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Fully \$60,000 of ordinary revenue was expenddist year on bridges which the late government would have classified as permanent and charged to capital. Some of the increased income goes to meet the larger interest charge inherited by this ministry. But a large part is added to the outlay for education, and the could be strengthen the Empire, and increase the Canadian sense of Imperial responsibility. But a large part is added to the outlay for education, still more for agriculture and yet more for the roads, and bridges of the province. On both appropriations the farmers get the greater part of the benefit, not only of the additional money obtained from an honest collector of stumpage, and from the subsidies, but of the handsome sums saved in operating the government machine. There are no more fancy travelling expense accounts. Criminal prosecutions cost half the old price. Public printing, contingencies and all sorts of incidentals are brought down to a business basis. The government is not paying bank interest on floating balances. In this way Mr. Flemming is able to announce welcome appropriations for several new purposes, and more gen-

two ministers and a deputy. Yet for fear that the commission would not be able to present its case and defend its conduct, able counsel from Montreal has been engaged for the defence, the country paying the fees. There was greater reason why counsel should be employed to prosecute the inquiry and bring out the facts should be greatly and improper payments, if cal period of its history, than the government did to save itself.

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The Halifax Echo says that Mr. Borden's naval policy is "to hire

roposed by Messrs. Lennox, Baker and Crothers? When e and his friends select counsel for both sides of the ase, it is cheap talk to claim that there is no party

In it.

This is not an investigation proposed by the opposition. The Conservatives would perhaps have moved for an inquiry, and the Premier was thought to be clever when he got ahead and proposed the special committee. Sir Wilfrid thus declared that the Lumsden charges required investigation. He can hardly say that the necessity has ceased to exist, of that his own party is so unfair that it cannot go on with the hearing. To abandon the inquiry because Conservatives will not serve on the committee will be an admission that there is party in it. The government prefers a tribunal in which Conservatives are found, but are so controlled that they can do nothing. It cannot have that, and must now either take a court in which the Conservatives can have a real share, or one in which

THE CHIEF OF POLICE.

It is generally agreed that St. John has an excellen Probably the organization was never bet ter than it is today. One reason why the corps is so efficient, well ordered and well behaved, is that Chief Clarke has claimed, and is exercising absolute authorit n the choice of officers, the removal of those who are not satisfactory, and of all matters of control and discipline. Control of pay and supplies, and all matters of appropriation remains with the council, where it ought to be, but the management of the force itself ought to be free from the authority of the municipal Provincial Secretary Flemming is not only a competent, safe, and honest administrator of finance, but a speaker capable of giving a clear and comprehensive account of the conduct or position of his department. His statement is one which any minister in charge of public finance would be pleased to make. It is the record of an administration which in two years has changed financial chaos into order, substituted publicity for concealment, vigilant collection of revenues for negligent and corrupt sacrifice of public alease.

record of an administration which in two years has changed financial chaos into order, substituted publicity for concealment, vigilant collection of revenues for negligent and corrupt sacrifice of public claims, honest expenditure for reckless, wasteful and dishonest distribution of the people's money, business methods for note kiting, over drafts and suspense accounts, frank exposition for juggling of figures, independent audit for no audit at all. The provincial secretary knows how much he took in during the year and how much he paid out, what the proper balance is, what has been borrowed, and what the province now owes. Knowing these facts he is determined that the people shall know them too. The time has been when his predecessors would not disclose the situation if they could, and could not if they would.

The provincial income is increasing. This government has a larger subsidy from Ottawa, but this came when the interest charge had been largely increased by the late government's beautiful Central Railway operations and other capital expenditures. In addition there is a splendid increase in the Crown Land revenue, which is wholly the result of better administration. How is this additional income expended? First by not going into debt for current expenditure. When a freshet destroyed bridges in 1900, the late government borrowed \$150,000 to replace them. This money was used on the ordinary work of repairing bridges as well as for the purpose pretended. Last year, freshets did greater damage, the government made it good out of the ordinary revenue. Fully \$60,000 of ordinary revenue was expended last year on bridges which the late government the purpose pretended. Last year, freshets did greater damage, the government made it good out of the ordinary revenue. Fully \$60,000 of ordinary revenue was expended last year on bridges which the late government the propose pretended last year on bridges which the late government the propose pretended last year on bridges which the late government the propose pretended

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contingents, with details as to the character of the force that would be most acceptable. This order was filled by the despatch of the first contingent, which had never THE LUMSDEN INQUIRY DEAD-LOCK.

A remarkable situation has come to pass in connection with the Lumsden Transcontinental inquiry. The government commission has its own legal staff, and the government has its own Department of Justice, with two ministers and a deputy. Yet for fear that the commission would not be able to present its case and

majority, with a government tawyer to defend the government commission, and another government lawyer to prosécute the inquiry.

The three Conservative members of the committee concluded that their time was too valuable to be wasted on such 'a farce, and have withdrawn from the protected as such 'a farce, and have withdrawn from the protected in such 'a farce, and have withdrawn from the protected in such 'a farce, and have withdrawn from the protected in such 'a farce, and have withdrawn from the protected in such 'a farce, and have withdrawn from the protected in such 'a farce, and have withdrawn from the protected in such 'a farce, and have withdrawn from the protected in such 'a farce, and have withdrawn from the protected in such 'a farce, and have withdrawn from Great Britain, and is bringing the him one to fight the substitute of the control both sides of the case, it might as well have the whole tribunal to itself. Conservatives cannot prevent the government from burking the longuiry and making it a sham. But they can refuse to assist in the machine protected in making it a sham. But they can refuse to assist in the machine protected in many in the same of the ships would be met from the British treasury. But under the government system from Great British that is met by the British treasury. While the government organs revile Mr. Borden for control to the same of the control both sides of the case, it might as well have the men that belong to them. That is, we are 'hiring and the ship the control to the same of the ships with the sealing and over payments. They worked on until the mount land force are not Canadians. Here gain we he minority appealed to the House for leave to go on sith the bearing, another party vote refused their dehand.

Mr. Macdonald, of Pictou, vehemently declarer that there is no party in this inquiry, and that the opposition members have no right to speak of majority and minority in such a majority of his own supporters. It was made organization is not an objection. An orphan boy

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much."
Mac toyed nervously with his shining star. "But the biggest, most worritin' trouble of all is me own, Eileen,
dear,"
"And that's?" hinted Eileen.
"Who but yerself," whispered Mac,
"It's whether ye be goin' to have me,
Eileen."

it's whether ye be gont to mare indicen."
Elleen gazed long at the green turf refore she looked up with her blue yes of Galloway. "And that's no trouble at all, Mac, for I am."
'Arrah, Elleen!" cried McGaugh, and reached across the gate.
A pedestrian passing and noting the unusual spectacle halted. "Officer, officer—what's the trouble here?"
"Trouble—trouble, is it?" scoffed McGaugh, "Faith, and ye don't know a trouble when ye see it kissin' through a gate!"

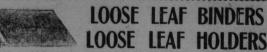
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor of The Standard.

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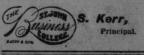
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