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EXAMPLE FOR ST. JOHN The Times commends to every one of its readers the article in this issue telling how the citizens of Darwin, England, which is not much larger than St. John, take care of their children. Not only have they a most effective law for the protection of children, but they have an efficient and large enough staff to see that the law is enforced. One of the results has been a notable reduction in the number of neglected and abandoned children brought to the notice of the society, for parents have received such a wholesome lesson from the enforcement of the law that they are much more careful in their treatment of their little ones.

BRITISH TORY TROUBLES The Standard has a London cable service which is a most remarkable one in its way. In today's issue the correspondent early observes that: "For a full week Unionism has been walking in the valley of the shadow." Then he goes on to say that certain sensational newspapers were responsible for bringing the party to the verge of ruin, but now there is once more unswerving loyalty to Mr. Bonaer Law. After conveying the impression that all is joy in the ranks, this remarkable correspondent says: "It would be premature and unwise to assert definitely that all the danger has been averted. The situation is still delicate, and liable to be compromised by the freakish action of thoughtless extremists, but every moment brings a settlement nearer."

GOOD CLASS OF CITIZENS Last year was the most successful in the matter of immigration in the whole history of the Dominion. The number of immigrants arriving was 385,739, compared with 353,901 in 1911. Mr. J. Bruce Walker, immigration commissioner, says that the immigration of last year was better in quality than that of any previous year, and that physically, mentally and morally the newcomers measured up to a high standard that any improvement in these directions can hardly be expected. He notes the fact also that the arrivals this year were of a more prosperous class than formerly. It had not been uncommon in former years to distribute in his office \$400 to \$500 per week as relief for immigrants who were unable to find a satisfactory means of livelihood, but the total for the last three months of last year would not be more than \$25. There is also the important fact that practically all of those who come out now come with the idea of going to a particular place for a particular purpose, which means that they have very much less difficulty in getting satisfactorily settled. There should, Mr. Walker says, be no serious difficulty in absorbing quickly and readily all of this great volume of immigration.

THE RIGHT POLICY In an interview which is published in today's Times, Hon. Dr. Pugsley sets forth very clearly the objections to the naval policy or lack of policy of the Borden government. Dr. Pugsley very properly contends that the government should declare its policy in full, and not be content with a make-shift contribution of cash. There has been plenty of time for the government to make up its mind, and take the country into its confidence with regard to its naval policy. Dr. Pugsley very properly resents the suggestion that Dreadnoughts could not be built in Canada. Even Mr. Borden himself agrees that we can build cruisers. If cruisers, why not Dreadnoughts? It merely means a larger expenditure for plant. Dr. Pugsley's statement in regard to young Canadians entering the naval service is found in the remarks of Hon. Mr. Hasen, who says that no serious effort has been made to enlist the young men because of uncertainty as to the future naval policy. When Canada adopts a self-respecting naval policy, approved by the people, there will be no difficulty in manning the vessels which will protect her coasts and trade routes, and be available whenever needed for the defense of the empire.

LIBERALS AND LOYALTY The flag-flapping campaign in the province of Ontario during the last federal election campaign has produced results that must be injurious to the welfare of this country. For example, a Toronto Tory, writing to the Canadian Courier of this week says: "You know that all those who vote for or try to sustain the Laurier opposition are Anti-British." No doubt the person who makes this grossly false statement believes he is telling the truth. There is probably more ignorance and prejudice among the Tories in Ontario than anywhere else in Canada. The sentence which we have quoted was called forth in protest against the course pursued by the Canadian Courier, which has consistently advocated a Canadian navy, built and manned in Canada. That is the policy of the party led by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and in the view of this Tory correspondent it must necessarily be disloyal, and anti-British. The editor of the Courier does not mind matters in his reply to criticisms of this sort. He says he is not opposed to Mr. Borden's gift of Dreadnoughts, nor of building them in England, but he wants to go further and establish a Canadian navy. And especial-

ly does he assert the right of free speech in Canada, and of the right to criticize a policy without being charged with disloyalty. Then he says: "Finally, I resent the charge, wherever it may originate, whether in the House of Commons or in any lodge room, that the Liberal party and their leaders are disloyal. This is a low, mean, cowardly charge against some of the best citizens of Canada, which should not be made by any respectable citizen."

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TRAPPED IN NO TIME "Thomas, you've been idling! I know you have, so it's no use to deny it!" The auditor had been away from the country calling upon a client, but on his return there were signs of loading and business on the part of the junior clerk. "Thomas, that typewriter has not been touched today!" snapped the man of law. "Oh, sir!" ejaculated the junior clerk. "I was using it only an hour ago!" "Then," thundered the employer, "how comes it that there's a spider on the machine, and that he's woven a web over the keyboard?" "Sir," remarked the lad, "I'll tell the truth. There was a fly in the works of that machine. Rather than waste my time entrapping the insect, sir—I—er—introduced the spider, sir!" "I see!" said the lawyer sadly.

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