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### THE NAVAL ISSUE

'After nearly three weeks' debate on the Naval Defence "Emergency" Bill parliament adjourned last week for the Christmas holidays with the two parties as far apart as ever on this great issue. The Liberals throughout based their arguments for Canadian units of the imperial navy on the statements and dicuments issued by responsible British ministers. The Conservatives as solidly supported the emergency contribution idea inhad best do for "immediate effective aid"; and where their arguments by the imperial authorities they sedulously avoided them, relying on rhetoric and sophistry to answer the Liberal arguments. The Conservative idea, as usual, was that, if the facts yards, etc. differed from them, so much the worse for the facts. As to the Nationalists they simply stood pat. They had forced the emergency and were quite willing to let the government face it.

The marked feature of the latter portion of the debate, however, was the continued and studied discourtesy of the Conservative leaders. Having trumpeted to the world that they were filled with lofty and ennobling patriotic ideas far removed from the arena of party strife, they called on the Liberals to take up the same high plane and not consider the question from a political point of view. Then they proceeded to take advantage of every possible partisan trick to gain ground in the country. Although facing the most momentous debate since confederation the members of the government absented themselves as far as possible. Instead of the leaders of the party placing themselves on record so that their arguments could be digested by the country during the vacation they were held back and inconsequential back-benchers put up to kill time.

Then, as a last piece of political trickery, the government produced their crack orator for the final ses sion with the evident idea of getting Hon. Mr. Foster's speech before the country without giving to the Liberals a chance to reply.

Hon. Mr. Foster rose to the occasion with a speech which, was a ras terpiece of sophistry and twisting of facts-full of his usual parliamen ary eloquence and shiftiness. For instance, to prove that there was a real emergency he declared that by 1920 the German fleet would be not one whit inferior to the British. Yet Hon. Mr. Borden, on introducing the measure, had shown that by 1915 Great Britain would have twenty-five dreadnoughts and two Lord Nelsons to Germany's seventeen dreadnoughts The only possible way in which Mr. Foster's declaration could come within the bounds of possibility would be that Great Britain would stop building ships altogether or run a good proportion of her navy ashore For the rest, Hon. Mr. Foster forgot his previous speeches advocating a Canadian navy, dodged the facts where they disagreed with him, and spent much time sneering at Liberal policies of the past, evidently forgetting that the Liberal party, like the British fleet and unlike the Conservative party, was one of continual progress and not a party of emergencies.

House a clearcut challenge that if the Conservatives were so certain the country would prefer their expedient to the Liberal naval policy they should face the people upon it and to do this the Liberals would do everything possible to expedite the passing of the Redistribution Bill. The government forces, however, preferred to face the country for their Christmas holidays.

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Contractors deposits	6,909.62 3,782.74	12,221.35
Commuted pensions		29,832.53
Graph Falls Co. land purchase		18,653.48
Jordan Memorial Sanitorium contribution to children's pavilion		2,000.00
Grand Falls sinking fund		1,108.3

### ITALIANS REPLACED

(Continued from page eight) APPEAL NEXT MONTH

The appeal of the railway comerty in this city will come before the supreme Court at January Sittings The fire which started from

(By direct private wires lof J. C. MacKintosh & Co. bankers, Queen Streat).

Northern Pacific Railroad places \$10,000,000 equipment orders. with insurance of \$5,500. Turkeys counter proposals for peace terms to be considered Saturday

conferences over a long period. New York, N. Y., Dec. 26—If there was to become dull and narrower towards end of the first hour. No one start business here again. expected any activity during the sesof any material change before the end of the year. As foreign markets were closed Wall Street was without its usual key to international political situation and for the time being had practically ceased to take interest in it. There was a moderate showing of strength in the Petroleum issues but traders were not inclined to follow a lead in these stocks, with them it was the tractions or nothing

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MONTREAL MORNING SALES

Quotations by J. M. Robinson & Sons, Bankers and Brokers, St. John, N.B.) Royal Bank-25 @ 223

Bank of N.S.-75 @ 263 Merchants Bank-3 @ 193 Canners ... 275 @ 75; 350 @ 75½; 75 68½; 25 @ 68¼

revenue of the province last year amounted to \$1,417,722.17, the largest in its history. Although the accounts have been juggled to show a surplus of \$8,000, every dollar of the revenue has been expended and more too. However, the final word on the sub- The Flemming government went into ject came from a Liberal, Mr. Hugh power pledged to economy, but has Guthrie. Although he had no time to proved irself the most extravagant make a speech he flung across the administration the province has had since Confederation.

> Chief Justice Barker in a newspaper interview intimates that he has no intention of retiring from the bench at present. It looks as if Mr. Crocket was in for another disap-

The merchants of Fredericton, without exception declare that trade dur-According to a statement publish- ing the Christmas season was the ed in this week's Royal Gazette, the best in their experience.

## ...\$2,285,766.30 \$2,781,112.55

SUSSEX VISITED

Sussex, N.B., Dec. 25-The Christmas holiday here was rudely disturbvented by Mr. Borden when he asked pany from the award of the arbitra- ed this morning about 10.45 o'clock the British government what Canada tors in the matter of the value of a by a fire which broke out in the right-of-way through the Odell prop- Fowier block causing destruction to

The fire which started from the differed from the facts as presented it is expected. The matter of the location of the line in other parts of and J. T. Prescott, who immediately the city is not to be dealt with un- gave the alarm. When the firemen artil word is heard from the Railway rived smoke was pouring from the Commission. The same is true with windows and hallway. Evidently the regard to the location of station, fire had been smouldering in the walis and floor for some toma. Two-thirds of the block was badly gutted, leav

gg only a brick shell. The damage to the building which is owned by G. W. Fowler, M.P., is estimated at \$10,000 with insurance of \$8,000.

George Suffren, jeweller, who occupied rooms on the first floor was a heavy loser, estimated at \$9,000

The Bank of New Brunswick next door, did not meet with any great loss except from water, and that London may result in extending the they will be put out of business Their amalgamation with the Bank of Nova Scotia takes place in about

The second floor was occupied Geo. Hallett, photographer; Dr. A.B. sion an there was little expectation Teakles, dentist; and Walter S. Fair weather, tenant, all of whom met with a serious loss. Fairweather's loss on furniture and etc., is \$2,000 with insurance of \$1,250. Dr. Teakies loss is about \$2,000, insurance \$1,500 and Geo. Hallet's loss \$800 with insurance of about \$400

The firemen did good work and con fined the fire within the block. The Salvage Corps was also instrumental in saving much property.

The Fowler block was a splendid up-to-date building built in 1900 at a cost of \$20,000, and it is a serious loss to the town. It is not definitely known whether the building wiil be immediately rebuilt or not.

Power-200 @ 233

Cement-4 @ 92; 1 @ 921

Spanish River—5 @ 96½; 25 @ 97 Quebec Rails—25 @ 17 Bell Telephone—25 @ 168 Illinois—10 @ 911 Woods-19 @ 115 R. & O.-15 @ 1181 Paper-30 @ 271 Iron Com-40 @ 58; 50 @ 581 Detroit-25 @ 74½ Crown Reserve-100 @ 359 Spanish River-25 @ 6 1; 25 @ 661 100 @ 67; 25 @ 68; 25 @ 67%; 25 @

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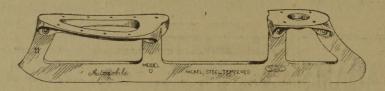
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