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TELEPHONE CALLS: 

SAINT JOHN, THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 20, 1909.

The first session of the Eleventh Parliament of Canada opened January 20, and closed May 19, occupy ecisely four months. During that time the House of one sat 84 days, and the Senate 48. The

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ailways had reported, and this report was submitted, but othing was done about it except that Mr. Graham made

monthly. They rejected motions in favor of coltaining security from the Grand Truak Pacific for advances. They voted down a motion to prevent collection in public tenders.

The doverament came out of the election somewhat weakened in the number of supporters. Still more then and since has the ministry suffered in indiance, respect and prostige. Nearly everything has gone wrong. The particular made good the promises on its behalf. It is costing more than double the estimate. The company has not been willing to provide out the behalf. It is costing more than double the estimate. The company has not been willing to provide out the behalf. It is costing more than double the estimate. The company has not been willing to provide out the standard Truak Company. At the Camebo Bridge and Company. The Camebo Bridge and Camebo Bridge

Then the Government has undoubtedly less and respect through the exposures connected with the Minister of Public Works. These events are familiar to an. Mr. Pugsley has kept the Government defending him or apologizing for him, and itself, ever since he became a minister. Sir Wilfrid must often have wished that he had Mr. Emmerson or Mr. Blair back with all their faults if he could escape his recent experiences. The Premier must already have had his regrets for the past and his misgivings for the future. But a day of deeper trouble awaits him when he will repent bitterly his praise of a minister whose record called for something

The Opposition gathered in Parliament stronger in numbers than before and with a number of untried men. It has been found that the recruits include some men of exceptional ability, industry and energy. These have thrown themselves in the work of Parliament with vigor, and have conducted themselves like experienced public men. As an organization the Opposition has worked better than at any time since the change of Government. The "team work" has been good. There has been perfect harmony a thorough understanding, and been perfect harmony, a thorough understanding, and a loyalty toward Mr. Borden based on both affection and respect. A strong evidence of the superiority of the Opposition discipline is found in the fact that in nearly every division the Government margin was less than the normal majority. Sometimes, as in the last Pugsley vote the majority recorded was little more than half what i would be on a full party vote. It was never the Oppos ion but always the Government which had to explai

Lastly it may be said that the Opposition has put it Lastry it may be said that the opposition has put it-self on record on many occasions, and the principles expressed in these declarations do the party credit. The Government could command more votes, but the Con-servatives in the eleventh Parliament need not be ashamed to present their record to the country.

Senate sittings were a little over half as many, and on the average much less than half as long as those of the Commons, so that the Senators earned their indemnity regulations. Professor Starr Jordan, on the American side, had sent out circular letters containing these pro easier.

The Speech from the Throne promised some legisheds speech from the Throne promised some legisheds which has not passed and omitted mention of the important Government bills that were enacted.

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Two paragraphs boasted of the progress of the Transcontinental, but the Speech from the Throne omitted all mention of the ten million dollar loan bill, though the ministers had bargained with the company before the election that the advance would be made.

It was mentioned in the Speech that explorers were at work on the Hudson Bay railway surveys, and that the report would enable a decision to be reached as to the route and cost. No decision has been announced. It was announced that the Commission on branch railways had reported, and this report was submitted, but

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The speech announced that Commissioner Cassels would report the result of his inquiry into the Marine Department. This was done but Parliament took no action except to vote down a motion that this inquiry be actended. The minister dismissed a few subordinates.

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The speech promised an immigration. The measure was introduced and dropped.

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MONTREAL AND TARIFF PREFERENCE.

Bills that were passed but had not been promised in the speech were the ten million loan to the Grand Trunk, the measure authorizing Mr. Fielding to borrow fifty millions, the bill adding to the number of salaried ministers, the bill creating the Department of the Exterior, the bill increasing the salaries of deputy ministers, and other high officers.

The Government and its friends did a large business in heading off the inquiries. They rejected a motion for in quiry into the McAvity rake-off, they rejected the Central Railway resolution, they voted down a motion for the extension of Judge Cassels' investigation. Their Public Accounts Committee burked a number of investigators. They allowed the Lancaster level crossing bill to be the Empire to determine for itself. All that this programme affirms is that the tariff within the Empire shall form the Empire shall fatter it had three times passed the House unanistrance of the control of Glace Bay, was in the city yesterday.

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Mr. A. E. Prince, of the C. P. R., was a passenger to the city on the Montreal express.

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