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The refusal of both Nationalist parties to vote is a notice to Mr. Asquith that his political life is in their hands. They could have left him in a minority yesterday, and he knows that they will do it whenever he refuses to do their bidding.

WHO GOT THE MONEY?

The Surveyor General has stated that the lumber cut of 1909 was only 60 per cent, of that of 1908, while the stumpage revenue of 1909 was \$55,000 larger than the previous year. Supporters of the late government figure out that on this basis the revenue of 1908 should have been \$219,000 more than it was. They want to know who got the money.

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Why do they not ask Mr. Sweeney, who was surveyor general when the timber was scaled? It might be found that the late government campaign fund of 1908 absorbed a considerable part of the dues that should have gone to the treasury. There was one district in which the new Surveyor General was able to go over the work of his predecessor, and rescale the logs. There it was found that only one-third of the cut had been returned by the late government, cheating the treasury out of \$10,000. This amount was recovered. The incident gives a good clue to the mystery which oppresses Mr. Sweeney's friends.

THE ALBERTA TROUBLE.

The Rutherford administration of Alberta, which a month ago had the support of twenty-three members of the legislature and the opposition of only two, will pro-bably be voted out of existence within the next few

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While Dominion ministers and their press are insisting that there is no German peril and no need of more Dreadnoughts, the British parliament is considering a speech from the throne which declares that there is need of more Dreadnoughts and consequently of large grants. The peril that it suits our politicians to ridicule is taken seriously by the statement who rule the Empire. They think that Dreadnoughts are now needed at the danger point, while Octawa official opinion considers it sufficient to prepare second or third-class cruisers for the Canadian coast some years hence.

We know better than the imperial statesmen what we need for the defence of the Empire. But we in Canada know a great deal better than we want is needed for the defence of the Empire. But we in Canada know a great deal better than we are object not before the defence of the Empire. But we in Canada know a great deal better than we are proparing to do. We know perfectly well that we are doing nothing effective for the defence of the Empire and the protection of British or Canadian commerce on the sease.

It is agreed that if the word's next battles are to be fought at sea, they will be fought with Dreadnoughts, or still more powerful ships. Australia and New Zenhal are preparing to take a share in that conflict if it shall involve Great Britain. Canada is getting ready to furnish a small and weak coast defence force to operate in case her own shores should be attacked. Yet Canada is a comparatively close neighbor of Britain while the other dominions are far wway.

If prohibition by local option is recognized in this country as a system of dealing with the luquor traffic it should have a fair chance of enforcement. The prower to probably the called the country with it the power to prevent the sale through transportation or express companies. What is the good of giving a district the right to put out of business the dealer who sells a bottle of liquor, when some transportation agency may deliver the goods in the s

The First Division.

The Moniteur Acadien, of Shediac, commends Mr. Crocket for the diligence with which he is following up dredging matters. In the opinion of the Moniteur, Mr. Servative programme in Great Britain is established by the first division of the session. Not only was this policy the subject of the first resolution, but it had the purport of the whole party. It is true that the vote

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