

Montreal, or elsewhere, pointing out the great impetus given to the industries of the country, and you will find editorials contradicting, and making statements directly opposite to the local reports. Then my hon. friend says, in connection with the editorial I have read, that the editor was paid for it. I do not think my hon. friend, the editor of that paper, will thank my hon. friend opposite for the supposition that he was paid to make this statement.

MR. MACKENZIE—An editor is not bought because he takes pay for advertisements.

SIR LEONARD TILLEY—Here is a distinct statement, and no doubt true, that furniture can be bought in the city of St. John to-day of that description as cheap as can be bought in New York or Boston, which is a saving of 35 per cent., or $17\frac{1}{2}$ on the old tariff.

MR. ANGLIN—That is not true.

SIR LEONARD TILLEY—Well, I venture to say that there is a great deal of furniture that can be so bought; there may be some few special kinds that cannot, but there is no question about a large portion being required for common use. I might occupy the attention of the House for a longer time in giving the result of my visits to London, to Brantford, to Berlin, &c. I was greatly surprised to find in Berlin a very important industry, employing 250 people, making buttons, and the gentleman who was in charge of one of the manufactures said the number would be increased by fifty or seventy this year. In that town alone there are three establishments for the manufacture of buttons.

AN HON. GENTLEMAN—How long have they been established?

SIR LEONARD TILLEY—They may have been established for years, but have been in a declining condition for some time past, but new energy has been given to them by the operation of the tariff. The number of persons employed in them has been increased or doubled in many cases. The hon. gentleman maintained that, because these manufactures were established in 1872 or 1873, no credit is due to the National Policy for an increased prosperity. I will not occupy the time of the House by relating my experience in Hamilton, one of the largest and most important manufacturing centres in the Dominion; in St. Catharines, where there are two large flour mills, grinding about 400 barrels of flour each, per day. The gentlemen owning these mills are politically opposed to us, and one of them said to me, that times have not been so prosperous with them for the past four years as they