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RICHIBUCTO, N. B., MAY 14, 1891. FIRST FIZZLE OF THE SESSION.

The debate in the Dominion Parliament on the address fizzled out in a disappointing manner. At the outset it promised well. Mr. Hazen led off in a lively manner, and showed that the spirit of fight wa- in him, striking right from the shoulder at Sir R. Cartwright for his slanderous attack on the Maritime Province people Mr. Laurier was more pointed than usual, and spoke with more than common vim. Sir Richard Cartwright, always a bitter debater, was at his bitterest. Mr. Charlton did his best in opposition to the Government. The Minister of Finance rose to occasion, and spoke well. The prospect of a vigorous struggle was fine beyond the common. Expectation in Liberal Conservative circles, founded on the spirit shown by the Reform speakers, and on rumors of sanguinary intentions from the Reform caucus, ranged high. Suddenly appeared a collapse. Nobody seemed to have anything further to say. No amendment was moved, not even a division was challenged, and the address passed in the quietest manner. It was a great fizzle. From the throes of a mountain, a very place to bring forward amendments, and theirs to insist on a division and the taking of names. No doubt, they had good reason for their abstention.

their two men, Messrs. Hazen and Foster, carried off the honors of the debate.

A MENACING MOVEMENT.

Millions upon millions of pounds sterl ing have been sunk by the great naval powers of the world in the creation of iron clad fleets. The developments in that line during the last quarter of century have been simply wonderful. Ship after ship has been constructed of ever growing size, with engines of vast horse power, clad in armour plates of tremendous resisting capacity, and armed with guns of terrific power or of marvellously swift firing capabilities. Any one of these ships, well handled, with plenty of sea room, would be more than a match for all the world's fleet down to say fifty years ago or even less.

Yet nobody has felt quite sure as to the real war-like value of these apparently terrible ships. For first, as armoured ships have grown stronger, guns have developed corresponding increase of power. And then, torpedo craft have put in an appearance, and lately with alarming effect. Two fine Chilian iron-elad vessels were lately destroyed in a Chilian harbor by an insignificent torpedo boat. The iron-clads were not first rate line of battle ships, but if the most powerful vessels of the British, the French or the Italian fleets were struck by a torpedo as those ships were they would of necessity share the same fate. If that is so, the case is narrowed down in behalf of the iron-clads to hall by the Au Fait Club, was, we think, LEATHER of all Kinds. the enquiry can means be secured to guard pedo attack.

the ships. In view of this Chilian occur- of better success next time. rence, the question, can these appliances be relied on to secure the safety of the great iron-clads, must be torturing all the chief naval officers in the world. It is a question of tremendous importance for the British people. The menace of the torpedo seems in its own line a reproduction of the peril threatened by the swordfish to the whale. The whale is a magnificent creature possessed of vast power. The sword fish is a comparatively insignificant thing, but its dangerous weapon has destroyed many and many a whale.

BLAINE'S NEW POINT.

Lord Salisbury's late despatch on the Behring See matter was apparently a most conclusive defence of the British claim to a right to take seals in that sea outside the three mile shore limit. But Mr. Blaine has replied vigorously and made a point which seems to require an answer. The point is that the British Government exercises jurisdiction by law on a sea space beyond the Scottish coast far outside the three mile limit, to protect the fisheries on the Scotch coast; and Mr. Blaine argues that the United States Government has an equal right to exercise jurisdiction over

Behing Sea to protect the seal fishery. The retort does not touch the merits of

the question; still one would like to see a satisfactory explanation. Doubtless it will be forthcoming.

THE NEW BOER TROUBLE.

There seems reason to fear that a new and serious Boer trouble is brewing in Southern Africa. A Boer expedition to be made up it is said, but not perhaps truly, of contingents from the Transvaal Republic, the Orange Free State, and even from the Cape Colony for the capture of Mashonaland, and the establishment of a republic therein. This is the splendid region in which the new British African Company has begun to operate and in which it expected to accomplish great things. The Salisbury Government is sending troops to Africa to throw themselves across the path of the threatened Boer trek.

If the circumstances are as related, the greatest energy and forethought are called for from the Salisbury Government to deal with the emergency. Happily a Gladstone Government is not now in power. Mr. Gladstone has a great record as a statesman, but as an administrator of foreign affairs, he was one of the feeblest men that ever occupied a high place at the right hand of a British sovereign. The great humiliation the British people were subjected to a few years ago at the hands of the Boers was due mainly to the blundering and the cowardice displayed by a Gladstone Government.

The Grand Jury of New Orleans has covered itself with discredit by its refusal to make a presentment against the murderers of the Italian prisoners. Its argument in defence of its non-action in the case is a contemptible quibble.

Portland, Me.

DEAR EDITOR :- Will you kindly publish these few notes, which may be found interesting by many of your readers. They must not, however, expect too much from our feeble efforts, as this is our first small mouse was barely perceptible. The trial at correspondence. With a little Opposition was responsible. It was their practice we may succeed better, and, after a while, we hope, give them more satisfaction. We think it is not quite just that Portland, where so many of our N. B. young ladies reside, should never have a It is gratifying to New Brunswick that word said of it in The Review. We have been waiting for some one to 'send notes, but as we have waited so long in vain, we have decided to take up the cudgels.

We will not in the least attempt to describe the city, as we know we would surely end in failure. Suffice it to say that it is a beautiful place, and contains many pleasant spots and picturesque nooks. Just now we are having elegant weather, and if nature is not yet clothed in her brightest robes she is at least very beautiful, wi h trees budded and flowers blooming all around. The cool and shady summer resorts-the eastern and western promenade and the Oaks, are now haunted by all who wish to enjoy a pleasant and refreshing walk, or a cosy nook to sit and dream in, more especially though by those who think that two is company-etc. But for all Portland's beauties we love our N. B. best. Some seem to think it is the man that makes the difference, and some of our N. B. friends have already settled down here. We think it would take two men to cause us to desert that sweet little spot in our county-home. We do not know how it should feel to make the experience.

We learn that our friend Jennie intends settling down here pretty soon. We wish her much happiness.

There have been a few cases of la grippe among our friends lately. We are pleased to know that Misses A. Gorman and R. O'Neil have recovered from their severe attack, and are able to be out again.

The concert given in St. Dominick's a success. It was well attended, the hall these monster vessels on the darkest nights being crowded, and in the audience we as well as in broad daylight against tor- noticed quite a number of our down east friends. Among others, Amie was in at-Much has been done to rob darkness of tendance, not with her usual escort though, its dangers in the case by the use of elec- as Joe was on duty. The substitute did tric lights, and to prevent contact with very well for the occasion but did not suctopedoes by the use of netting encircling | ceed in cutting J. out. We hope to hear

Miss Bella Hickey has undertaken the dress making business. She deserves success and we hope she may prosper beyond

We have been visited by some of our Molus River friends lately. Messrs. Gor-dan and James Stevenson and James Gra-HACKNOMORE, ham were in the city for some time, but have now left for parts unknown.

Mr. D. McIntosh, of Chatham Head, has been in the city for some time on important business. We hope he is succeeding well.

Rumor says that our friend, Miss Flora, is going to be married soon; also Miss Katie, report says that she was buying her wedding trousseau the other day. Much happiness to you, dear girls.

More anon, from the TWIN SISTERS.

Portland, May 4, 1891.

A prize fight between Amesbury and Davies at Dowlais, G. B., recently came to a sad ending. Everything went on as usual until the last round, when both men fell, and Davies was found to be unconscious. He was carried to a public house, and died shortly afterward. Amesbury and eight of the men present were held on charge of manslaughter.

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