Winthrop in approving the proceedings, renitted numbers in grade, but Assistant Secretary of the Navy Winthrop in approving the proceedings, renitted numbers in grade, but Assistant Secretary of the Navy Winthrop in approving the proceedings, renitted numbers in grade, but Assistant Secretary of the Navy Winthrop in approving the proceedings, renitted numbers in grade, but Assistant Secretary of the Navy Winthrop in approving the proceedings. obsession took possession of the Antipodean popular mind. It chose to hecome jeelous of the Canadian De-hours when sale should be rigidly for-duction of two numbers.

thus reducing the sentence of the

TO MEASURE

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Mr. Lawson thought there was more corporation the company had power to take water for more than one purpose which was contrary to the Water Act. Mr. Goodfellow objected to the present bill as the owner of mining rights, with inches of water from the Campbell river for mining purposes. The com-From a purely local point of view we pany could get all the rights it re-

Company's Act without getting this Mr. Wilson asked the committee what would be taken in the works by a company wanted by its bill to acquire property in water, a thing the legislathe greatest of Britain's independent dertaken to assume responsibility for ture have set its face against steadily dencies, unless South Africa marches the naval defence of the country and The mistake made in the case of the dencies, unless South Africa marches forward with unexpected strides. When this country surpasses the Mother the naval defence of the country and the naval defence of the naval defence of the country and the naval defence of the naval de

Northern Pacific Lumber Company was commissioner, and the whole of \$25,000 The committee finally decided to

furniture stores.

ASQUITH CABINET

London, Feb. 14.—Cabinet changes to decided, were announced to-day as fol-Winston Churchill will become home

Postmaster-General Buxton will sucof money has been expended in the was not called for. The decision will defence. Events will demonstrate that coed Churchill as president of the

Herbert Samuel, hitherto chancellor

DAVID SPENCER, LIMITED

# Newest Novelties in Veils Direct From London and Paris Shown Here

Most becoming styles and fascinating effects are now being shown. This new assortment came to hand only yesterday, and as is mostly the case, the Spencer store enjoys the privilege of showing what is in store, the first.

We have just received our new stock of Veiling, comprising all the latest novelties from

FANCY JET AND GILT BROCADED NET VEILING, something really new in lace veils, and are 27 inches wide. Per yard, 75c and ......**65¢** FINE NET VEILING, in small mesh, nice, light but serviceable veiling. Colors, brown, reseda, purple and black. It is 27 inches

wide, and, per yard......90¢ FANCY NET VEILING, cold silk mesh on fine black net. The colors are fawn, golden brown, gold, mauve, green and Alive; 26 inches wide. Per yard......65¢ FANCY THREAD VEILING, in large open meshes, with silk diced spots. Colors are white, electric and new wine; 27 inches wide. Per yard......\$2.00 NOVELTY LACE VEILS, ready to wear, very rich lace pattern on edge. Colors are brown, navy blue, purple, beryl, emerald, taupe and white; 70 inches long, 24 inches wide. Each .....\$2.50

### Present Weather Demands Warm Clothing for the Little One

Prevention is better than cure. A cold contracted during this present weather is very hard to get rid of. Patent medicines and drugs in many cases are ruinous to the system. Then why risk this, when a good warm undersuit is the preventative?

CHILDREN'S WOOL VESTS, high neck, long sleeves, in white and natural. Drawers to match, ankle length. Each, CHILDREN'S WOOL AND COTTON, high CHILDREN'S WOOL AND COTTON DRAWERS ankle length, white only, 50c 

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high neck, long sleeves, open fronts, ma-

tural color, 35e and.....

#### Seasonable Remedies at Reasonable Prices Here

BURDOCK BLOOD BITTERS75¢
BEST SARSAPARILLA
ENO'S FRUIT SALT75¢
ORANGE QUININE WINE, qt. bottle 45¢
BEEF, IRON AND WINE65¢
COMPOUND SYRUP OF HYPOPHOS.
PHITES
PHITES
tle
COD LIVER OIL, finest Norwegian-
6-oz
8 oz30¢
COD LIVER OIL EMULSION, 35c, 60c, 75c
HEALTH SALT50c
ABBEY SALT, large50¢
SAL HEPATICA, \$1.35, 70c and 35¢
SPECIAL-Pure Powdered Sugar of Milk,
1-lb. tins
1-10. 01115

### Our Sale of Shantung Silks is of Unusual Interest

This year Shantung Silks will be more in evidence than ever, and we offer a very import ant purchase at unusually low prices. The quality is superb, not only is it good looking, but it is very finely woven, and as a matter of fact every woman should purchase some and add to her spring wardrobe.

Our purchase of these silks last season amounted to nearly 2,000 pieces, and this particular lar lot was very carefully selected. In reality, it is the cream of the assortment which was offered us. The prices are, to say the least, exceptional. Peep into our windows and see them. The widths are 26 to 34 inches. The prices are:

> 35c, 50c, 65c, 75c and 85c Per Yard This Sale includes About 366 Pieces.

# The Main Aisle Is Laden With Dainty Neck Fixings

Noteworthy among the new arrivals is the many exclusive designs in Women's Dainty Neck Fixings. On every hand down the main aisle will be found something new.

LAWN JABOT, neatly embroidered, trimmed Val. lace and insertion. Each. .65¢ FANCY LACE JABOTS of heavy Guipure lace insertion, trimmed with Oriental lace and bow of mauve ribbon. Each .... 75¢

IRISH LACE JABOT, very dainty design. | FANCY LACE JABOTS, with neat bow to FANCY LACE JABOTS, with fancy silk drop ornament at top............50¢ FANCY LAWN, with pretty eyelet embroidery, edges trimmed imitation Maltese 

## February Furniture Here is of Spencer Quality and Beauty

NURSES' ROCKERS, 85c. NURSES' ROCKERS, in golden oak finish well made, and will stand plenty of knock-

ing about. Only 30 of these remain. Spe-ROCKERS AT \$1.95. We have the very best value in Rockers

that it is possible to obtain, finished in golden oak and mahogany. There are several different designs at this price. Also a large stock of Rockers, golden oak and mahogany finish, roll seats and high backs, very comfortable; \$4.90, \$4.75, \$3.90 and ......\$2.90
These we consider far above the usual chairs which are shown at the ordinary

ARM CHAIRS, \$7.50. ARM CHAIRS AND ROCKERS TO MATCH made in solid oak frames, Early English finish, with solid leather seat, spring stuffed, well finished, very comfortable. These are another of the real bargains in our February Sale. Reg. \$9.50. Price \$7.50

Most People Want Good Furniture, of Course, But, Usually, for as Little as Possible. ROCKERS IN EARLY ENGLISH, \$4.75.

SIX ONLY, ROCKERS, in Early English and golden oak finish, the frames are built of solid wood and very pleasing in design, adapted for dining and smoking room. These are most effective with leatherette seats. Feb. Sale price.....\$4.75

KITCHEN CHAIRS AND TABLES. KITCHEN CHAIRS, in endless variety. Usu-KITCHEN TABLES, with good solid tops. turned legs, without drawer.....\$2.25 Or fitted with 1 drawer.....\$2.50 These are the finest Kitchen Tables that i

is possible to buy at this price. MORRIS ROCKERS, \$9.50. MORRIS ROCKERS, in solid golden oak frame, upholstered in velour cushions. Only a few of these splendid values remain. and which are sure to be cleared away quickly at this unusually low price, \$9.50

#### Axminster Rugs at \$24.75

THE AXMINSTER RUGS AND SQUARES we have a very large selection. This make of carpet is rapidly increasing in favor, being more noiseless than other carpets to walk upon. The styles, designs and colorings are of the very best, and in the latest productions, give the most pleasing effect and lend themselves to any scheme of decorations. They are very suitable for drawing room, morning room or boudoir. We are making a leading line in the above rugs. Size 3x4 yards. Regular \$31. Feb. Sale price ......\$24.75

#### Tapestry Squares at \$5.90

HIGH GRADE TAPESTRY SQUARES, in many pleasing designs and colorings. These have been selling very fast during the past few days, and as there are only a limited number left, we invite those who are looking for a good hard wearing carpet to call and inspect the above rugs. We are offering on Tuesday a few only. Size 21/2x3 yds. Feb. Sale price ..... \$5.90

## J. B. A. A. MEN AT SHAWN

SPEAK VERY HIGHLY OF CLUBHOUSE

Regattas, Picnics and for Popular Resort Summer

That the Shawnigan Lak

ociation will be one of at

titutions on the Island rday the majority of the m nmittee of the J. B. A. A ay at the popular summe he Island, looking at the now in the course of constr zing up the facilities affor noting of regattas on the ad of at the Gorge here. The new club house of the ake Athletic Association st completed, and as er settles the builde ee-story style, and is si all hill adjoining Koo nd floor of the build aks, doubles, singles, et ere is an abundance of r st floor, which is th ilt a picturesque verand four rows of people, view can be had of iles straight up the lake an be watched from the sta e right to the finish, wh the new club house. anda, on the same floor all which is roomy and ve ed up. A good floor is be and will be laid as soon as nits On the top floor at re being made for about ter ach of which will have a low, affording a good view se rooms will be at the he oarsmen who will come train. They will be espe when crews come there for A. O. regatta, when re vill flock in from Seattle ncouver and Neison, S

President F. T. Elford A. A. representatives f was the unanimous of hat the course was not to where on the coast. No ers rough, there is no ating about, and there a ries along the course rews from making a straig ng all in all the course is ee miles, whereas the oat races are only half of tite possible that most o A. regattas will be he

Athletic Grounds 7

In arranging for the success Secretary Blake and clates have left no stone uni Mrs. Koenig will have it g hing for picnics, running anged local organization omething that has been a e club house, the athle ance hall. These things together make every sired in the way of pi The opening dance which w under core deration leted, which the April. Train eld as soon ock in the evening A. delegates that ma the manner in whi ad the other ent lo all in their power ncially and socially. Those who made the

# \$25.00 FOR

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Dr. Williams' Pink P ople have been used rn Provinces for a ge ds of remarkable cu ported during that scarcely a family nedy has not been icial results. This furn erial for the letter to this contest. There is upon the imagination ust deal with facts and

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