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ST. JOHN, N. B., FRIDAY, ANGUST 2, 1912.

A VERY LUKEWARM RECEPTION.

Mr. Pugsley's organ, the Times, is badly scared at Mr. Pugsies's organ, the Times, is badis geared at the suggestion that Mr. Asquith and Mr. Winston Church-ill should come to Canada. The attempt to disguise these fears is singularly ineffective. The Times pro-fesses to be horrified at the idea that the British Minis-ters should be conveyed to Canada on a Dreadnought and undly condemns this suggestion, which emanated from eeded a spectacular demonstration of this sort to enable Country. The statistics referred to are as follows

r all this froth and foam-for the Canadia nisters cross the Atlantic on a Dreadnought of ot-lies the true interpretation of the Times' article fears the political consequences of the visit of the

It is only necessary for Canadians to be ass from an authoritative source that their aid in any direction is needed to strengthen the position of the

r. Asquith and Mr. Churchill would be superfluous above, that the per capita savings amounted to nearly one hundred dollars in 1911.

The Dreadnought might frighten Mr. Bourassa, and impress Mr. Monk, but the loyal citizens at large need any such reminders of their duty to the Empire. They are waiting, not to see Mr. Asquith or Mr. Churchill, either of whom personally would receive a most hearty welcome at any time in Can-ada, but to learn what Mr. Borden, after his great lare of trumpets, has to propose in the matter of

The horizon of the Times being limited to a narro and partizan view of party polities in Canada, it sees nothing but danger ahead for the Laurier cause if the

Royal Navy or not, Mr. Churchill will receive from the people of the Dominion as sincere and hearty a welcome as that extended to the Canadian Ministers by the people Nova Scotia, was carrying on the construction of the Pi

AN IMPARTIAL REVIEW.

and comments on the reception of his proposals by the Mother Country. The article follows:

The exact terms of Canada's naval offer to the British Admiralty are not yet announced, officially. But it is informally understood that the Dominion stands ready to furnish three or four Dreadnoughts to the British Navy, with certain stipulations.

In a recent speech by Mr. Churchill, the First Lord of the Admiralty, it was delicately suggested to Canada (as to Australia, South Africa and such other of the self-governing Dominions as were being invited to share in this scheme of Imperial Defence) that the battleships provided by the Colonies should be at the disposal of those possession except when, in time of war, their presence was required at the

eatre of action.

Mr. Borden, the Prime Minister of Canada, while Mr. Borden, the Prime Minister of Canada, while not objecting to this arrangement, has a scheme worth two of it. In his speech before the Royal Colonial Institute he declared that any contribution which Canada might make to the British Admiralty was not to be construed as even a partial surrender of Canada's autonomy, which is now practically complete. And in the speech before the Empire Parliamentary Association he proclaimed the no less important proviso that if Canada accepted a share in the responsibility of Imperial Defence, it would be with the understanding that Canada is to share also in the shaping of policies in peace and war which make such defence needful. "I would like you to understand that Canada does not propose to be an 'adjunct' of the British Empire."

The almost tremulous alacrity with which these pronouncements have been received by even such a Tory stronghold as the London Times is sufficient hint of how well the British have learned the lesson of 1776. It is the leader in the Times which remarks with cordial eulogy—"Mr. Borden did well to recite these amazing facts (of Canada's growth), for they substantiate and emphasize the claim which Can-

ada must make to an influence befitting her impo ada must make to an influence bentting her import-ance upon the great issues of Imperial policy and defence." Canada is, in short, in the position of a grown-up daughter who can no longer be disciplined, but whose earnings are extremely helpful to the parent, who realizes that pleas must be made chiefly on the score of filial affection. It is only fair to say that this affection seems genuine on both sides. say that this affection seems genuine on both sides

It has been, everything considered, an anxious time for England. The safety of her trade routes is all-important to her compactial prosperity. Block-ade the ocean lanes into the British Isles and the country would have provisions to last little more than three weeks. An invincible navy is necessary to keep these roads open. Germany's marine rivalry is a menace. Mr. Churchill's programme of five battleships to German's three might easily mean a race in which the winner goes over the precipice of bankruptcy. The chances are, also, that Australia and South Africa have been watching Canada's performance for hints to govern their own conduct ing the Canadian Premier's stipulation, he is informally assured that he "need have no doubt of the

CANADIAN SAVINGS.

he Monetary Times Canada, in spite of the "high cost hurchill, it thinks, "understand that the people of Can-da would resent any action which would imply that they ity, and in this case Canada is ahead of even the Mothe

Country.	Year.	r Capita Savings.
United Kingdom	1907	\$84.00
Belgium	1905	68.00
France		79.00
Netherlands	1905	58.00
Italy	1906	92.00
Canada	1911	97.75

Although agreeing that the Canadian has some, eve if slight, ground for complaint as to the prices he pays ommodities, the Times consults the small savings of th savings banks, and trust companies, finding, as sho

Broadly viewed this means that the average wag purchased his home, if not a little more than that, and Taking into consideration the numerous avenue strenuous reputation for exercising that remarkable quality called thrift to any great extent, the showing of Can ada is decidedly satisfactory.

THE FRUIT GROWING INDUSTRY.

o realize that Naval Defence is an Imperial those who apply for it to the Publications Branch, De-

Current Comment

Spruce Clapboards tou Railway, now part of the Intercolonial. The office in charge of construction for the Government was a young engineer who had come from England to Canada On the strength of the principle that it is well to see ourselves as others see us, an editorial in the Boston Transcript is worth reading. Under the caption, "Canada's Filial Piety," the Transcript gives an eminently fair and well balanced review of the course Mr. Borden has taken in relation to the question of Naval Defence, and compute on the recention of his representation of the Grand Trunk Pacific. It was noted that while in Vancouver Mr. Schreiber called on Sir Charles Tupper, who was his Minister both at Halifax and Ottawa.

An initiation team of a lodge at Anderson, S. C., used firearms in the ceremony of admitting one Furman Bagwell, and he, becoming frightened, returned the fire with the result that one of the initiators was fatally wounded. Bagwell was arrested but will hardly receive severe punishment. Lodges should not use revolvers in col ducting their ceremonies. Rather should they stick to the proverbial goat, whose aroma is its strongest and most objectionable feature, not excepting the butting.

(Montreal Herald.)

In Japan they have begun a new era which will be called "The Era of Great Righteousness." The era which has just closed was called "The Era of Intelligent Administration." Nothing could illustrate the occidentalization of the Japanese mind better than that subtle distinction between "intelligent administration" and "great righteousness."

(Toronto Mail and Empire.)

Members of the United States Senate who support the Panamal Canal legislation against which the British Government has protested, say that the protest was made at Canada's instance. This is flattering to Canada and is an acknowledgment of the connection between the Dominion and the Mother Country.

(Calgary Herald.)

The importation of absinthe into the United State and its sale in interstate commerce is prohibited after October 1 next. No normal thirst will be affected by the ban, which is in the interest of sobriety and sanity.

(Cleveland Plain Dealer.)
The Waterbury Republican has a keen and nimble rit, coupled with admirable foresight. It advises its eaders to vote for Taft, pray for Roosevelt and bet on

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LOCAL.

Cigar Business Sold. Sydney Isaacs has sold his cigar and tobacco business in Union street to Harold I. Sulis, who will carry it on. Mr. Isaacs will remove to Montreal to reside and his Mill street business will be carried on by E. S. Trecarten.

Messrs. John W. Miller, E. P. Williston, of Newcastle; T. Christle Miller, of Derby; Vivian Burrel, of Shawenegan, Quebec, and James McKechnie, of Montreal, seek incorporation as The Millerton Extract Company, Ltd., with a capital of \$98,000. The business of the company, manufacturing extracts, will be done at Millerton, Northumberland county. Messrs. Max D. Cormier, J. A. Ratte, Pio H. Laporte, Lavite J. Cyr, Albert M. Sormany, Jos. Michaud, Pius Michaud, L. Gagne, Levite A. Gagnon and L. A. Dugal, all of Gloucester, ask for incorporation as l'Assumption, Ltd., for the purpose of building and maintaining a public hall at Edmundston, capital stock \$10,000.

PROVINCIAL.

Little Girl Falls from Train.

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Moncton, Aug. 1.—Greta Colplits, the young daughter of Mrs. Howard Colpits, fell off a train at Painsec last evening while returning from the Baptist Sunday school picnic, held at Point du Chene. The little girl was left behind and becoming somewhat excited started to walk along the track to Moncton. She reached Harrisville safely and when the next picnic train came along some of the excursionists, discovering that the child had been lost, took her on board and brought her to Moncton, happily, none the worse for her adventure.

Fishing in St. John River.

GENERAL.

Rio Janeiro, Aug. 1.—One hundred bersons were killed or injured in a ollision yesterday between suburban rains on the Central Brazilian Rail-

Port of Spain, Trinidad, Aug. 1.— The first reciprocity agreement with Canada was carried today in the legislative council by 13 votes against 5 and in the chamber by a majority of one vote. The opponents of the agreement argued that it would be of no benefit to the colony outside of the sugar industry and would probably be

The Auto Suburban Co., will start running their bus on a regular schedule on Saturday, Aug. 3rd. The bus will meet each trip of the Milkish ferry boat both coming and going and extra trips will be run to accommodate the traffic.

AUTO SMUGGLING TO THE DOMINION

Canadian Automobile Manufacturers Protest Against Violations of the Custom

Montreal, Aug. 1.—Wholesale smuggling of automobiles between the United States and Canada has been going on this summer, and the Canadian customs officials have already punished several offenders, while the Canadian manufacturers are bitterly protesting against American-made cars being brought into Canada without payment of duty.

Naturally the majority of auto dealers in the city who represent United States firms either deny the charge or refuse to discuss it at all; but the fact remains that Special Customs Officer O'Shea has had a busy time of

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