PRESENTATION TO RAINBOW.

The interesting ceremony, which quotes a letter from an English ook place at Esquimait, when the to the effect that things, which handsome plece of plate presented to H. M. C. S. Rainbow by the govern-when regarded from a point of view H. M. C. S. Rainbow by the govern-ment of Britsh Columbia was formal-ly handed over to Commander Stew-art, is not without much significance. In the first place it, is an outward and visible sign that the people of this province, as represented by its government, are in sympathy with the policy of Canadian naval defence. We do not mean by this that all British Columbians are agreed that the plan adopted by Parliament on the initiaadopted by Parliament on the initia-tive of the Dominion government is the best and wisest that could have been chosen, for in respect to that there is a wide difference of opinion. The point we wish to emphasize, and what we think the presentation em-phasizes, is that the people of this province believe that the time had be put on to an investment of a cer-tain kind, and he specified just how upon herself some share of the de-fence of the Empire upon the high seas. It is in that light that the ac-tion of the government in making the presentation of babalt and making the presentation on behalf of the province very courteous reply was received, the is to be understood. It is a recogni- writer saying that he wished to contion of a principle, and it ought not sult a few friends before sending the money. Later he wrote saying that he to be interpreted as an endorsement money. Later he wrote saying that he of the limit to which the application had consulted his friends and decided

the federal authorities. It is very satisfactory to learn from who accepted it in twenty-four hours

Commander Stewart that the young The chances are that, if the proposi men of Canada are showing readi- iton had been available when the Engness to enter the naval service. It lishman was here, he would have ac-would be pleasant to be able to write cepted it. Is not the explanation to that war is to be no more, and that be found in the fact that the Englishthe time has come to convert our man "had consulted his friends?" cannon into structural steel and em- We think so, and in so thinking do not ploy explosives only in removing ob- reflect either upon him or his friends. structions in the way of industrial The Englishman, when in British development; but unfortunately that Columbia, got in touch with things, tively made at the department that all time is yet in the future. We must go on doing as others do, and be pre-pared to defend ourselves when ne-ward he tried to explain the matter cessity for defence arises. Therefore to friends, he could not do so very

cessity for defence arises. Therefore it is a good thing that, as we are to have a Canadian navy, it shall to some extent at least be manned by decided not to invest. Canadians.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

uite ready to act. We give the sto or what it is worth, without su nd train the child. The has developed a wonderful vo is being prepared for her debu gesting that it is worth very ENGLISH INVESTORS urore. She is said to be a "Opportunities" discusses the hesi-ncy of Englishmen to invest money in British Columbia. The

ing in Mexico and

at little thing with no thoughts nything but her music. The British News of Canada havin is not so much to large inver formed its readers that it is

ult for settlers to obtain land ancouver Island in close proximit to a market, a local cont ays the blame for this upon the Mc Bride government. No doubt the present administration has its faults. We are willing to concede for exam-ple that it brought on the Flood, that it was the cause of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, that it is consible for the deforestation of Sahara ' and that Mr McBride really the man that struck Billy Paterson; but when it comes to admitting that it is responsible for the fact that all the available agricultura land in Saanich, Sooke and Me sin has been taken up and that the E. & N. Rallway grant exists, we fear, that in the interest of historical accuracy, we must decline. However, we suppose any old grievance will do. and it may as well be this one as another .

old that she will create

# RUST CASES

The states

of that principle has been carried by not to invest. The proposition was Bath Tub Men in Danger of Imprisonment if Convicted-Electrical Trust Inclined to Obey the Law

> WASHINGTON, March 13 .- The govnment will move for the criminal triat of 34 individuals and four corporations which are defendants in the bath tub trust" cases, the first week in April. The statement is authorita granted to any. . Attorney-General Wickersham has

only. In this respect small English inves-The date of the trial was decided tors are not particularly unlike other after negotiating with the defendants' small investors. A New York man was all pleas of immunity and demutrers attorneys. The courts have overruled No explanation that has yet been in Victoria three years ago. He asked which had been raised.

given satisfactorily accounts for the a friend to tell him a safe investment, Intimations have been received that activity of the forces of the United and was told to buy property on the so-called electrical pools, said to States on the Mexican frontier. So Douglas street. He said he would be part of "electrical trust," against far as the public is able to judge, think about it after he got home. He case, are breaking up. A Thoughtful Expenditure the Wisest Economy WHEN BUYING FURNITURE take plenty of time; look over the article carefully, figure out if it is really worth the price asked. Our furniture, carpets, china, glass, etc., are marked at the lowest prices that goods of quality can be sold for. When buying from us you run no risk of paying the HIGH price usually asked in stores who have BARGAIN SALES. The day of the Faker are about over. It is a good policy to deal at the quality store, Choice Furniture for the Hall

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ay, March 17, 1911,

President Diaz is fully shie to co not invest, although he was With the exception of the incandesimpressed with the suggestion when with the insurrection, and therefore cent bulb section of the business foreign interests are not at all en- it was made to him. He probably dangered by the disturbed conditions consulted friends. In fact he said as of the country. Such ships of the U. much.

S. Navy as are now in Pacific waters are prepared for action, and troops with these people. Just take the the government objects. are being massed on the frontier by matter home to yourself and suppose

then offered to a British Columbian,

the Washington government. There is nothing in the existing good thing in, say, South Africa. are anxious to have the courts decide Would you not be very likely to turn the features of the Plant law in dissituation, as far as the despatches it down? disclose, that calls for such prepara-

tions. Intervention between the gov-

While the late Louis G. McQuade ernment and the insurrectos would be has not been in good health for a long an unwarrantable interference with time, the announcement of his death the sovereign rights of Mexico. There was nevertheless a great shock to his is no reason to expect trouble along many friends. Mr. McQuade was for a the border, and if any should arise it long time identified with the business would be more a matter for police world of Victoria, and enjoyed a dejurisdiction than for military action. served reputation for probity and One cannot see anything arisng out breadth of view. An ex-president of of the insurrection that the United the Board of Trade, he was until his today, four against Samuel Hirsch. States fleet would be called upon to health falled a very active member of

that organization. His death at such A persistent rumor connects Japan an early age is greatly to be regretted. with the situation, but no one has an The Colonist extends to his children even plausible explanation of it. The an assurance of deep sympathy. has its origin in Gerrumor

The Literary Digest reviews the many. There comes from Berlin a story to the effect that principal newspaper utterances brought an offensive and defensive alliance out by the foolish annexation resoluhas been entered into between Mexi- tion proposed by Congressman Benco and the United States, and that a net, and has reached the conclusion similar treaty was made with Nicar- that public sentiment in the United States is absolutely indifferent about agua in which it was stipulated that the Nicaraguan coast should be used the union of Canada with that counby Japan as a base of attack upon try. An opinion based upon the numerous extracts published by the Dithe Panama Canal. An attempt was made to negotiate a treaty with Costa gest is to the effect that, as far as the Rica, but the secret service agent of papers may be taken to reflect public one of the leading high tariff organthe United States burned the house sentiment, the view of the people of

the United States is that annexation in which the Japanese envoys were living and became possessed of all is not a matter that can be seriously their papers. This blocked proceed- considered. ings in Costa Rica, and thereupon a A very pretty little story comes

revolution was started in Nicaragua from London. Mme. Sherwin, a singwhich led to a change of government ing teacher, one Christmas Eve heard there. The rebellion in progress in children singing before her window an Mexico is also attributed to the in- old time Christmas carol. She says fluence of the United States, which she felt annoyed until one of the wishes to get rid of President Diaz. voices reached high C and held it up the trains falled to locate the sus-The determination to fortify the Can- firmly and beautifully. She went to al is said to have arisen out of the the window and saw two little girls, knowledge of the plans of Japan and whom she asked to come in and sing tween Somerset and Cincinnati the present movement of United for her. They were only too glad to States troops is alleged to be based do so, for they were anxious to earn really upon the expectation that Diaz a little money to give their mother a 'o Victoria to take up their res will succeed in suppressing the insur- Christmas present. Mme. Sherwin was here,

against which the Department of Jus tive filed the anti-trust suit at Cleve land, all the others, it is said, have conveyed the intimation that they are There is no use in finding fault willing to stop the practice to which While the lamp case will be you were offered what seemed like a or less in the nature or a friendly suit, both the government and the companies or less in the nature of a friendly suit,

#### U.S. General Retires

pute.

CHICAGO, March 13 .- Major-General G. L. Hodges, in command of the Department of the Lakes, U.S.A., closed his active service in the army today, having reached the age, of retirement.

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#### Cincinnati Graft Cases CINCINNATI, March 13 .- The grand known as Cincinnati's "handbook king" charging him with conducting

gambling games.

#### Mr. Roosevelt in Texas

AUSTIN, Tex., March 13 .- Governor Colquitt and his military staff welcomed Theodore Roosevelt for an our's stop here today. The Colonel was hurried by automobile to the Uni-. versity of Texas, where he addressed. large crowd.

#### Against Reciprocity

BOSTON, March 13.-Resolution eploring President Taft's activity in noting the proposed reciprocity agreement with Canada were adopted mously today by the executive mittee of the Home Market Club, 0 zations of the country.

#### Three Trains Blocked CINCINNATI, O., March 13 .- With the exception of the holding up of

trains at King's Mountain. early this morning, by sympathizers of the striking firemen of the Cincinnati. New Orelans and Texas Pacific railroad, no action of a violent character is reported between Chattanooga an this city today. The posse, pects. No it so today between So cts. No freight trains were n oday between Somerset and Chattan boga, and but few trains were run be

Mr. and Mrs. William Bird, plot

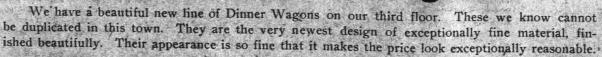


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#### Baron De Constant's

WASHINGTON, March s what he termed th seration' of pessimis tation of the atti d States toward M t disorders of the n De Constant, liplomats of Fran light at the P urged faith in th policy of the U De La Barra, the M. Jusserand