

An Event of Critical Moment now do in the matter of taking further to the history of the Dominion. The action along naval lines was, said Sir tent only associated with parliament-ture deliberation after consultation for careful and ma-ture deliberation after consultation ture deliberation ture deliberation after consultation ture deliberation after consultation ture deliberation ture deliberation ture deliberation ture deliberation ture deliberation after consultation ture deliberation ture ary events of first importance. The with the imperial authorities and getmembers were out in full force and over ting advice from naval experts. all brooked a spirit of gravity that Sir Wilfrid, who was greeted with seemed to have been reflected from much desk pounding on the part of development of our own naval re- amended to read as follows: across the seas. For the time beins party issues were forgotten in the com-said that little exception could be mon thought that Canada was about taken by any one to the arguments we see no reason in anything that has tween the mother country and the selfto make her response to the call to advanced by Mr. Foster in support of taken place recently to depart from the governing dominions, the payment of duty, and there was an intense hush his resolution. As for himself he would take but little exception to it. may be said that this was our policy imperial treasury for naval and miliminister, and after him Mr. Borden After congratulating the member for and that we have not lived up to it." volced the sentiments which have North Toronto on the "temperate and Sir Wilfrid admitted that the gov- Canada is concerned, be the most satisfound so acute an expression through- moderate manner in which he had ap- ernment had not done a great deal in factory solution of the question of out Canada during the past few days. Mr. Foster's speech in moving his

resolution was delivered with a due "My only objection is that the conclusense of responsibility. It was lofty sions reached in tone throughout, picturesquely phrased and broadly imperialistic in Have Been Too Indefinite.

respect resembling the resolution it- as the crystal water of a mountain, perial expenditure had been lightened Norrowed down, Mr. Foster's brook. My honorable friend did not by taking over Halifax and Esquimalt, plea was that the time had arrived define what was the policy that he and the Canadian expenditure had when Canada should undertake a share of the burden of would like us to take up as explicitely risen from two and a half to six mil-as I would have desired." After quot-lions. An army had been gathered at of the burden of

Imperial Defence by constructing coast defence works the only interpretation he could give "Mr. Foster," said the premier, "had "Mr. Foster," said the premier, "had as a necessary and permanent basis; creating an auxiliary fleet, and dethese words was that Canada had been concluded by saying that if it were remiss in the duty she owes herself in decided to offer a Dreadnought, that veloping steel shipbuilding enterprises providing for her own defence. , This, determination would be acceptable to on both sides of the Atlantic and Pahe thought was somewhat surprising. the opposition. clfic coasts. It was only incidentally in view of the fact that Canada had something which no subject of Brit- Hudson's Bay Company has a number of Dr. Robson's character on the work that he alluded to recent developments. no quarrel with any one and that she and it was to assure the government does not desire territorial aggrandize- dred years that if they resolved to assist the ment. That she occupies geographimother country in the present supposed British Supremacy on the Seas (crisis, either in the way of contribut-ing Dreadnoughts or money, the open at peace for one hundred sition would be behind them. To more an eccession on which much cally an isolated position and that she "Let me say." continued Sir Wilfrid, an age when events happen very fast. Simpson will be taken to the Stikine, customs and laws. was expected from the prime minister, 'that if Canada had been remiss in the We have learned lately that the fore- probably in July, when she will take in and he rose to it in a speech that was duty she owes to the Empire, we are most military power of the world at the supplies for the company's own sta- SUCCESSFUL SALE eloquent, dignified, frank and couranot conscious of it. We will not for a present is contemplating perhaps, to tions and such other freight as may geous. While agreeing in the main with moment admit the impeachment. We contend with Great Britain on the high offer from outsiders, making several the resolution, he commented upon its are British subjects, Canada is one of seas; we have, perhaps reason to be- trips. indefiniteness, and upon the corre- the daughter nations of the Empire, lieve, as we have just learned, that It is understood that a large quantsponding vagueness of the mover's speech. Canada, he claimed, had al-**Rights and Obligations** ready done much and was willing to rapidly. Possibly there is a conclusion during the spring and summer of this do more in the fulfilment of her duty which are involved in that proud title to be drawn from this, and the only year, as great developments are exto the Empire, but the government de- It has been, it is and shall always be nclusion is that Germany intends, pected in that region. In all probability clined to be stampeded by any wave of our unalterable determination to meet sometime, to do with Great Britain on however, these shipments may have to popular enthusiasm into a hasty and and to carry out every duty which is the high seas what she has done with be made before the Port Simpson is 11-considered action. The policy of implied by the title of British subjects. France on land. Everybody knows able to leave her regular run on the the Dominion with reference to the de- Nay, more, not only will Canada fulfil that Prussia had for years been silent- Skeena. fence had been laid down at the im- every obligation which is implied by ly preparing to cope with France which perial conference in 1902, and to that that title, but I think I can say we will up to that time had been the greatest they adhered. It was a policy which rise to every sacrifice that may be military nation in the world; Prussia MANY PASSENGERS had never been challenged and which needed in order to maintain the unimwaited its opportunity and when that the other overseas dominions had fol- paired rank and status which is occuopportunity came, delivered a mortal fowed, and which had been endorsed by pied by Canada in the British Empire, blow. If it be true that Germany is men like Deakin, Milner and Tupper. and the rank and status which is organizing on the high sea no British It was true that Canada had not done maintained by the British Empire subject can afford to be indifferent to as much for naval defence as for the throughout the world. We are not to the prospect. militia, but a beginning could be made be carried away, we are not to be "For my part," said Sir Wilfrid, "I upon the lines suggested at the 1907 stampeded by transitory events of the do not think the danger is imminent. conference by the creation of a moment from what has been a settled We have the testimony of a great policy and deliberate course which we organ of English public opinion, Nucleus of a Navy controlled by the Dominion government have laid down, by any hasty, feverish Britain can cope with Germany alone in co-operation with the imperial navy. action, however spectacular such action without the assistance of the British The principle of autonomy was to be may be. It behooves us to act as free colonies. We know that the British The principle of autonomy was to be men; it behooves us to look at our po-preserved, however, and as a first step men; it behooves us to look at our po-there should be a consultation with the sition calmly and deliberately, to re-ous offer made by New Zealand of a San Francisco and discharged her pas-There and ultabolite and may experts
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proached a difficult and very im-portant subject," the premier said: much as he would have wished, but this was a matter which once entered upon there was no end to the demands which arose. In connection with the land forces. Canada had reason to be

"If I understand the honorable mem-

ing the words of Mr. Foster's resolu- Quebec last summer which had called

PORT SIMPSON WILL GO TO STIKINE

the taxpayers of the mother country

Several Trips Will Be Made When Skeena is Not Navigable.

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but what particular form in which it contribute was amended by the inser should be done, whether by a contribu- tion of the word "speedy" before or-Vancouver, April 2 .- Over 200 guests tion to the imperial treasury or by the ganization, and paragraph two was

ladies and gentlemen from the differ-ent Methodist churches of the city, as-"This embled at the banquet table in the Pender hall last evening to do honor to Rev. Dr. Ebenezer Robson, on the fiftieth anniversary of Methodism in

A. B. Erskine presided, and among tary purposes would not, so far as other guests was Hon. W. J. Bowser, attorney-general; Rev. Thomas Crosby

and Mrs. Crosby, Rev. Dr. Sipprell, and Methodist ministers from the different churches of the denomination in this city.

Hon. Mr. Bowser in his speech, expressed his gratitude for the aid given in the administration of justice in this be fit to go alongside Spencer's ar-Dr. Robson and his co-workers in the enforce

early days. "The Church" was proposed by Rev. A. M. Sanford and Thomas Cunningham. The latter, as one of the oldest Methodists in the province, had some encouraging things to say of the work There is always a regular line of of the missionaries in the early days. This brings us to Stikine is a more neglected river. The who dwelt especially on the influence

The alderman added that on the main treet of Los Angeles, within two

loors of its best hotel was a stable, which no one objected to. "You can't convince me that a stable is an improvement or a good thing for any street," insisted Ald. Stewart, a

opos of a remark that the preser stables of the Victoria Transfer Com-

pany are an improvement to Broughton street from a business point o view. Ald. Humber and Ald. Ross agreed

with Ald. Henderson emphatically The mayor said there was a by-law

and the only thing he could see From the remarks of Magistrate Jay for the owner to get a petition signed om the police court bench on Saturby the majority of the people in the day it is probable the city council may block. be asked to pass an amendment to the "Does this city cease as a business

resent by-law to raise the fine for ofplace at Government or Douglas fenders who ride machines on the side street?" asked Ald. Humber. "This walk. The magistrate this morning roposed stable would be a credit anywhere. The plans show that it would said: "It seems to me the court should have power to inflict a higher penalt country as a result of the moral in-point of four the efforts of by-laws in this city that you cannot the similar of the state of the fine is limited to \$3, but the imposition

of fines in the past does not appear to have prevented the nuisance." The Ald. Henderson said the building bylaw would have to be amended, as it magistrate's remarks were made was absurd to say that all the city outside the fire limits was residential. shortly before the court adjourned after three bicycle cases had been The aldermen decided that they could called and the clerk had announced not recommend the granting of a per- that the \$3 fine had been paid in each

There is always a regular line of of the missionaries in the days at the offenders should be brought before the court in future instead of being al-I could have proved to you that not the court in future instead of being allowed to pay in their fines when the of trading posts there, and it has been of the church. Dr. Robson replied in a we have an inherent right, in spite of charge is laid. If they had to waste only is your by-law defective but that the custom to run one of the steamers pleasant conversational tone, recalling your by-law and petition, to erect the business time in appearing in court he up that river during the time that the many stories, some of which were very building and demand that you prove it thought the cases might be less frequent.

The by-law gives power to inflict a is the position we take and following legal opinion I think I would be in a was discovered, but Magistrate Jay re-

position to advise my clients to start marked that bicycle offenders for rid-

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The frequency with which the police

remarked. He had personally seen

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There have been over fifty bicycle

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MINERALS EVER SEEN

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Mr. Borden, who followed, main-tained the high plane set by Mr. Fos-who now acknowledge British supre-hope the day shall never come when ter and the prime minister, and while macy. To-day the Empire is compos- we will be drawn into the conflicts bought out the business of R. Porter was also a willing and most efficient the space clear of any seepage. accepting in main Sir Wilfrid's pro- ed of a galaxy of nations proud of their of Europe, but I have no hesitation in & Sons, are taking steps to install helper. nouncement, suggested several amend- allegiance to the British crown, and saying that the supremacy of the Bri- their cold storage plant on the prements to the prime minister's resolu-tion which he thought would give proud also of their independence, and tish Empire is absolutely essential not only to the maintenance of A building permit for the same was and Pet Stock Association are hereby for the invention that these are adtion which he thought would give greater point to the message. Sir Wil-frid accepted the changes proposed by that Empire, but to the civilization of the world. I have no hesitation in the building inspector. A permit was the leader of the opposition, and after and to attain its aim according to its saying that the supremacy of the given to Robert Lee for a four-roomed week, and will be held in the Queen's carefully without danger of scattering new geological museum.

The Rt. Hon. James Bryce, British culiar circumstances of each."

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which may be best suited to the pe-maintained in the high degree of ef-

in and erect the building without per-mission and call on you to prove it il-dom caught a second time. legal if you can. The city has never OF WORK AND TEA been able to define what is business haul in offenders under this by-law has residential property. The council in part acted as a preventitive, Germany is building more ships than Great Britain, and building them more plies will be taken up the Stikine river Enjoyable Afternoon Spent is trying to do what it has no power has not altogether stopped it. There to do, because business pushes itself appears to be a large number still sin a on and cannot be hampered by your ning in this regard, as the magistrate Home of Mrs. Mcactions." Tavish. PATENT SYSTEM OF Mrs. McTavish's handsome rooms were never seen to better advantage than early Friday afternoon, when they were arranged for the sale of E. E. Emmons Proposes to Use ARRIVE FROM SOUTH work and tea to be held there in aid New Apparatus in of the Old Ladies' Home, Great branches of pussy willows, varying in Outbound Steamers of Pacific all stages of development, were used in profusion for decorative purposes Coast Line Will Call in and the effect was, exceedingly pic-E E Emmons who is interested in turesque. Relieving these were quan-Morning. tities of large sword ferns, green foli- gold mining properties in the Yukon, age of different sorts and daffodiles in in the city making arrangements for That at Seattle Will Establish abundance, which lent an air of cheery going into the north and engaging in It was one o'clock on Saturday when brightness to the whole. the steamer City of Puebla arrived from Mrs. McTavish, handsomely gowned, what new plan. moved about welcoming the guests,

The Rt. Hon. James Bryce, British and is far less expensive ficiency it has occupied during the last a permit for a three-roomed house at proceeding. Sir Wilfrid argued that one hundred years. I have no hesita-

operations this summer on Record-Nucleus of Na-At the St. Francis hotel, Mr. En tional Museum. there will be great attractions during the coming season the travel will be much heavier than usual. who were kept very busy. Among gravel to the height of the water, and those noticed in attendance were: The then by syphon the water is all taken but of the minerals of this prov-

Misses McTavish, Smith, Henry, Jesse out of the enclosed space. It is com--P. Burns & Company, who have a comparative new-comer in town, tinues to work automatically, keeping lince at the fair and the conection while drained and the syphon con-be by long odds the best of British Co-lumbia ores which has ever been got

-Members of the Victoria Poultry and can dig to bed rock. It is claimed in place and ready for view by May

RECOVERING GOLD

the North.

together. The mineral exhibit from the The workmen are then able to do Franco-British exhibition is already in their work on the dry bed of the stream Seattle and the whole exhibit could be