competition, with duty off, their

ply here so that while certain manu-

factured goods might be bought

be no protection for our fisheries, as

Canada is a fishing country too and

Newfoundland now benefits by the

Bible and religious instruction in our

schools, therefore people are now bet-

ter Christians and happier here. Com-

now and most of the other so-called

advantages of Canada, without sacri-

ficing our independence for it. For

example: bonus for fishermen, prac-

tive side won by a small majority.

them some day, and he advised the

lady students as this was leap year,

vancement of the noble work

to go more deeply into the question,

sory Education for Day Schools and

it is hoped that a large number of

students and visitors will attend, as

this work is productive of much good

Happy is the statesman who neve

has to rush into print to explain

A fatal flirtation is one that

the marriage altar,

and deserves every encouragement.

women in this strenuous age,

Confederation.

### SPRINGDALE STREET SCHOLARS DEBATE THE CONFEDERATION WITH CANADA

A debate on Confederation took ple honourably, without depending liament as well place at the Commercial Night upon the government to build them when the war drum beats no longer, school on Monday evening last, and for them. A militia would be main- And the battle flag is furled: was keenly contested. Mr. Sydney tained at the expense of the whole In the Parliament of men, pelley, in the absence of Mr. H. Har- Dominion, and as Newfoundland is and the Federation of the world. nett, the leader of the Affirmative, the worse off of the two, therefore, it opened the debate from a patriotic would benefit her better. He believed; noint of view, contending that unity it would benefit our financial condi- The leaders of the Negative side was strength and that by joining with tion, because our public debt is \$118 Mr. G. J. Hawkins and Mr. C. Barnes,

Canada we would be still more united per capita, while Canada's is about followed their opponent and ably reand, therefore, more patriotic. Newfoundland would be fortified by capita revenue is also higher, namely it would mean giving up our indep-Canada.or even by Britain, at Canada's \$20.21 per capita and their expendi- endence, now and forever. The in-Better transportation faci-ture lesss. Canada's population in 1914 creased revenue in Canada quoted lities would be afforded, by railways was 8,075,000 people. Her expendi- over Newfoundland's was merely a and steamships, and practical, com- ture per head is \$15.00 (taken from proof that people there were taxed netent men placed at the head of our Canada Year Book, 1915,) which New- more than we are. Confederation various departments, so that first of foundland's population is 242,619 peo- would mean unbearable taxation of all the fisheries, the mainstay of the ple and her revenue and expenditure our fishermen, farmers, workmen and country, would receive more consid- are each \$16.00 per head. We spend merchants, and would drive thousands eration than at present. A bonus all we earn. (Newfoundland Year of people out of the country as a rewould be given to the fishermen the Book, 1914.) Therefore, by making sult, the same as it did in Nova same as in Canada, amounting to hun- Newfoundland equal we would bene- Scotia and Prince Edward Island, dreds of thousands of dollars. Duty fit in every way. Industries would be where the population is steadily dewould be taken off, then business started, and would give more employ- cining in favour of Upper Canada, would advance and living would be ment. Small factories would be that gets the cream of the country. cheaper. More money would be grant- bought out by big ones that would Newfoundland would get the dregs. only protection. The same would apod for agriculture, experimental farms boom Newfoundland. The duty taken Also when Nova Scotia was actually

be brought into the country, the income and property taxes would be more just than the present tariffi; and by intercourse with Canadians, Newfoundlanders would tend to gain in smartness, and there is no reason why a Newfoundlander could not become Prime Minister of Canada and be represented in the Imperial Par-

\$50. Their earning power or per futed his statements, pointing out that schools and lighthouses. Better roads off provisions and vegetables would forced into Confederation, many of and bridges would be built by the peo- make living cheaper. Capital would her factories had to close down owing

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tical and scientific heads of departments, practical education on the industries of the country, etc. People ORANGE, N.J., Feb. 22.-Thomas can live cheaper in Newfoundland now A. Edison celebrated his sixty-ninth than in Canada, because we get the birthday by doing just what he has benefit of cheaper flour, owing to out-done almost every day of his life side competition, because Canada re- and the thing he likes most to do duces her prices to keep us from He worked hard. He gave himself buying from the United States, but over to the newspaper men for a few if once we joined Canada we would minutes, but two things were tabout not be allowed to buy from the United |-politics and the navy. He was States, therefore, we would be oblig-brought back to his work again ed to pay whatever Canada would "I'm just playing chess with nature, charge. The same applies to every- was the way he described what h thing else. Canada would be able to was doing.

tax us all she wished and cancel any "You were late to work this mornlaws we passed objectionable to her. ing," one of the reporters remarked. Therefore, Newfoundland tends to "Well, you see, they dragged m gain economically by keeping out of over to New York to dinner last night and I didn't get home until 2 o'clock On a vote being taken, the Affirma-this morning. And I didn't get to work until nearly 9 o'clock this morn-

The chairman, Mr. P. G. Butler, ing." principal of the school, invited Mr. A. Here is what the wizard has to say

Barnes, one of the visitors, to speak, about eating: "Cut your food down to one-third Mr. Barnes said that it afforded him much pleasure to hear the students or one-fourth of what you have been expressing themselves so well, as a eating. I eat three meals a day result of their lectures. He had start- That's habit and nothing else. But I ed a debating club once, and after- eat a quarter of what the average wards had the pleasure of seeing two man does. I know it, because I s of its members admitted to the House it at my own table.

Prohibition is a subject that

of Assembly, and wished the chairman equal success. Then he gave the ways interests Mr. Edison class most helpful advice on overcom- "Man isn't perfect yet and you can ing stage fright, on clear enunciation not take alcohol away from him a! or slowness and distinctness in de- at once. If you do he will resent th bate, and gave an eloquent address on fact. Let men drink beer that has the duties of citizenship and how percentage of alcohol of 2 or 1 3everyone should study and vote on per cent for twenty years or so and these questions. A strong determin-then cut it down to 1 per cent. Cut ing factor in the question of Confeder-out all whiskey and strong drinks at

ation is the influence and power of once. Canada in gaining concessions from "The theory is this: Every man's Great Britain that Newfoundland could stomach is about the same size. Beer never gain alone; the wealth of Can-with 2 per cent of alcohol will never ada came through British capital make the average man drunk because stimulated by Canadian brains. For he wouldn't be able to get enough in one thing, if the Canadian system of his stomach to get drunk. It must education could be transferred to be done through federal regulation Newfoundland, it would be a great that's the only way. Prohibition is gain to us in spite of "The Manitoba going to become world-wide." School Question." He advised stud- If there is anything in this w ents to attack more of these practical that carries the Edison stamp of dis

questions, because they day is com- approval it is the cigarette. ing when they will have to determine "I'd have a Sullivan Law against

these for themselves. He advised them for anyone under 21," he said, them to pocket their shyness before and he added that he'd just as soon the lady students, as they would have see a man with a revolver as a boy to learn courage to propose to one of with a cigarette.

"The Allies will win, but the war to let their voices be heard too in the will last two years longer. Men interest of their country and the ad-money and the ability to get things of necessary to carry on the war wil win the day eventually. This coun Next Monday night the subject of try will not become involved and the worst that will happen is probably the Confederation will be continued to enable more students to take part and breaking off diplomatic relations" He would not discuss Wilson's poliafter which the subject of "Compul-cies or the Lusitania.

#### Night Schools" will be taken up, and HON. MR. BURRELL MAY GO SOUTH FOR HEALTH

Ottawa, Feb. 19 .- Owing to the nervous shock and injuries sustained in the Parliament Building fire, from which he is but slowly recovering, it is doubtful whether Hon. Martin Burrell will be able to resume his duties this season. He will probably go south for period of convalescence.

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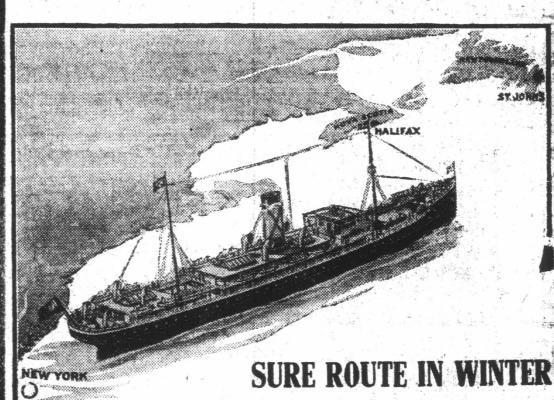
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