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THE ACTING PREMIER.

Attorney-General, Minister of Finance material. What it objects to is the no bearing upon the matter at all. and Agriculture, and Acting Premier, and we undertake to say that neither to endanger our friendly relations have to preside will suffer by reason of have to preside will suffer by reason of in what it terms "the immoral and British public man just now is not the multiplicity of his duties, for Mr. ultimately disastrous two-power idea." one of unalloyed happiness. work. He is a bundle of energy, and

terest to see how he would meet the requirements of the position of first law officer of the Crown. He has acquitted himself with great success, and has a won the estate of the Crown of t respect of his opponents, and the confidence of the public. As a parliamentarian, Mr. Bowser is developing very rapidly. At the confidence of the public are set of the public a arian, Mr. Bowser is developing very rapidly. At the outset he may have been a little too combative, but he has grown wise by experience, and his more recent speeches on public affairs have been conceived in a spirit which shows him to be inspired by ideas that will in time develop into statesmanship of a very high order. Mr. Bowser is a man who may go far in public life, for he has many of the qualities which ensure success. He is a forcible speaker and a good debater; he is fearless; he is loyal to his friends he is fearless; he is loyal to his friends, obvious that we cannot see how any hardly be because of his age, for he is and he is fair-minded. He never de-nies his love for his political party; one can hold a contrary conclusion. only three years older than his sucbut the first person has yet to say that We admit at once that, if the United cessor, Sir Joseph Wilson, and it has the has permitted his feelings in this States was in a position to do so, it never been suggested that he is at all he has permitted his feelings in this states was in a position to do so, it never been suggested that he is at all respect to influence him in the disthusiasm of his friends.

A BOARD OF CONTROL.

A few months ago many people in bility of constituting a Board of Con-trol in municipal matters, and there er, contribution to the defence of the live at upwards of five miles. This ems to be a growing sentiment in its favor. Recently nothing has been said ought to become a member. We think er. most Canadians will prefer the forthat might be considered with advan-tage. Montreal adopted the plan after heated contest. At present there is no statutory machinery to provide for the appointment of such a board, and the ratepayers may so decide.

tion with the existing system of municipal government. It does not satisfy anybody, those who are administering pone the elections until after the tives, or a small majority of voters it least of all; for every member of the Christmas holidays. The prorogation from electing an overwhelming ma-City Council knows quite as well as his critics that he is unable to give liament may resume its sittings, if the that attention to the business of the Prime Minister deems it advisable. In It is hardly fair to the Board of city which its importance demands. the meanwhile there will be a vigorous Trade to suggest that it proposes to He also knows that his tenure of office militates against his obtaining that side stands to gain by a deferred disamount of information regarding the needs of the city that he ought to have and prevents him from exercising his and prevents him from exercising his powers with that degree of independence which he ought to enjoy. We believe the majority of the people of Victoria would favor something in the nature of a Board of Control.

B. C. IN THE SENATE.

One of the matters relating to this province that will call for early conprovince that will can lot some side at this stage at the result.

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Readers of the cable despatches measure, and with all due respect to the measure, and with all due respect to the measure, and the measure and the measure, and the m lumbia, when the Census of 1911 is taken, will doubtless be found to exceed that of New Brunswick; neverin sympathy with the Conservatives. not reasonably ask them to attend to theless the latter province has nine, the fact makes it quite impossible the features of the case, which espesianters, while we have only three. for people outside of the United This disproportion will have to be Kingdom to get an impartial view that the government would welcom remedied in some way. We are aware of events as they transpire. This is a source of weakness to the Libsenatorial representation in the first erals in one sense; but we may be measure as satisfactory as possible to place, but so great a disparity between sure that the fact will be made the the people of this city. the membership from this province and most of by them for they will claim that from the eastern provinces can that the great newspaper owners are hardly be allowed to continue without themselves members of the class, that protest. We estimate that when the new census is taken it will be found privileges. that there will be one senator to every 95,000 people taking the Dominion as a whole, and it will hardly be equitable to permit one province, like Prince Edward's Island to have one for every 33,000, or New Brunswick to have one for every 40,000, while British Columbia will have only one for, possibly, every 120,000. Needless to say, we do not speak of this matter in any spirit of complaint. No one is to blame for it. It has simply come about in that way. If the promise of the present is fulfilled in the immediate future the lisproportion against this province will he even greater than is estimated

above. The question involved is not without difficulties, for the senatorial representation of the eastern Maritime Provinces was the result of a pre-Confederation agreement, and therefore the only way to adjust matters under the existing system is to increase the number of British-Columbia senators. The observations made herein will also ap-

ply in some degree to the Prairie Prov- place between now and the New Year inces. The difficulty will arise from the fact that as soon as Sir Wilfrid and lead them to reconsider their acprecipitate the whole question of sen- the situation. If the popular protest onsideration at an early day.

NAVAL DEFENCE.

principle, and this it claims is likely Few British Columbia public men have ever grown so in public esteem as the Acting-Premier. When he took office under Mr. McBride, he was a good deal of an unknown quantity, and his political friends watched with interest to see how he would meet the requirements of the position of first

Bowser is a man who may go far in dard would be immoral, and unless the tiveness. Bowser is a man who may go tar in public life, for he has many of the Empire is to be wholly undefended. The retirement of Sir John Fisher

charge of his official responsibilities. er should ever possess itself of Can-He did some splendid campaign work ada; but if this is to be the policy of previous to the election, and he has the Dominion let us be honest about will be the most terrific engine of war that quality which arouses the en- it and ask our neighbors to take us ever devised. She will be 60 feet longinto the Union so that we can con-tribute our share to the cost of our, of the Dreadnought class, and her enown defence. It seems to us that gines of 45,000 horse power are expect-Canada has only two alternatives to ed to give her a speed of 28 knots if choose between. One of them is connecessary. With her 12-inch guns she Victoria were discussing the advisa- tribution to the defence of the Empire can deliver a' broadside of shells,

THE BRITISH CRISIS.

The British Parliament is to be pro- bodies might also experiment with i venture to suggest that during the rogued, but not dissolved for the presforthcoming session of the House a ent at least, according to yesterday's the system. We will be very glad to measure might be introduced authoriz- despatches. The government forces give what information we have to any ing cities to adopt the plan whenever are preparing for the fray, and tomor- organization that would like to test row the battle against the Lords will the system. The object of proportion-There is a very general dissatisfac- begin. We can only surmise why a dis- al representation, as it is called, is to possibly it is due to a desire to post- electing a majority of the representacampaign. It is difficult to say which maintain a lobby in opposition to the manner in which the agitation has up in opposition to the government been begun indicates that the whole As we look at the matter, it would be nation will be thrown into a ferment over the single issue involved in the duty of the Board to take action along the lines said to be contemplated veto power of the hereditary chamber. Under these circumstances it is impos-

newspapers of London are almost all thwaite and Williams, the Board could

Laurier takes up the subject he will tion. This is a possible outcome of ate reform, which is something that no is as strong as some of the Liberal one seems ready to deal with, although leaders evidently expect it to be and every one admits that it must receive as seems to be the object of the Liberal organizers, Lord Lansdowne may accept it as a sufficient indication of the attitude of the people to ask his supporters to reconsider their position. The Toronto Weekly Sun, which It is not, however, to be taken for styles itself "an independent journal granted that because the prorogation for farm and home," is very outspok- is to January 17th, there may not be a en in its condemnation of the proposed dissolution in the meanwhile. A merenaval policy of Canada. It is, glad ly formal prorogation is usually for that the amount to be expended is not forty days. Of course the House can be The W. J. Bowser is a fairly busy man these fine December days. He is but it says the sum involved is imbut to be expected to the date to dissolved at any time, the date to but it says the sum involved is imbut to be expected.

With a general election and Santa of the departments over which he will to endanger our triendly relations to endanger our triendly relations Claus both in sight, truly the lot of the

Bowser possesses a great faculty for It takes the position that the govern- The E. & N. management have made combines with it admirable adminis-trative abilities.

ment has had no mandate from the people to embark in naval expendi-into shape after the damage done by

H.M.S. Indefatigable, when launched United States of which in that case it seems like the last word in naval pow-

The Trades and Labor Council have made a trial of proportional voting at a mock ballot, and they were very much satisfied with the results. Other so as to familiarize themselves with

the House were several times more sible at this stage to make even a likehas a great interest in the proposed ought to bear in mind that the leading Messrs. Jardine, Brewster, Hawthornthe features of the case, which espe-

Large Lumber Shipment that the great newspaper owners are themselves members of the class, that is fighting for the preservation of its privileges.

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tive in appearance and very durable-

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with brass trimmings-

Made of best quality of wire-closely woven. A

The assortment of styles and sizes offers one for

with a fireplace owning one.

With snow covering the ground the cheerfulness

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JEFFRIES-JOHNSON FIGHT ON

Battle For Heavyweight Ch Probably Will Take P Salt Lake City. NEW YORK, Dec. 5.-T NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—T Johnson fight for the high property of the wor fought either in Salt Lake or in the vicinity of San on July 4 next. Final at 45-round contest were sightincipals today. Neither testants is to engage in contest before the date of fight. Both it is further must enter active training ninety days before the founce gloves are to be used to the contest shall be govern straight Marquis of Queens

contest shall be govern straight Marquis of Queen while the referee is to be least sixty days before the The Stakeholde

R. W. Murphy, a New proprietor, is the tempor holder and he may serve Both fighters want to have bank serve as stakeholder said that difficulty was for ting one to assume the

NANAIMO HAR

NANAIMO, Dec. 3.—The Edward arrived in the ha day and will vin a day or tw dredging the south channel harbor, which will widen length along this important in addition to this other parts of the harbor will be dredged and the capacity probably increased.

The following are the vi for Nanaimo and district ber: Deaths, 38; marriage 24. The explosion at Ecounts for the abnormally of deaths.

The following are custo for Nanaimo and district for Nanaimo and district for Nanaimo and district for November: Nanaimo Ladysmith, \$1,455.25; \$414.92; Chemainus, \$242.berni, \$80.85; Alberni, \$38 land, \$20.91; Courtenay, \$36,830.99.

Some two years ago, J. Alberni, B. C., lost a valu horses in a peculiar mann mais were frightened and the woods, and as far as M concerned were never sed day or two ago W. and Grigle, were hunting on Bis when they came across horses and brought it to Mr. Burke has identified the animals he lost two is thought the other one woods.