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ST. JOHN, N. B., APRIL 22. 1899. THE BRIDGE QUESTION AGAIN.

Although Mr. Hazan ran an election

on the bridge question and was very dedelvely defeated, he still continues to refaced to give the name of his inharp upon it, and appears to think that formant or to permit him the op he can yet make something out of it. portunity of meeting him face to face. Ever since the legislature met his tal former manner of dealing with this bridge question the public has a good deal of reason to suspect that he did not have any faith in it himself except as an election cry, so that it was really necessary for him to do something to prove that he was acting in good faith. If Mr. Hezen resily desires an investigation he will get one and that immediately The government have met him more than half way The premier was most prompt to take up the challenge of his adversary, feel certain that even Mr. Hazen himself will admit that he was utterly mistaken when he charged the government with malfeasance with respect to the construction of the steel bridges which have been recently built in this province,

address is a fair sample of his tactior. A lines and Mr. W. J. Wilson, of the geological survey of Canada, writes of the Paysiography of New Branswick. Both writers are very competent to deal with address has now begun, the

these topics and their papers will well and the monotony is positively kill- the Americane a rebate of 25 per cent. ing. It is difficult to keep more than a cn the ordinary rate of duty and put bare quorum in the house, and yet the England in the position now occupied THE YUKON DEBATE. grind goes on from the opposition side by the United S.ater.

The conscientious historian of Canada in relentlies fashion. Having set them who, at some future day, may read the selves to the task of keeping pallament in session unt 1 August, the Conservaofficial debates of the session of 1899, tives are afraid to let the address pass talking without the least notion of rewill not fail to form a very low opinion lest they should be called upon to settle of the opposition in the house of comthey have no relish. Frightened by the reputation as same man. In the same down to business. For this, of course, mons, and especially of its leader, Sir phantasm of a gerrymander bill and an reckless way that they talk about the Chas. Tupper. The shameless speech deearly dissolution, they are like a lot of preferential tariff they assert that taxelivered by Sir Hibbert Tupper, just before children who have taken refage behind tion has been increased by the present his flight to the Pacific, was bad enough, as a part of the Parthian factics of a a fence and dare not venture into the government. They talk very eliquently open. Sheltered behind the speech from man who has no character to less in a the throne they keep shouting to mainolitics i sense, and who never was any. tsin their courage; but the spectacle thing but a ministeris | bully and bravo, thus presented day after day shows to after the model of the persons whom what pitiable extremes a once powerful Macbeth bired to have it out with party is now reduced." Banquo. But when Sir Charles Tup

In this state of stagnation it is perhaps and the minister of customs made this per, the leader of the opposition in his place in parliament, surpasse not surprising that Mr. Scott, whose fine fact very clear the other night. He even his foul - mouthed son in the Italian hand once more appears in the showed that the goods entered for convilgarity of his language and the in-O tawa correspondence to the Sun, sumption in 1896, dutist 1; and free, decency of his attacks upon respectable should turn to the auditor general's re- amounted to \$105,361,161, upon cople then we must come to th con port. This bulky document has always which the total duty paid was lusion that the taint which is affecting afforded amy 13 material to opp nents o. \$20,219,037. This represented the opposition goes deeper than any we the government. Few things are easie per centage of 19.19. In 1898 than to cull a lot of figures from an the imports entered for consumppefore suspected, and that Sir Chailse Tupper has become so mentally confused elaborate financial statement and make tion amounted to \$126,307,126, upon that he is unable to distinguish truth them seem to support the view of ex- which a duty of \$22,157,788 had been from falsehood. On more than one octravagance and waste. Mr. Scott used collected, if the percentage precasion we have observed signs of this to point this out with considerable force vailing in 1896 had been apdisease in the Conservative St. John in the unregenerate days when he was plied to this importation, the duty

Sir Charles Tapper brought charges sgainst Major Walsh of drunkenness and scandalous conduct on the authority of some person whom he had never demned. Of course, the most than can Libers! tariff. 1 seen and whose name he would not give. be said about this is that it indicates in. How would Sir Charles Tupper like to consistency. Mr. Spott might not be have all the vulgar stories and loose. sensitive to criticism on that score; but gossip that has been retailed about himself told in parliament by some one who

THE SECI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH signed and many of the signa- hardly be worth reckoning with as a worth coming from England pays only stock a mejority of 331. At the last utmost course and perseverance. \$22 50. That is to say, while an Ameri- election Mr. Ward had a mejority of 129 is the present war is nothing but a can manufacturer pays \$100 in duty on in Brockville city over the Liberal can- pastime for the American people for it Whatever a leader can do to ruin his what he sends into Canada, the English didat.. The township of Elizabeth town is not brought to their own doorr. The manufacturer pays but \$75. If this is which gave the Liberals a majority of best cure of a fondness for war is to chose the cure of the cure of a fondness for war is to chose the cure of a fondness for war is to chose the cure of a fondness for war is to chose the cure of a fondness for war is to chose the cure of a fondness for war is to chose the cure of a fondness for war is to chose the cure of a fondness for war is to chose the cure of a fondness for war is to chose the cure of a fondness for war is to chose the cure of a fondness for war is to chose the cure of a fondness for war is to chose the cure of a fondness for war is to cho attempt. The prolonged debate on the not a preference, what is in? If, how- 36 at the general election gave tain some experience of its borrors.

ever, the Conservatives are correct in them just 35 Thursday. The towncorrespondent in Ottawa, describing their view of how a preferential tariff ship of Kitely gave the Conservatives its effect on parliament, says: "The should be arranged, it is quite (lear that a mejority of 139 at the last election and fifth week of the debate on their mouths will be stopped if the gov- it did almost as well for them Thursday.

ernment should turn around and give giving a Conservative mejority of 123. Kitely is a township that was taken from Leeds and Grenvill; and added to Brockylle by the gerrymander act of

The fact is, the opposition are in such a desperate mood that they seem to be sponsibility, and utterly careless of their

THE LATEST ATTACK ON ST. JOHN.

their pledge in respect of reduced taxation, and they call upon the people to witness the broken faith of the goverrment, bat these declarations have one signal weakness. They are not trueof the St. Lawrence. It appears to us The government has reduced taxation, made it necessary for Major Bond to vahemence that a stranger might have been led to believe that the numerous

this taxation question, is to apply the the determination of Lloyds' un-

THE PARK AND SQUARES.

The Horticultural Association Will Not Look After Them This Year - More Roads for the Park.

Who's going to care for the King and 1882. The reason of this transfer of Queen squares this summar? The Hortivotes from the one constituency to the cultural Association has done it and other is easily seen; Kitely, it was done it well for five years, but they call thought, would make Brockville certain- a halt this season, for the common couny Conservative for all the time to come. cil has not voted them enough money to meet the expenses of the labor and stock necessary to the proper care of these public grounds. The public is Major Bond, who appears to be a good much interested in the appearance of

deal of a blatherekite, made an attack the squares, and certainly every one on the system of lading vessels in St. of the citizens must like to see them well John before the cabinet on Wednesday. kept, the walks clean, the grass neatly He is the Chairman of the Board of Marine Underwriters, and the delega-tion which he headed was saking the tion which he headed was asking the ness and freshness. government to improve the navigation At the annual meeting of the Horti-

cultural Association held some months ago the question of the core of the made it necessary for Mejor Bond to attack S¹. John, yet he did so with such from the council was much below the cost of the work. It was advised then that unless more was given by the city, disasters on the St. Lawrence were due the association should drop the work. It looks now as if this has been dons.

to the excessive deck-loads carried by A TELEGBAFH reporter last evening sought out Mr. Joseph Allison who is deelly interested in the Horticultural Association and is among the most active ships sailing from this port. Major Bond is the same person whose arrival from England was recently Association and is among the most active workers in the organization. He was reported and who was interviewed by seked as to this matter of the care of the squares and said that in taking charge of the squares the association had merely the representatives of the Montreal press in regard to the recent exclusion of Canada from the policies issued by Lloyds' done so to inaugrate the system and give an incentive to the public by showunderwriters. Mayor Boyd pretended in the unregenerate days when he was defending a Conservative administra-tion; but now he is glad to take up the auditor general's report and pursue the very tactice that he formerly con-of the people by virtue of the present ed that it was justified by the heavy ed that it was justified by the heavy of revenue and the amount granted by he council had fai ed to make up the newspapers prefer to do when discussing and it will of course stiffen brought in doing the work on the squarer. In former years, too, enter-tainments by the ladies of the associasensitive to criticism on take stort, bet is taxation question, is to apply the is taxation question, is to apply the determination of Libyds the tainments by the ladies of the associa-tion, and in one year the Parada show with vessel; going up the St. Lawrence. But why was it necessary for Major both made if possi-honesty or prudence of the government. The case of postal the case of postal to apply the fairly illustrated in the case of postal to apply the fairly illustrate crimination against the St. Lawrence So the directors, having discussed the was justified, to attempt to injure the made many motions and inquiries with regard to their construction, but it was not until Tuesday that he placed the matter before the house in such a form that it could be de:1: matter before the house in such a form the house the part of the form the house the part of the form the house the part of the form the form the house the part of the form the **a** form that it could be de:11 with by the government. Now he has formalated his charges in each a fashion that the house has something to go upon, and the investigation will not be a mere fabling appedition, but will deal with the government in grover of the gradener, Mr. Knotk, and the investigation will not be a mere fabling appedition, but will deal with the sharges in the same fashion as court of iaw and decide the issues as which he has been making at length summond which hes has been making at length summond of these popels doi:10 among a provisional government in proper form. From his which he has been making againt the which he has been making againt the and or provisional government in proper form. From his grief because she had been badly accept \$300 and continue the work, the grief because she had been badly loaded. Major Bond's talk about St. John deck loads being a scandal was simply absurd. The deck-loads are of lumber, and whatever else may happen to a lumber-laden vessel she will not sink. As a matter of fact the accidents which happen to lumberladen vessels are remarkably few, al-though that trade does not always attract the most seaworthy class of ship-ping. If Msjor Bond's other statements vere on a par with those he made about been, anxious to assist for the St. John, the government need not give itsell much concern about them. ment of the city's appearance. Though not able to carry on the work in the squares, he said that the association would assist the city by supplying what plants it could, and this would gfadly be done. He said it would be about a month before the squares would need THE WAR IN THE PHILIPPINES It is announced that 14,000 American regular solliers are to be sent to the Mr. G. S. Fisher, chairman of the connight that a judicial investigation of the Yukon charges would drive Mr. Sifton yacancy, hell the seat from 1882 on, and secured. There are now about 21,000 the park and its roads and waks, was ruson charges would drive hr. Should the seat from 1882 on, and its roads and wa ks, was into private life. Those who know the lader of the opposition, and his modest way of putting things, will resil seat at the seat from 1882 the seat was held by Mr. Fitzsimmons, another Conservative. Now the talles are turned and brock will subset into line as a Liberal constituency. This wickory is the more worthy of remark because the most desperate efforts were made by the Conservatives to hold the seat. It was felt by them that if many thousands of miles from the the seat. It was felt by them that if such a strong Conservative constituency as Brockville, which had been repre-sented by a minister of the crown, went against them they might as well aban-don sll hepe of holding anything in the province of Oniario. Every Conservative province of Ontario. Every Conservative leader that could be spared from his parliamentary duties was hurried to Brockville to stump for Mr. White, the of the army will have to be increased then to cross the fails below the foot of Conservative candidate. Even Sir and a vast amount of expense incurred the lake and strike the road built last Conservative candidate. Even Sir and a vast amount of expense incurred year. This work will be very soon con Charles Tupper was drawn into the for the maintenance. Our American menced, and it will be given out by con fight, and was making speeches at friends will now have some conception tract. In doing this work it is expected Brockville as late as Monday even of the difficulties which Great Britain to clean out the place below the pride popular nowadayr. An easy way to crowd Mr. Sifton into private life would be to prefer charges against him, and he made a splandid impression. An easy way to America to put down the rebellion of the will look as if it continu and predicted that Mr. White would thirteen colonies, and that in the face of further. be elected by a handsome majority. So the armed intervention of France and places will be continued, and the work The opposition have settled down to much for the value of the Star's predic- Spain. This war experience of the of fixing up the roads in general will be

CANADIAN HISTORY.

Mr. George U. Hay is doing a good

work for Canadian history by the issue of the Educational Review Supplement. ary Readings, the fifth number of which has just been published. In this number Mr. Hannay describes the Acadian People who were residents of this province and Nova Scotis from the year 1635 until their expulsion in 1755. This paper, although brief, is quite comprehentwo and will assist the readers to a better understanding of their material condition. Mr. W. J. Robertson tion that the house go into committee on deals with the battle of Lundy's Lane, publishing the despatches of both the Grand Trund railway extension of the British Commander General Drum-Intercolonial railway into Montreal, and mond, and of the Amerian commander, General Brown. Very lew peorls have this was carried by 91 to 47, a governhad access to these despatches, which ment majority of 44. This, however, was were published in James' History of the not altogether a straight party vote. War of 1812, more than eighty years During the session of 1898 the house ago. Although American authors have divited on the amendment of Sir Charles tried to gloss it over, the battle of Tupper to the franchise bill - yeas 48, nays 88, a government majority of 40. This was a straight party Lundy's Lane was a very serious deleat, because, to quote the words of their own division. The loss of strength sustained General Peter B. Porter, who commanded the American militia, they by the opposition since that time is and the captured artillery to the it is true, voted with the government on Tuesday, but if he had voted the other Britain it really gives a preference to that if the Cumberland baronet had baronet b

field Colony of Quaker Loyalists, who 51, an increase of eleven over tion they have been filling Hanasrd with would have won. settled at Beaver Harbor in 1783. This the figures of last session. That many pages of matter that is scarcely The Liberal rid colony was broken up in the course of a is the "Conservative reaction" that creditatis to their jadgment. Yet, few years, as the result of a forest fire Sir Charles Tupper and Mr. Foster if brought fairly to book, not

which destroyed their village, but many have been telling their friends about so one of them could deny this of the settlers remained in the province often, and which was in a short time to simple and business-like proposition,

The only conclusion that can be He has, however, stumbled upon a charges. No one will deny that Mr. has been about steel bridges; he has arrived at in regard to Sir Charles Tup- shocking state of affairs at Rideau Hall. Mullock has reduced the postage rate on

government in proper form. From his and forming a provisional government, one moment encourage the notion what would the people of Canada say to that these were the ordinary farnishings any administration which neglected to of government house, and that they take proper precautions to preserve this, have always been paid for by ali gov the richest gill-bearing region in the ernments in Canada. That would have reaction" has again been heard from world, as a part of the dominion? If been the view which a fair-minded and its outcome is another great Liberal there is one act in connexion with Yukon man world have taken; but there is victory, the election of Mr. Comstock, the affairs for which the government probably no one so silly as to suppose Liberal candidate, by a majority of 243 deserves more credit than for another, that Mr. Scott is at Ottawa for criticizing over his Conservative opponent, Mr. it is this very one of which Mr. Foster the government faily. The man who White. At the last general election complaine. And the member for York says the plebiscite was a hoax finds it Brockville gave the Hor. John F. Wood, might as well understand that in cr.ticis- an easy thing to torture the purchase of who was controller of customs in ing the government for taking precautions a few pieces of glassware into a scandal. Sir Chailes Tupper's government, to prevent it being lost to Canada he Since we are under agreement to fur- a majority of 232 over Mr. James and when the investigation is ended we has gove far to justify the charges of dis nish government house, would Mr. Scott Camming, the Liberal candidate. On loyalty which have been brought against suggest that the government should re- that occasion an Independent, Mr. Cluff, him and his party When the next fase to purchase tamblers and tell his ran and received 148 votes, so that Mr. election comes round the government exciliency that he must not offer wine Wood had 84 more votes than both his

will not need any more petent weapons to his guesta? against the opposition than those supplied by their own speeches, which show that they objected to our mother country receiving a preference in the markets of Yakon charges would drive Mr. Sifton Canada and did their best to give up the into private life. Those who know the

Yakon district to the Americans. THE WORK OF PARLIAMENT.

That Conservatism is a slowly dying being imprisoned for life in a peniten-tiary; but, being kindly disposed, Sir soli of the division on the address on Charles has preferred to state he case Thursday evening, when the government mildly. This was certainly very were sustained by a vote of 101 to 48, a majority of 53. At the first party divis- man, although Mr. Sifton seems to be out and around without giving any visiion that was taken in the present house, in September, 1896, the government had ble indications of the territle shadow a majority of 34. During the session of hanging over him. On the other hand, 1897 the house divided on Mr. Blair's mc-tion that the house go into committee on a judicial inquiry in which he should be the Drummond County railway and the judge and son Charlie the witnesses tribunal it is quite easy to see Mr. Sitton's defence would not count for much. Indeed, it is scarcely probable that any defence would be listened to; but, happily, tr als of this sort do not seem to be dared even to suggest an indictment.;

Mr. James Vroom writes of the Penn. Way the majority would still have been the United States, and upon this assump-

The Liberal victory was obtained in Brockville city which gave Mr. Com-

ALL HEADACHES and their descendants are with us yet. The paper contains a fac simile of the getilers more of Sir Charles Tupper's goods is brought in from the United to the five years more of Sir Charles Tupper's goods is brought in from the United to the five years more of Sir Charles Tupper's goods is brought in from the United to the getilers leadership the Conservative party will States it pays \$30 in duty, while \$100 to cents and 35 cents at all druggists.

THE BROCKVILLE ELECTION.

Sir Charles Tupper's "Conservative

opponents combined. This is the first time since 1874 that a Liberal has been

Sir Charles Tupper declared the other elected to represent Brockville. Mr. Philippines to reinforce General Otis as

prove them; but thus far no one has he made a splendid impression,

stayed out of their constituency they States, which fought for eight years in

of the United States would be in about the same position as regards enemies as

States, which hught her eight years in America against such great odds. If Germany and Russia were to take the side of the Philippine Itlands the people side of the Philippine Itlands the people

"I understand they fell on' the next Great Britain was during at least six years of the war of the American ding, and they disputed as to whether Revolution, and such a situation ding, and they disputed as to whether would call for heroic sacrifices, and the family or of here."-Detroit Journal.

