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ens at Fredericton to-day.

A most momentous question has that enterprising, but sometimes effer- men, untenable. escent community desired, they are, in the first flush of their disappointment, saying foolish things. It is said that less, but General Loberts appears to be some of them are even "swearing off" doubtful as to whether loyalty pays that we shall have great news in a day as well as it did a little more than

a century ago in and about St. John. It is, of course, for the political leaders at Ottawa and the advisers also of Her Majesty in London to consider what the consequences may be of leaving a naturally warlike people to brood over the fact that geographical considerations, want of facilities for the work in hand-involving proper safeguards for those to be embarked,-etc. have not been lost sight of in view of the persistency and unanimity of St. John in demanding what it considers should be accorded to it in the matter.

Time, however, which works changes of many kinds, will, no doubt, bring about a more reasonable view of things at the Winter Port of Canada; and our friends there, having come to to their political and national allegiance. increased, would easily suffice for passive Meantime the following lines on the situation will not be without interest :-

From Maharajahed India, From Australia's sheepy strand, From New Zealand's coastal zig-zags, Her vales and mountain land; From the Malay States and Lagos, Cawnpore and Chittagong; From Pemba and Kismayu, Tasmania and Hong Kong; From Canadian sea-grit coast-range, from her inland seas and plains. Her grain-clad rolling prairies and From Victoria to Bras d'or, The Volunteers are hastening And they want to fight in earnest And to make old Kruger quake, To be foremost on the steamer And the first to reach the Cape. The first entrained for Kimberley For Ladysmith, or where The fighting's to be done up brown-They all want to be there.

But while the Australian heroes From Sydney sail away, Zealanders from Dunedin go, And the Indians from Bombay While the hustle's all along the line To get there double quick, And all ranks are pushing forward Without a jar or kick; While from Chilkaht to the Orient The Empire's hosts move fast O'er land and sea, thro' burning sands Or icy northern blast-Canadians must stand at ease, Stack arms and idle wait While a local combination's claim Is caucused by the State.

Never, since the great debating club Of Pumpkinville discoursed Whether measles or the whooping-cough For babyhood was worse; Never since the Sun and Telegraph Filled Halifax with ice And the Chronicle befogged St. John In a way that wasn't nice, Has there been such a weighty theme To cause an army's stay As St. John's demand that from that por The troops shall sail away.

This fateful, all-absorbing theme O'ershadows all beside ; It levels every former feud That great ones did divide. Sears and McCrea and Christie, "Peace with honor" in it find, While the Telegraph, converted, Meekly shuffles into line. No more does that great leader of The fickle public mind Contend that, after searching, It has really failed to find Facilities within its town Tho' it's the Winter Port, of course, To accomodate and ship a few Of martial men and horse. All St John is roused to action Each St. Johnnie with a pull Stacks his duds and tugs at Ottawa With determination full, And he swears by his great jingo And his Loyalistic blood And his Winter Port and Dry Dock And all that's great and good By his own bright sword and rifle And Ougondy's battle-axe That the shipping of South Afric troops Must cease at Halifax. He's got a port as good as that Of which Chebucto boasts, With tidal rise and fall and flow The biggest on our coasts With distance to it greater

That aren't overdone. So St. Johnnies warn the Powers Both of politics and war, At Ottawa and London, Of neglect that's gone too far: And they do protest vehemently, And swear with one acclaim That if a sojer-ship sails not From St. John 'twill be a shame. They say they ought to have their turn And divvey in the snaps, And second fiddle they will play No more to Halifax. They now demand, and mean it too, Without parley or recourse That the shipping profits must be theirs Of Lord Strathcona's horse. Let Laurier tremble should Old Strath Not patronize St. John, For every Liberal vote will change When next election's on.

Let Britain quake and contemplate

Upon a brooding people of Such scandalous neglect.

The direful effect

For the steamship's rapid run And military 'stablishments

Too long has fortressed Halifax Enjoyed Imperial rights, Too long embrasured York Redoubt Triumphed o'er Carleton Heights, Too long has George's Island kept Old Partridge in the shade, Too long has Eastern Battery The Barrack Point unmade: Too long the great masked rifled guns Of Sylvan Pleasant Point The nose of great Fort Dufferin put

Completely out of joint; Too long the frowning Citadel Fort Howe a pasture kept
And the great Imperial barracks crowed
It o'er St. John's neglect. Too long the spacious Dockyard been The Haligonians pride, Too long have Britain's war ships lain At moorings in its tide. Too long-but what's the earthly use Of railing in this way? It's men St. John demands to ship. As well as oats and hay, And if she isn't listened to

Then let the Empire go to dust And Paul Kruger take the bun .-The trodden worm has turned at last Let Blair and Laurier know. By sussion or by force From The Winter Port of Canada

And her will in this not done

tt. John, N. B. | To ship Strathcona's Horse,

THE WAR!

During the past week no material progress appears to have been made towards the relief of Ladysmith or the ending of the war.

General Buller crossed the Tugela in considerable force and was reported to have captured advantageous positions which would enable him to relieve Ladysmith in a few hours; but the been, for some time, agitating the next news was that he had withdrawn public mind in St. John, and as it is his forces to the south side of the said to have been practically decided Tugela, as he found the position he had not exactly as many worthy citizens of taken, at a cost of nearly three hundred

His retreat was a bloodless one.

The news since that is rather colorpreparing for a march up through the on their political fealty and are a little Orange Free State, and it is intimated

A Large Increase in Great Britain's Fight ng Ferces.

London, Feb. 13.—In the Imperial House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Ge re Wyndlam, parliamentary secretary, rose, amid cheers, when the house went into committee on supply, and said that he did not propose to deal with the question of the prosecution of the war, but would proceed immediately to outline other military measures necessary for placing home defence on a satisfactory fee ing. The government he continued, had not even conside ed the question of compulsory service which was entirely unnecessary in view of fo:cer. Since the war ten thousand had jo ned unde: the existing conditions, and, he pointed out, if improved far lit es were offered he anticipated that the voluntary auxillary forces, it their efficiency wa defence, and to garrison the seaports and other positions. They might even go qualified for undertaking more onerous duties. During the spring and summer the volunteer artillery would be re armed and a higher capitation grant wou'd be given the volunteers, coupled with the demand for higher efficiency.

would be formed and the Yeomanry would | public. be treated on the same principles. The artillery, army service corps and engineers necessary for two additional namely thirty-s'x field batteries and seven had been decided to raise twelve add:tional infantry battalions. Continuing, forces would also be expanded by seven regiments and that commissions would be offered to malitia officers, to the colonies and to the universities. At present, the speaker further pointed out, there were 109,000 regulars in the country and the increase was anticirated to be 30 000. There were now 323 300 men in the auxiliary forces and i vis estimated the increase would be 50 000 men. So, altogether, the country would soon have at ! least 517,000 men and Mr. Wyudham antigipated that the number would be

nearer 600,000 than half a million, During the course of his remarks. Mr Wyndham referred to the government's confidence in the power and splendid efficiency of the fleet, saying it was never greater of more legitimate than now. But, in case of the fear of invasion, the garrisoning of the coast towns would de volve on the auxiliary fo c.s. as it would be the first duty of the fleet to be of the enemy's coast, or face to face with th enemy. The gove nment, Mr. Wyndham then said, was not making an appeal for money and men in a spirit of punic. The risk was not very much nea er than a year ago. But it had increased in exact proportion to the reduction of the home military defence, which suffered to justify the present demands for an in crease of the resources for home defence

Not Privilezed.

Judge Vanwart of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick claimed privilege the other day from an order of Judge Wilson of the York County Court made for the purpose of compelling him to appear and disclose his financial affairs on application of a judgment creditor. The matter was carried to the Supreme Court of the province of which Jvdge Vanwart is a member and judgment was given la t Friday.

The majority of the court held that there was no privilege in the case of judge as was conten led by the defendent but they were of the opinion that the or der for examination made by Judge W. son should not have been made ex parte.

Judge Ba kar in his judgment said that in his opinion a judge had no privilege i a case of this kind, not enj yed by any other cit'z n. According to his view of the matter if a judge were brought up fo examination for disclosure and declined t answer the questions put to him, he was liable to be punished for contempt.

Chief Justice Tuck said that he thought strong Judge Wilson had done just what he was author zed to do under the act of assemb ly, The objection raise I on behalf of the defendant he considered to be merely of a technical nata e. He repudiate l any such idea that there was one law for th ordinary debtor and another for th supreme court judge. He regretted exceeding'y that the point had been raised on behalf of the defendent. He was of the opinion that a judge of the supreme court, if he became a debtor, was entitled to no more consideration, other things being equal, than any other common man The court decided to make the rule absol

ute and to quash the order. Mr. Gregory made application to have the order to quash made instanter, but he request was refused.

Fish and Game Protection

[Continued from last week.] At the Saturday morning session of the North American Fish and Game Protection Association, Hon. A. T. Dann, Survevor General of New Brunswick, presided, Hon. Mr. Parent being unavoidably detained else where on important business. The first question taken up was imposition of a license on market men and

sile of game and game fishes.

would recommend the enactment of laws and kill a certain amount of game or against the sale of game.

Mr. D. G. Smith said that whatever might be desirable from the sportsman's standpoint, or whatever he might favor ed by Dr. W. H. Drummond, and personally, he must as a practical man unanimously resolved : 'That we believe oppose the resolution. Is adoption the formation of Fish and Game Protecwould not lead to the legal enactment tive Asseciations is a very desirable sought and if it did the law would not be feature in the enforcement of fish and respected. The convention should not be game laws and we therefore recommend carried away by its sporting enthusiasm from due consideration of its aims, the chief of which were to enlist the sympathies of the public and bring even peachers to see the advantage to themselves of assisting in carrying out its objects. Let the salate properly regulated, and I mited as much as possible, but let us avoid antagonising public sentiment

by asking for unreasonable prohibitions. Mr. Titcomb of Vermont and Mr. Wilson of New York contended for the resol ution, arguing that unless the sale game animale, li ds and fishes were prohibited exta mination would result. Mr. S.nit's cited the salmon, stringle

bass and other fishes of commerce, which were also came fi her, and referred to their importance to the trade of the country and asked if any practical and reason- Fettler, of Massachusetts, testified to the able man could seriously contemplate the prevention of their being sold in open spective States, market? Moreover, he pointed out that if t'e right to sell such fish were taken je, seconded by Hon. A. T. Dunn, and away by law it would lead to a general weer ied disregard of all enac men's for fish and game pro ection. He cited the effect of the Dominio , Act of 1889 which by one short s ction prohibited the taking of silmon with nets or "other engines" in non-tidal waters, and said it injustice had caused thousands of people to become peachers or sympathisers with poaching. the activity of recruiting for the auxillary | The convention could not afford to ignore such exper er cas.

The resolution was finally amended and passed as fallows:

"That in view of the large destructions, of game, caused by ma ket or pot hunters, that the convention would recommend the non-sale of game or the restriction of ane as much as possible.

discussed largely from the standpoints of Quebec, Vermont and Maine.

suongly in favor of all wild lands and A mounted infantry volunteer corps angling waters being left open to the

private individuals or clubs spent thousands to protect their leased territory, army corps would be raised forthwith, | their rights should be respected. Besides, experience showed that Government conhorse batteries. The speaker also said it trol was not efficient. In the United States they were obliged to restock their streams, which had been protected only Mr. Wyndham said the existing cavalry by Government officials. He gave as Canadian instance, the St. John's River, 'n' Gaspe. He had leased the river in 1891. In 1890, there were no more salmon left, He and his associates had since spent \$30,000 in protecting this liver, which was now one of the best salmon rive s in the sign a declaration that the granting of for close seasons." This was carried. further licenses would injure the supply of salmon. Sir Cha les H. Tupper had monizing the laws had not been able

> Mr. Joneas said that the Wardens em- ed by D. G. Smith ; ployed by lessees and club men did more

Mr. D. G. Smith said that was the experience in New Brunswick, so far as the r.v. rs were concerned. Indeed, if it were who clamored for free fishing were the moved, seconded by D. G. Smith : men who did not want to see a protective officer, but wou'd take fish in any way they could get them -legal or otherwise. It was a well known fact that all nivers which we: e easily accessible to centres of population, or ran through set led por tions of the country, were invariably depleted of their fish, while rivers that were leased remained valuable assets of the country by reason of the pro tection which lessees gave them., People needed protection from themselves in re-

gard to their game fishes. Mr. M. Combie said there were no leases of wild lands in Maine, save in smil areas. If the same rule prevailed it Canada thousands of sportsmen would come here to hunt and fish.

Mr. Wilson of New York pointed out how the fishing and sporting clubs pin tected the fish and game of the country at enormous co.t to themselves, and he instanced cases where hundreds of thousands of d lars had been spent in increasing the stocks of big game animals and stocking w. ters with fish after "the public" had absolutely deple el them.

Mr. McC mbie, having withdrawn a resolution favoring the abiclite prohibition of leases of forest are s to angling and sporting club; etc. Dr. Boisson

"That it would be desirable to have on sale by the Department of Lands and F sheries, lots fr in one half to ten acres t o dinary conditions excepting land

This referred only to the Province Quebec and was discussed from that s'andpoint. During the debate F. tt'er of Boston, referring to Mr. Mc-C.ombie's statement that there were eases of will lan's in Maine, save am Il areas, said that the c'ubs in that State held extensive tract, and he named the Megantic and other clubs in northern Maine whose areas were very large.

by one majority, the general idea being that each gove: nment should in such mat, ters as this, be free to carry out its own

Mr. Ussher movel, seconded by Dr. Porter, - "That the sense of this meeting is that the best interest of those States and Provinces which permit leases to clubs would not be served by leasing the'r entire wild lands, but that a considerable portion of such territory should be open for shooting and fishing under

Mr. Joneas pointed out that the Province of Quebec already had such reserved territories. The Laurentides National The speakers generally favored prohibi- Park, and the Trembling Mountain Park tion to the effect that the Association license, parties would be allowed to go in President.

take a certain quantity of fish.

The motion was adopted. It was moved by L. H. Stearns, secondto the Governmen's of the respective states and provinces that every reasonable encouragement be given to the formation of such associations."

At Saturday afternoon's session Hon. Mr. Parent occupied the chair.

It was moved by D. G. Smith, seconded by E. T. D. Chambers, and resolved "That a committee of this association, to be called the promotion committee, be appointed for the purpose of turnishing data - to and otherwise dismicaing through the press and other public channels of communic ton with the reople, information calculated to promote particularly our protective objec s."

Col. P. C. Luird remarked that the Canadian p ess was already with them, while Mr. Titcomb of Vermont and Mr. good work done by the press in their re-

It was proposed by Mr. John Fottler.

That the association request transportation companies to instruct their agents to rende any assi tance to the enforcement of the law in regard to shipmen's of

The following motion by W. G. Parish, seconded by H. E. Welsh, was also

"Resolved-That it is expedient for the proper authorities to instruct their wardens and officers to enforce laws, in all cases, wi has much courtesy as possible. specially regarding foreign sportsmen.

Mr. Ussher brought up the question of a continuous close season. He did not think that the Ontario system, for in-The subject of leasing, hunting and stance, of closing a whole province to fishing privileges was next taken up and mosse hunters, produced the effect

Mr. Titcomb was of contrary opinion. Mr. A. N. Shewan, M. A. a gued In Vermont, through such a system, they had propagated deer.

Brunswick method. They had made a Mr. Fottler, of Bo ton, said that if close season west of the St. John river for moose, and this had proved a success. Mr. Dickson maintained the wisdom

and good effects of the Ontario close season for moose. Messrs. McCrombie and Ussher were of opinion that the law was not observed near the Quebec border. After further discussion the question of

close sesson for fish came up and it was moved by W. C. Parish, seconded by J. McCrombie "As many waters have not at present

the right dates for close season for angfing-Resolved: That it is the opinion country. They had also bought out the of this convention that the authorities fishing rights of the net fishermen at the who have the naming of such dates should estuary, and had got there fishermen to make more efforts to find out proper times

As the committee appointed on harapproved this declaration and no further deal sufficiently with the subject, it proposed by E. T. D. Chambers, second-"That report of Special Committee on

than the government officers in protecting Clause No. 4 -Harmonizing of laws of the provinces and states, be deferred until next annual meeting of convention." Some regret was expressed that more progress was not made in this direction, not for the protection given to the best but the general feeling was that much had salmon rivers by the lessees and ripar an been done to promote this desirable end, owners there would be nothing to protect. and that the question was so great as to Unfortunately, the portion of the public need further s'udy. Mr. C. H. Wilson "That this Association form itself into

> a committee of whole to promote membership and report to the joint secretaries whenever a member signifies his intention On motion of D. G. Smith seconded by Mr. E. T. D. Chambers a representative

and states was appointed under the resolution as the Association's Promotion A committee to draft a constitution and bye-laws to be submitted to the next

annual meeting was also appointed. As the business of the Convention was finished, a motion was made that Hon. S. N. Parent leave the chair, to which Hon.

Mr. Jumes Dickson, on the part of Octain, moved a hearty vote of thanks to Hon, S. N. Parent for calling this meeting together, for the able manner in which he had presided, and for the female sex. hospital ty and courtesy with which he had treated all present.

A. T. Dunn was called.

Mr. J. McCrombie also added his trib u gs to the merits of the Honorable Presi-

Mr. D. G. Smith, after refe ring to the on behalf of New Brungwick, on learning of enthusiasm of Hon. Mr. Parent in conmoved, seconded by Mr. L. O. Arm is ton with the convention's work, said they could not but see in this meeting a happy example of the harmony which prevailed among all nationalities and creeds in this country and the neighboring republic,

and he hearti'y seconded the motion. After others had spoken-Hon. A. Dann, in putting the motion, as a representative of Nev Brunswick, wished to thank the Chairman for the opportunity afforded of meeting so many gentlemen interes'ed in the preservation of fish and game, and for the sp'endid hospitality

Hon. S. N. Parent, on rising to reply, said he hardly knew what to say. Dr. B isson's resolution finally passed | considered his thanks were due to the gen lemen present for le .ving their occupations to accept his invitation, and he considered they had done good work. He had done his best to make the niceting profitable and agreeable, and he was pleased to hear that they were sa isfled. He wished to convey his thanks also to the press which had given them great as sistance already in making their work known to the public. The greatest work lay before them still, and he hoped to se them all again next year with many

The meeting was adjourned until next the President. The next meeting will also take place in Montreal,

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> "I regard woman's rights women and society leaders in the higher walks of life as the worst enemies of the female sex. They rob woman of all that is amiable and gentle, tender and attractive; they rob her of her innate grace of character, and give her nothing in return but masculine boldness and brazen effcontery.

> "They are habitually preaching about woman's rgh's and prerogatives, and have not a word to say about her duties and responsibilities. They wi hiraw her from those sacred obligations which propeily belong to her sex, and fill her with amoition to usurp positions for which neither God nor nature ever intended

> "Under the influence of such teachers we find woman, especially in higher circles, neglecting the household duties, gadding about, never at peace unless she is in perpetual motion, never at ease unless she is in a strife of morbid excitement. She rever feels at home except

"When she is at home the house is itksome te her. She chafes and frets under the restraint and responsibility of domestic life. Her heart is abroad. It is exuling in imagination, in some s cial triumph, or revelling in some some of gayety and di: sipation. Her afflicted husband comes home to find it empty or occupied by a woman whose heart is void of affection for him. She is ill at case : thon arise di committee from the different provinces

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Marquis of Dufferin, Clandeboye, Belfast :-Beg to offer heartfelt sympathy of province personally and Lidy Dafferin are beloved. DUFF MILLER. Agent General for New Brunswick.

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