The Standard

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ST. JOHN, N. B., TUESDAY, MAY 7, 1912,

THE EMPIRE'S TRADE.

Figures issued by the British Board of Trade give an enlightening comparison between the volume of British exports to the Overseas Dominions and that to the chief

THE DRAINAGE CANAL CASE.

how is revealed in the papers relating to the protest that consideration. The Engineering News quotes from a have been published by direction of Hon. J. D. Hazen, Minister of Marine and Fisheries. The argument and brief presented by Mr. Daniel Mullin, K.C., of this city, chief counsel for the Dominion, and the evidence by the hazardous. For the but of steamers extremely hazardous.

the estimated saving of five cents a bushel on the Hudson Bay route.

The welland and St. Lawrence Canals, now so shallow that many freighters are short-loaded to navigate them, would be lessened in depth several inches, the expenditure to restore the former depth being estimated at \$2,500,000 and to restore the former depth being estimated at \$2,500,000 and to restore the former depth being estimated at \$2,500,000 and to restore the former depth being estimated at \$2,500,000 and to restore the former depth being estimated at \$2,500,000 and to restore the former depth being estimated at \$2,500,000 and to restore the former depth being estimated at \$2,500,000 and to restore the former depth being estimated at \$2,500,000 and to restore the former depth being estimated at \$2,500,000 and to restore the former depth being estimated as ving of five cents a bushel on the Hudson Bay route.

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The corroborative evidence by the American navigation interests has made the testimony on the score of damage to shipping interests quite conclusive. The real point of argument, especially as to the Canadian interest in the matter, is in the interpretation of certain clauses of the International Boundary Water Treaty of 1909. As Lake Michigan is admittedly not a boundary water Canadian objections to diversion find a basis in the fact that Canada has, by treaty, unrestricted right in perpetuity to navigate that lake, just as Americans have the right to navigate the St. Lawrence, even where it is entirely within Canadian territory, and that therefore it has a treaty interest in the proposal.

Furthermore, the Waterways Treaty gives to both Canada and the United States the right to object to any diversion of tributary waters on the other side that might materially injure navigation at home. As the treaty gives precedence to the use of water for 'ordinary' sanitation and domestic purposes over navigation, Chicago's claims to the extra diversion are met on the ground that it is "extraordinary." Whether the Chicago application should come under the jurisdiction of the International Commission is not clear, though in case the permit asked for is granted, the Canadian Government will undoubted by raise that question.

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THE REPUBLICAN NOMINATION.

large from Massachusetts)

Total number of delegates in the Republican
National Convention 1,078
Needed to nominate (a majority) 540
Needed to give Taft a majority 96
Needed to give Roosevelt a majority 302
Yet to be algorital

THE HUDSON BAY ROUTE.

(Hamilton Spectator.)
Disestablishment in Wales will probably be rejected by the House of Lords. Before the expiration of the present Parliament, it is likely to be passed again by the House of Commons, along with Irish Home Rule, over the veto of the Lords. It is by driving this double team that Asquith expects to hold the Home Rulers and the Radicals however mutually repugnant, safely is his train.

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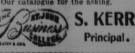
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Most Anything

"There is a great deal more refinement in athletics than there used to be." "Yes," replied the sporting man; but every now and then some puglist breaks loose and talks about 'sing over the ropes' like a political candidate."—Washington Star.

Native—"The Republicans have nominated old Hank Rooney this year." Visitor—"Whom have the Democrats put up?" Native—"No-body." Visitor—"Afraid, I suppose?" Native—"Oh, no; but it wouldn't be any credit to a man to beat old Hank Rooney."



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