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ENLARGING THE NAVY.

Britain's navy estimates for 1903-4 provide for an expenditure of \$179,184,205, an amount unparalleled in peace or war. In presenting the statement to parliament, Arnold Foster, secretary of the Admiralty said that as a private citizen he could not help regretting that the great competition and rivalry in the matter of naval armament continued to make this enormous and unproductive expenditure necessary.

The Secretary said the Admiralty proposes to complete this year six new battleships, eleven armored cruisers and one second-class cruiser, two stowers, eight torpedo boats and three submarine boats. He also asked the House to sanction the commencement of three battleships of a very formidable type, four first-class and three third-class cruisers, four very fast vessels to be used as scouts, fifteen torpedo destroyers, and ten submarine boats. He incidentally mentioned that twenty-one obsolete vessels had been withdrawn during the year 1902-3, the largest number on record, and said that on April 1 there will be under construction the enormous total of seventy-one ships, namely: Eleven battleships, nineteen cruisers, two second-class cruisers, four third class cruisers, four scouts, two sloops, eighteen torpedo boat destroyers, eight torpedo boats and three submarine boats.

Canadians, including some members of the British Empire League who urge that this country should be forced to contribute to the support of the British navy, hold opinions at variance with Imperial statesmen.

The matter was debated in the House of Commons at Westminster, Tuesday night, and the speech of Arnold Foster, the secretary of the navy, on behalf of the ministry, is accepted as positive evidence that the British government has no desire nor intention to put the smallest pressure on the colonies to make money contributions to the Imperial navy. Radical and Conservative speakers alike agreed that to do so would be futile and most impolitic. Whatever the colonies voluntarily contribute will be heartily welcomed, but no pressure will ever be exerted.

BRITISH COLUMBIA POLITICS.

Col. Prior still holds on to the premiership of British Columbia, though it is believed that he does not possess a majority of the legislature. It is said he is urging the governor, Sir Henri Joly, to grant a dissolution.

In the meantime the Liberals of the province are organizing for an electoral fight on straight party lines, and have offered the leadership to Ralph Smith, M.P. A disturbing element in the party is the redoubtable Joe Martin who is opposed to making federal party lines an issue. At a meeting of the Vancouver Liberal Association Mr. Martin declared that he could be elected at any time without the Liberal Association's support, and would still be leader of the party in the province when "these dogs (those who supported the motion) were hung." When the vote was taken, the resolution calling the convention was sustained by an overwhelming majority. It was decided that only the members in good standing could vote, and it was then discovered that Mr. Martin had not paid his dues and was thus unable to vote.

THE CASE OF GAMEY.

Gamey has furnished no evidence that the Ontario government made advances towards him for the purpose of securing his support. All efforts in that line

came from Gamey himself. As a contemporary observes:

"Gamey, unsolicited and untempted, deliberately indicated himself as one who might be approached with bribes. It was he who approached Mr. Stratton, went to his office, spoke slightly of Mr. Whitney whom he had been elected to support; enquired about the patronage for his constituency; asked for a railway pass, etc. In other words, he made himself the real seducer. Then he issued false statements to the public press, and showed himself as devoid of self-respect as of personal honour."

Gamey's friends are exploiting him as a hero, but he is really a very undesirable type of a man, a self confessed pimp and informer and betrayer. There seems to be a very strong opinion in Ontario that when he is called for examination before the commission of judges, his story will be dissected and disproved so that the Conservatives will wish they had never attempted to use him as an instrument with which to destroy the Ross government.

HARD KNOCKS FOR CONSERVATIVES.

There seems to be quite a general revolt against the Tory government of Great Britain. Bye election after bye election has gone against them. The latest reverse occurred in Rye division of Sussex, where the Liberal candidate was elected by 534 majority over his Conservative opponent. The seat was carried by the Conservatives in the last election by a large majority. In the House of Commons some forty-five young Conservatives are organized into a fourth party, led by Winston Churchill and other aggressive and popular men. They are opposed to the continued occupation of portfolios by statesmen who are claimed to be non-progressive and out of touch with the country, and their criticisms are very embarrassing to the ministry. However the government seems to have established very friendly relations with the Nationalists by the promise of a very liberal land purchase bill and other concessions, which it is alleged will considerably allay Irish discontent.

THE RUSH OF IMMIGRANTS.

A Milwaukee despatch says that the excursion season to the Canadian Northwest is on in full force, and the number of most desirable people who are going there to locate is far in excess of anything anticipated by the most sanguine. The movement from Wisconsin is very heavy and is largely made up of well-to-do farmers with large grown up families, all taking ample means and full supplies of farming and household effects. It is expected that during April the railways will be taxed to their utmost to handle the business.

This is very gratifying to the people of this country, and is only one isolated example of the great rush to Canada. There are at present on the ocean en route to this country from England 1400 immigrants, and the steamship companies have had to refuse hundreds of applications for passages during the next six weeks.

It paid Canada to put the Liberals in power if for no other reason than that a live, intelligent immigration policy was introduced since 1896. Canadian agents are to be found all over the western states and in every quarter of Europe where desirable settlers may be found, pushing immigration business.

It is understood that Premier Ross of Ontario declines to accept the resignation of Hon. J. R. Stratton. It is contended that there is no constitutional or public reason why he should do so, as the accused Minister has denied the charges positively, and claims that he can vindicate himself fully before the commission. The refusal of the Opposition to give up the papers containing Mr. Gamey's charges, it is held, shows their dread of the investigation, and strengthens the position of the Minister and the Government.

The Ottawa Citizen is authority for the statement that a movement is on foot to impeach Judge Macdonald of Brockville, Ont. It is alleged that the Judge has been influenced in some of his decisions by a Church of England clergyman, who sometimes sits with him on the Bench. Judge Macdonald is an appointee of the late Government and was a member of the Prohibition Commission.

Although the Ross government is suffering from the effects of the Gamey charges, they continue to be lucky in the constituencies. They do not want any more vacancies in the House to occur until the Gamey matter is cleared up, and so must be well pleased at the announcement that protests pending against their supporters in East Middlesex and North Grey have been dismissed.

Ira D. Sankey, the famous singing evangelist, has lost the sight of both eyes.

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