EXPLANATION JALLED FOR

a Seattle date, and was as follows: mention some that occur to us, One of

he sawed by Seattle mills."

net understand that the local millmen ten vessels now to be built were the The Balkans are the scene of fresh that they could fill the contract at prices as favorable to the company as any Seattle concern can. Under these circumstances we think the people of British Columbia and of Canada as a whole are entitled to some explanation whole are entitled to some explanation. should have been sent to a foreign coun-

millions upon millions to provide the be able to build and renair her, own moving its headquarters from Toronto Grand Trunk Pacific with a railway ships. If the appliances for the confrom ocean to ocean, and when it comes struction and repair of ships of war to awarding a contract out of which are desirable on the Atlantic Coast they Toronto for some time past, and what Canacian industries could make a de- are yet more desirable upon the Pacific cent profit, alien manufacturers are Coast. We do not think any argument way have always given to the public to given the preference. We think will be necessary to convince Mr. Temwe are right also when we pleman of this. We think we may assay that the contract between the rail- sume that he appreciates fully the great way company and the provincial gov- importance of this Coast of the Domernment, under which the company was inion in connection with naval matters, giver the fee of the site of Prince Ru- and we hope he will agree with us in port and certain other valuable con- the opinion that if a 30 per cent incessions, provided that, other things be- crease of cost is justifiable to secure of our Eastern contemporaries seem to ing equal, the company shall purchase the expenditure of the money and the be laboring under the impression that its supplies in British Columbia. The provision of ship-bullding plants upon the Roman Catholic church has certain placing of this order is in direct oppo- the Atlantic Coast, an additional per- treaty rights in Canada; but this is not sition to this agreement.

We are indisposed to employ in this advantages for the Pacific Coast. or any connection language which is We think we are not unreasonable half of that church would stand the unnecessarily severe; and we do not like in contending that the naval defence of test of judicial decision. Over its British Columbia cannot supply the tim-

BUILDING WAR SHIPS

Mr. Templeman has printed a stateto say to Mr. Templeman that in mak- so. ing this comment we are not animated by any other motive than a desire to advance the interests of the Dominion and of this part of the province estics involved in it.

is wholly a question of cos. Indeed he is for the present uncertain. The cenregarded as a prohibitive difference bethis would not be considered prohibi- These ought to be forthcoming by Septive. How much of an increase upon

ought not to be built in Canada at all.

some local purpose can be served there-by that is sufficiently in the public in-tween the warm days we have been erest to warrant it. We are quite prepared to admit that such reasons may in the East a short time ago? We usuexist, and we think they are sufficiently grave to justify the additional ex- cold wave out here. mong millimen, but among the public of a part of the fleet here. What are

"What is said to be the largest inthem is the desirability of expending in
21st. dividual fumber order ever awarded one the country the money of the taxpayers firm in the Puget sound district was of the country. There is no doubt at all A well known Vancouverite, formerly placed with a Seattle firm today by that it is the fact that the vast sums a resident of Victoria, was mistaken the Grand Trunk Pacific railway. The of money, which the British government for Dr. Beattle Neshit, when in the contract calls for 8,000,000 feet of lum- spends for ships, is paid out for labor East recently, and came near having an ber, to be used in railway construction and material at home is the only thing unpleasant quarter of an hour because in British Columbia. The lumber will that makes the burden of naval defence of the fancied resemblance. If we may We have made inquiries among the navy of our own we ought to build pearing in the Montreal Herald, i local sawmill men and have been in- the ships ourselves, and not follow the our fellow-townsman, Mr. A. E. Mcformed that this order could have been example of Brazil and other South am. Phillips should go to London he would filled here end that the Seattle prices erican republics and get them where stand a good chance of being mistaker could have been met. By this we do they can be got the cheapest. If the for the Earl Crewe.

know what the price to be paid is, but limit of what will be required, it might trouble. Bulgaria is the disturbing faconly speaking from their general know- not be so important where they are tor. A recent despatch says that the only speaking from their general know-ledge of conditions they feel satisfied constructed, but as this is only the be-assurances given by Turkey to Russia ginning of a navy, we regard it as are very unsatisfactory, and an impreprices as favorable to the company as sound policy to build the ships in Cansion prevails that the Tsar's govern the country.

If Canada is to be a naval powe even in a limited way, she ought to The reople of Canada are spending be self-contained; that is, she ought to dian Northern Railway contemplates re

to reach conclusions from insufficient Canada and Canadian participation in members it has all the authority which premises; but it seems impossible to the naval defence of the Empire will church discipline can confer but these suggest any satisfactory explanation be exceedingly incomplete, if there is powers do not, we think, extend far, for this transaction, which on the face not provided here on the shore of the enough to affect the standing of people extraordinary thing to go abroad that worthy of the name. In our view the time has come for sounding a truly ber necessary for the building of this imperial note in this matter. Canada railway. Certainly explanations are in ought to do her duty to herself and skirt will be trying to see what use she show herself fully appreciative of her duty to the Empire. We do not think there will be any question among naval experts that a naval headquarters here equipped with a dock capable of holdment in the evening paper in regard ing the largest warships and a yard to the building of warships on the Pa- where such ships can be built and recific Coast. There is nothing very new paired, would be an exceedingly valuin it, but we suppose there was really able contribution to Imperial defence. nothing new that the Minister could There are other arguments but it is say. He gives a general summary of the hardly necessary to state them now. It status of the case, but this need not cannot be necessary to impress upon be repeated because we are all familiar the Minister the very great importance with it. He makes one statement which of securing the construction of some calls for comment, and we would like of the ships here if it is possible to do

AN ELECTION PROBABLE

All indications point to a general pecially, and that we hope what we may election to take place during the com- strategic point, ready to march at the say will assist him in such efforts as ing autumn. The reasons we have for he may put forth to secure what we thinking so are that it is in the power all so much desire. As the question is of the Opposition to compel an appeal still an open one, there can be no poli- to the people, and unless unforeseen circumstances arise, this will undoubt-Mr. Templeman says that the build- edly be done. Whether or not there will ing of some of the ships at Esquimalt be a redistribution before the election goes further and says that the construc- sus will be taken in the course of a tion of the ships anywhere in Canada few weeks and it may be possible for England branch, which will be opene is a question of cost. We quote what the government to prepare a redistribuhe says on this point: "It is the policy tion Bill not later than next September. of the government to build in Canada It is not necessary for the full census if the cost is not prohibitive." We have returns to be compiled before such a not long afterwards received informa no means of deciding what would be Bill is framed. All that is requisite is tion that he would remain in the Old to know the population of the several tween prices here and in the United provinces, in order to determine the ap-Kingdom, but since Mr. Templeman says portionment of representation between crew. that "the cost of building in Canada them, although for the division of the will probably be 30 per cent greater provinces into constituencies full rethan in Britain" we may assume that turns of population will be required.

this the government would be willing The Opposition is taking a proper imum express tariff charges has beto sanction we are not advised, nor do course in forcing an election whatever approved. This schedule we suppose Mr. Templeman or any one may be the result. Reciprocity is an else can say at present. The fact that issue that goes to the very foundation there has been no offer from any one of the fiscal policy of Canada and bespecifically to build on this Coast in- fore it is adopted the people have an troduces an element into the case which undoubted right to be consulted. Of tion of the express matter ranges from may or may not complicate it. We do not think that we ought to make any contingent upon the adoption of the comment upon that.

Special rates are wiped out and reducagreement by the United States Senate, tions made general to go into offer The consideration which seems to but while considerable opposition has January 1.

Will the wise men of the weather of ally get the tall end of every hot o

among millmen, but among the public of a part of the fleet here. What are generally at the statement, which appeared in the Colonist of Sunday under to build the ships in Canada? We may ever there was anything cool and wet."

at all bearable. If we are to have a judge from a recent photograph ap-

explosion.

It is officially denied that the Cana to Montreal. This denial is exactly in line with what has been freely stated in the controling spirits of that great railuunderstand. Neither of the transcontinental lines has its headquarters or the Ontario city, and it looks like good policy for the C. N. R. to be the first to select that point.

In the discussion of the marriage question as it applies to Quebec some centage is justifiable to secure similar the case. We take leave to doubt if some of the claims put forward on be-

> the papers that make a specialty of fashions, the lady who buys a harem can put it to before many weeks have passed. There seems to be a reaction towards fulness and flounces. But it does not make any difference how lovely woman dresses. She has a trick of wearing things that would lend grace to a potato sack. That's the explanation of changes in fashion. A mere man never looks like anything in particular, unless he is trigged out in a uniform of some kind, and then he contrives to look bored. But a woman-she can carry off anything in the way of

Portuguese Conspirators

LISBON, May 29 .- According to Lisbon newspapers, a serious plot has been discovered at Ponte de Lima, on the northern frontier. A large number of nspirators, furnished with arms by a rich Portuguese held that important first signal from the monarcuists wh Portuguese government despatched in-fantry, which dispersed the conspirators into the mountains.

To Manage London Branch TORONTO, May 29 -- E. W. Hamber. onager of the Vancouver branch of the Dominion bank, has been appointed manager of that bank's new London, at 73 Cornhill on Dominion day, Mr Hamber applied for leave of absence Canadian coronation contingent, and Country as the chief representative of the bank there. He went to England once before as a stroke in an Argonau

transportation department of the Can-adian Manufacturers' association have received notification from the Don it cover about 95 per cent. of expre-

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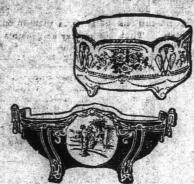
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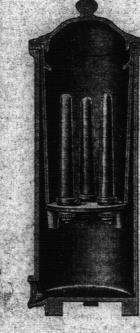


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the Quality



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ords Roberts ar Among Bearers -Oueen Mary' Made from Her

LONDON, May 3 to govern ng gradually y made a n its of high a the bearers

named are Lor ord Kitchener, to c nd third swords, wh ghe is appoint ueen Mary's crow n, with an elegar wholly in diamo

being set in the co eighs nineteen oun eving insisted that it ed the weight of s t will be used only a after which the gen nted and used in of jewelry. The king will wear vas his father's.

SHOT BY B

One Member of Posse Patally Wounded

PORUM, Okla., May the door of his home Starr, assisted by Joe I nd dangerously wound a masked posse suppos horse thief association

the conflict Starr's wi side loading his guns. up to Starr's home to Davis prisoners on c and horse stealing. which followed, Starr's daughter, hearing the f ning across a field fro here mother was being field were a number of ing up a constant fire o the child was unharme The dead: George M

The wounded:-Clifford Hester, son o shot through the stoma A. E. Maxwell, s through the groin, will Jess Maxwell, deputy Intosh county, shot thr Pete Graham, a farm

right hip. The other men unid Poney Starr also was been shot through the mounted their horses, revolvers and boldly streets of Porum for south of town.

by Mrs. Starr during she was leading the barn of the posse fire her. Becoming angry ed her, he finally three barn to the house one four times at her. Bec cause he missed her. the gun at her. Mrs. and fired twice at rode away as fast as carry him.

His Majesty's Birthd the royal holidays to month of June occurs which, being the nata Majesty, King George claimed an Imperial ho observance of which t Columbia is enjoined appearing in the curi Provincial Gazette. A banks, and mercantile pected to close, and th served in festival fas His Majesty's broad do

Hope's Ferry Service connection with the co ed by the steamer Ved tered gasoline ferry ope ernment subsidy by been satisfactorily a loss of time by the m works, to whom a pet ter was addressed by only a few days ago. W. W. Foster was at ed by the executive to and conduct a formal and other applicable Foster has succeeded a satisfactory adjustm culty and returned to evening.

Aiding Agriculture ago the Cranbrook A ciation sent Mayor P. that East Kootenay ci to the Capital to asce of assistance coul ed from the provincial t tate the efforts of th secure grounds and bi manent exhibition purp mayor—who is also agricultural association ly successful, the exec llocate a sum between "From this it will b Cranbrook Prospector McBride government is pathy with any practica will promote the agri ity is due to the also to Mayor Hunt."