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THIS PAPER HAS THE LARGEST CIRCULATION IN THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

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THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

There is a halt in the warlike operations in South Africa and no movement on a very large scale is expected for some time.

The Boers are said to be preparing to make a desperate stand and they are indulging in the usual talk about fighting to the last man and dying in the last ditch.

As for the amount of resistance the Boers will be able to make after the British forces begin to move forward we doubt whether it will amount to much.

OF COURSE THERE WERE CHEERS.

The writers of the opposition press are being driven to their very wits ends to know how to deal with the unparalleled financial statement which Mr. Fielding presented to parliament on Friday last.

There were too many cheers interjected. Some members even committed the unpardonable offence of thumping their desks. There were "crafty misrepresentations," and tricks with figures.

Under Mr. Foster and his able predecessors, not excluding Sir Richard Cartwright, the budget was always a dignified, argumentative review of the business condition of the country.

The aggregate trade of Canada for eight months of the current fiscal year already amounts to \$225,287,268, an increase of \$22,134,773 over the corresponding period of 1899.

The Sun, which devotes most of its time to the collection of campaign material against the minister of railways, published an editorial on Tuesday last, from which the following is an extract.

value for all he gets, and it is no part of the duty of the government to make war on men's wives because they give evidence of intelligent thrift.

The above is a very pitiful tale indeed but, so far as the minister of railways is concerned, it is lacking in what has been called "the essential element of truth."

There is, we believe, a rule in force on the Intercolonial Railway that the employees of that road shall not become shopkeepers or otherwise engage in business which may bring them into competition with the patrons of the road.

The Senate of Canada or rather the Tory majority in it, is undertaking to vote Canada and defeat the voice of the people. They began this work with the Drummond County Railway question.

The opposition in the House of Commons showed their true character on Thursday evening when they tried to defeat the resolution introduced by the Hon. Mr. Mulock giving protection to the workingman.

It would be difficult to frame any resolution that is likely to be more beneficial to the workingman than the above, and the opposition did their best to defeat it.

It is only on careful reading over the debate of last week on the preferential tariff that one grasps the full measure and meaning of the bargaining spirit which the opposition would have us approach the mother country.

"We have extended our hand in the time of distress and trouble, and in the hour of actual trouble we have sent our assistance. This is the outcome of imperial pride, a manifestation of the spirit of imperial and colonial attachment.

It is not the attitude of Sir Charles Tupper and Dr. Montague to paraphrase their utterances in these words: "We have been sending our men to fight and die for the Empire. This puts England under an obligation to us which she has never felt before."

There is something revolting about the proposition that we should make our best sacrifices for the Empire the basis of a hard business bargain, and we are wholly astray if the thinking electors of the dominion would approve of it.

Price is a good Salesman

And the prices you will find quoted here on our new and stylish Spring Clothing for Men, Youths and Children will prove so persuasive as to be beyond power of resistance.

- Men's Very Stylish Spring Suits. Single breasted sacks in a great variety of new weaves such as Fancy Tweeds, All-Wool Serges and Worsteds.

YOUR MONEY BACK IF DISSATISFIED.

GREATER OAK HALL, SCOYIL BROS. & CO., ST. JOHN, N. B.

Mr. Stewart is willing that the New Brunswick bridge manufacturers should be obliged to make an exposition of their business affairs, and at the same time say in their own defence.

Commodore Stewart, the genial editor of the Chatham World, was in Fredericton last week, and he has this, among other things, to say with respect to the bridge inquiry.

The recent discrimination against Canadian ports by the underwriters at Lloyds brings into sharp relief the dense ignorance of a large majority of the British people in regard to the conditions of life in the dominion.

THE SENATE AND THE PEOPLE.

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