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SAINT JOHN, MONDAY MORNING, JAN. 24, 1910.

THE TELEPHONE CONTROVERSY.

The telephone company's statement in answer to The company does not deal with the "wood." tion of affairs that does not exist.

parliament has given a court of commissioners power members and the public necessity of the power of the country of the countr

same as the present charge in St. John. Two of who are protectionists. these, London and Ottawa, have a residence rate of \$25 while the others, Hamilton and Halifax, pay \$30 as St.

John is now asked to do. Ottawa has today about

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THE BUDGET CONDEMNED.

At the close of last week, 520 of the 670 me f the next British parliament had been elected. On hese elections 17 were not as yet reported, leaving 167 members together numbered 67 more than the Conservatives.

But 67 was the exact number of Home Rulers elected. The Conservatives elected were 218, which aber of Liberal and Labor members,

of the 167 seats yet to be reported more than half are English counties. The borough elections in the whole United Kingdam are practically concluded. Not more than fifteen Nationalists remain to be elected. It is on the whole improbable that the government will make any net gain this week.

The budget is condemned. This is not a strong saying when it is remembered that the Nationalist members have never voted in favor of that intensure. Nearly all of them voted against the bill on the second reading, and on the third they refused to vote at all.

Nearly all of them voted against the bill on the second reading, and on the third they refused to vote at all. With a Nationalist contingent of 82 members votting against the budget in the next parliament, it would be buried beneath an enormous majority. Unless the remaining elections give Mr. Asquith large and unexpected gains, he cannot carry his budget if the Home Rule members abstain from voting. The only way that it can be carried is by the active support of Mr. Redmond and his following. It is well known that these members hate the budget as much as ever, though for the sake of Home Rule they may be induced to vote for a revenue bill which they hate. In the meantime as they have opposed the measure and have never voted for it, it is fair to count them as against the budget. But if we do not count them either way, the budget is if we do not count them either way, the budget is defeated.

### PREMATURE BOASTING.

There is a legend that Bonaparte, on the eve of the findings of the Board of Trade, was submitted to his proposed invasion of England, had some medals pred on Friday and given to the public through pared with an inscription setting forth that they were ers on Saturday. In some respects the com-struck at London. These goods were among the spe pany's statement amounts to a straight contradiction of captured by the British, whose commander added a furssertions made in the report. In others the reply is ther inscription; "Don't holler 'till you're out of the If among the archives of the nation one of ndations, claiming that they assume a condithrobbing breast of Hon. David Lloyd-Ceorge, Chan-On the last point the company's contention is not cellor of the Exchequer. The reminder is a little late Whether the charges are excessive or not for the present campaign, but it may be a forewarning it is certain that a large number of subscribers and for the next, in case he shall be entrusted with a cor it is certain that a large number of subscribers and citizens believe them to be so. That condition may be given as a justification for the proposition to call in the courts to determine such questions. The Dominion parliament has given a court of commissioners power to regulate freight and passenger rates on railways. The

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### SIX CANDIDATES FOR SCHOLARSHIP

Mount Allison Has Six Graduates Who Will Try for the Rhodes Scholarship--- Sackville News Notes.

Sackville, Jan. 21.—A small fire occurred in one of the bedrooms of Mrs. William Seman's house on York street on Friday afternoon. No serious damage had been done before the fire was put out.

There are six candidates for the Rhodes scholarship for N. B. in the field. They are Messrs. Lloyd Dixon, M. A., of Sackville; Howard W. Outerbridge, M. A., of Kentville;

the University yesterday after undergoing an operation in St.John.
Mr. J. B. Roberts, B. A., '06, has lately been admitted to the Alberta

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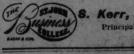
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HIBERNIA.

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Hibernia, Jan. 20.—The weather for the past week has been very fine and ye engaged doing their winter hauling. Rev. Mr. Vallis of the Coles Island pastorate passed through this place on the elventh inst. with his brider on the elventh inst. William hec'hroncie is at Hibernia now moving to Gagetown, where he recently purchased a farm from John Davis of that place.

Mr. John Magee and daughter Miss sister, Mrs. Mary Woods, who is very sick.

Messrs Albert Williams and Harvey for Mr. Haggerman.

The common talk of the day here, now is the Valley Railroad. We want the road if we can only get it. Everybrook where the woods last wek.

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