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### Running the Dredge.

The dredge Priestman is proving a costly venture for the country. Even on account of marine insurance nearly \$6,000 was paid out during the year 1913 on account of premiums, some \$5,200 going to the Newfoundland Produce Company, of which the Hon. John Crosbie is managing director, which is agent of some Marine Insurance Company. All told, the running of the dredge Priestman during the year 1913 cost the country \$25,983.95. This runs to nearly \$500 a week, and of course a large portion was spent in supplies, which were obtained at the names mentioned in the different items show, from leading supporters of the Government. We notice too several amounts paid to Priestman Brothers. We presume these are for machinery supplied for alterations to make the dredge more suitable for the work she was bought for by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

### A Fortnight on the Address.

One of the most noticeable facts of the present session of parliament is the general activity of both sections of the Opposition. The House has been almost a fortnight at work and the Governor's Speech is not yet disposed of. Every man on the Opposition side has spoken, either on the Address in Reply or on the amendment proposed by Mr. Kent and seconded by Mr. Lloyd, some of them having spoken on both. It is many years since the Address took up such a time in discussion and recalls to the minds of the older members the days before 1898, when the Address in Reply was a lengthy document referring to each section of the Governor's Speech and was discussed in Committee, where each member could speak as often as his good sense impelled and may be more often. Although under the present system a member can only speak once on the motion and once on any amendment, as these resolutions are now taken up in the House and not in Committee, they have afforded to new members an opportunity of speaking on the general policy and record of the Government and given them a chance to find their feet and grow accustomed to the atmosphere of a debate in the House.

### To-day's Events.

2 p.m.—Matinee at Rossley Theatre.  
2 p.m.—Matinee at Nickel Theatre.  
2.45 p.m.—Matinee at Casino Theatre.  
3.30 p.m.—Meeting of St. Bon's L.A. in Anla Maxima.  
4 p.m.—Twilight Recital, Presbyterian Hall.  
4 p.m.—Basket Ball Competition, C.M.C. Armoury.  
7 p.m.—Performance at Rossley Theatre.  
7 p.m.—Performance at Nickel Theatre.  
7.30 p.m.—Hockey, Prince's Rink, Victorias vs. St. Bon's.  
8 p.m.—C.I.B. Dance, British Hall.  
8.15 p.m.—W. S. Harkins' Players, Casino Theatre.  
8.30 p.m.—Dance in T. A. Armoury.

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## A DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

### "The Child is Father to The Man."

The debate at the M.C.L.I. on Thursday night was very illuminating in many respects and it was fortunate that they had secured the services of one of the Superintendents of Education to uphold the case of the present system. It developed that while the Colonial Secretary and his deputy were nominally Heads of the Education Department (and the present Colonial Secretary would be the first to declare himself as being no more than the nominal head), the work of the Department altogether fell to the Superintendents of Education, and the fact that they in some cases were not able to visit much more than fifty per cent. of the schools under their care, surely points at once to the need of a Departmental Office of Education in which the clerical work would be lifted from the shoulders of the Superintendents. As one speaker pointed out, it does not follow that because the Colonial Secretary's office devotes only three hours a week to the work of Education, that there is therefore no more work to be done. It means, on the contrary, that there is so much to do, that there is nothing done. The Colonial Secretary is not an active Head of Education. He has no initiative, no originality, in seeking to improve the system. He is not supposed to have any, and surely this is another reason why we should have a Department of Education with a Head that will oversee the work and bring to its assistance any methods that will improve it. A great objection to such a Department was the denominational difficulty, that bug-bear of Newfoundland, but it is a suitable man were found surely that would not be an insuperable difficulty. And indeed, to cope with the importance with which Education must be viewed, I do not hesitate to suggest that a qualified man from England or elsewhere is perhaps necessary, and ten or even twenty thousand dollars would be cheap if we could remove the shame of illiteracy from so large a section of the Island and which in itself is the greatest demand for a Department of Education, and a man at the head of it who believes that in the educating of the children lies the true wealth of any country. We can cut off over three hundred thousand dollars from the revenue, we can pay another two hundred thousand dollars interest on loans to build railways, but yet we hesitate over the cost of Free Education, we are content to let the children grow up without schooling, we are content that school teachers should have no special training for their positions, and we let our system of Education meander along as best it can with limited means and ancient method as if it were some risky scheme in which we are afraid to venture, disregarding altogether that to a great extent we are "creatures of education," and that there is absolutely no subject of greater importance, especially to a country such as ours, where thirty years of progressive methods in the outside world, have brought so little advance.

Why do so many pupils leave school with eagerness? Why do they leave school wanting to do anything rather than continue study? What use has school been if the average boy leaves with no larger vision than a clerkship on Water St? It is just because instead of cultivating the mind of the child and bringing its own riches and originality into play, our system prepares a cement called "exam" and plastered it effectively all over the brain, and by main force turns the head into something like an adding machine, having but one advantage over it, that of being able to talk. Apart from this there must be at least 50 thousand children not at school that should be and it would be interesting to know exactly how many there were in this position. Let us have a public discussion of the whole matter in The Evening Telegram.

Yours Truly,  
T. N. M.

### Cable News.

Special to Evening Telegram.

LONDON, Jan. 27.  
Aviator Giph was killed, and another man, named Meriam, a passenger, was badly hurt, when the machine fell 30 feet in Salisbury Plains. The victim was a noted instructor in aviation, and had taught more than 100 pilots without meeting with an accident.

QUEBEC, Jan. 27.  
Using coal-oil to start a fire in a stove, Wilfred Robin, aged 12, of Notre Dame de Rosalie, Montmorency County, caused an explosion which set fire to his clothes. In the panic which ensued, and in the efforts to save him, the flames were communicated to nine others, five of whom are dead.

LONDON, Jan. 27.  
Capt. Brooke, in a speech at a reunion of the Gordon Highlanders at Aberdeen, said: "I am a staunch Unionist, and will never give way to anybody who attempts the disintegration of the Empire." This is regarded as a refusal to act against the Home Rule Bill.

BOSTON, Jan. 27.  
The Boston fishing schooner, Olive F. Hutchins, sank in the harbor today, two minutes after she had been run down by the steamer George A. Hibbard, owned by the City of Boston. Capt. Hutchins and five of the crew jumped to the steamer's deck. The other 11 men on board, who were in the cabin when the crash came, launched boats from which they were later rescued by the Hibbard.

TOKIO, Jan. 27.  
An appropriation of \$150,000,000 for naval increases was demanded by the Japanese Government today at a secret meeting of the Imperial diet. The naval ministry proposed that Japan build twelve great dreadnoughts. After a prolonged debate the diet cut the naval appropriation to \$50,000,000, agreeing to the additional appropriations when the financial condition of Japan was more propitious.

LONDON, Jan. 27.  
The coal strike continues, but is not having the same effect in all sections. Some parts are not affected as non-union men are working under police protection. The coal-ports union has withdrawn the ban from the hospitals so far as the delivery of coal is concerned, but stipulates that the privilege shall not be abused. The poor people who buy in the smallest quantities are the worst sufferers by the strike. A large extension of the labor struggle in London occurred last night, when the executive committee of the London Building Industries Federation decided yesterday to call out members working on jobs, from which 37,000 carpenters, joiners, bricklayers, masons and laborers were discharged yesterday. It is impossible to say how many will be affected, but the Federation controls 18 unions with 100,000 members. If the men obey, London's building trade will be in danger of paralysis. Work has already ceased on a dozen big buildings, involving

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The House of Assembly solutions of Condoleme Jours out of Respect Hon. J. S. P.H.S., C.M.G. Late Judge Prowse, C. When the House of Assembly yesterday afternoon, the rose to move suites of in connection with the Hon. J. S. P.H.S., C.M.G. ber of the Legislative Co Mr. Woodley Prowse, C. time a member of the

The Prime Minister.—citizens prominent in the country and particularly life of the country have personages of Honour Pitts, C.M.G., and D. W. C.M.G. Mr. Pitts' death together unexpected as for past he had been illing a question of a few days. In the case of our old Prowse, his death, although a very old age, was somewhat sudden and Both men have been members of the Legislature for many years was never a member of the Legislature but was a member of the Legislative Council on occasions took a leading part in the Chamber. In addition to years he was a member of Administrations of this was not exactly a strong man but he was a member representing divergent views. It was a member of the work commended itself was a member of the Council from 1884 with a val until his death. aged nearly all his life work and in that line fortune, largely due to industry and attention to as to the intelligence and ment that he brought to tion to the consideration his career. Only a few was honoured by the mark of regard to his country and to the people represented in its public was also one of the local the Rhodes Scholars for and represented in 1908 the Ter-Centenary of Qu know that for a great in was closely identified with Scotia Steel and Coal was their agent in this was also very much in promoting industries in notably the Ropewalk, the father of that Institute Shoe Factory, Nail Factory, industrial concern that themselves to him. In did a good deal to work industries and keep labour He was connected with Church and the Guasplendid work. To gation, in the loss of one pal supporters and con bers, the sympathy of go. He was one of the Mt. Allison University honoured by that well situation. Under all stances, I feel that this sympathy with the ot should adjourn until to respect for the deceased Identified with this

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