

John A. Macdonald do the same thing over again if he got the opportunity? or to 'recoup' Sir Hugh Allan the \$356,500 advanced in the elections of 1872, should the people again bring him back to power by their votes cast next Tuesday?

To quote what the *Pull Mall Gazette* said at the time: IT WILL BE THE DUTY OF THE HONEST PEOPLE OF THE DOMINION TO TAKE CARE THAT NONE OF THE PERSONS WHO WERE CONCERNED IN THE PROCEEDINGS OF WHICH SIR GEORGE E. CARTIER WAS THE AGENT SHALL EVER AGAIN OBTAIN POWER IN CANADA.

The eyes of Europe and America are still upon us. Will we prove faithful to our great trust?

VARIOUS OTHER SCANDALS.

Since the overthrow of the Tory Government in 1873 a variety of scandals have been brought to light. Among these are—

(1.) The levying of black-mail on the Northern Railway Company to the extent of \$27,000,—\$2,500 of which went to the Sir John testimonial, \$2,000 to the *Mail* newspaper, \$1,000 to the Conservative election fund of 1872, \$5,440 to the expenses of Hon. John B. Robinson's election in Algoma, \$4,166 to Mr. Cumberland's expenses in Algoma and Cardwell, and \$3,750 to help through favorable legislation in 1873—all of which should have been paid into the Dominion treasury, and which Mr. Mackenzie's Government has since compelled the Company to refund;

(2.) The purchase of Riel's benishment from Manitoba at a cost of \$4,000 public funds during the Dominion elections of 1872, while Sir John went through the country branding him as a red-handed murderer and wishing to God he could catch him. "I sent him (Archbishop Tache, Sir John swears) a draft for a thousand dollars to be used in procuring Riel's withdrawal."

(3.) The payment of \$2,500 to Sir John's 'impetuous' friend, J. G. Moylan, for 'printing' which was never got, keeping the entries out of the books for four years, and then charging the money for work said to have been done eleven or twelve years before, and which if done at all should have been charged to the account of the old Provinces;

(4.) The retaining of \$32,179 of Secret Service funds by Sir John two years after quitting office, 'to be used for his own party purposes in opposition', and the actual payment of \$6,000 of it to the treasurer of his own election fund in the city of Kingston;

And (5) the exaction of \$545 fees from the poor tenants on Ordinance Lands, in violation of law and professional decency,—which amount Sir John himself pocketed while in receipt of his regular salary as Minister of Justice.

THE PUBLIC EXPENDITURE.

The public expenditure of the Tory Government began with \$13,486,092 a year, and

the financial year beginning 1st July, 1873, were placed at the credit of Sir John Macdonald's Government on 23rd May, and were made up of the following sums:

- (1) The original estimates, \$20,941,183.
- (2) The 1st, 2nd and 3rd supplementary estimates, \$525,640.
- (3) Increased salaries of Ministers, &c., (chap. 31) \$300,555.
- (4) Readjustment of debt and subsidies (chap. 30 and 41) \$819,349.
- (5) Admission of P. E. Island (chap. 40) \$418,000.
- (6) Mounted police force (chap. 35) \$200,000.
- (7) Balances carried forward, \$180,282.

This makes a total of \$33,685,009 voted for the services of the year, or \$368,093 more than was spent.

These were the engagements of Sir John A. Macdonald's Government, contracted in their last year of office, and nearly all of them are continuous from year to year. They added nearly four millions to the yearly expenditure; and yet it is pretended by the Tory party that because Mr. Mackenzie entered office during their last financial year, and honorably paid the debts they (the Tories) contracted, therefore he is responsible for the increase in that year's expenditure!

But this was not all. The Macdonald Government had entered into engagements for the further increase of the national debt by the sum of \$95,003,000,—\$43,800,000 for ferrets, \$44,500,000 for the Intercolonial Pacific, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Railways, \$2,500,000 for St. Lawrence improvements, and \$5,500,000 for minor works, &c.; and, in addition, there were \$35,000,000 of Public Debentures just maturing — for none of which objects had Sir John's Finance Minister made any provision.

To have met all these engagements at once would have added nearly \$5,000,000 to the yearly expenditure.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE.

As just pointed out, the Tory Government's engagements, then completed, would have swelled the yearly expenditure by \$5,000,000, or a total of \$28,500,000. To meet this they had provided for the year 1873-4 a revenue of only \$21,740,000, which for that year would have left a deficit of nearly two millions, and for future years an additional sum to be provided of seven millions and a half.

Mr. Mackenzie's Government resolved to meet all unavoidable engagements by increasing the tariff from 15 to 17½ per cent. and by adopting a policy of strict economy.

All public works the carrying on of which was not imperative were postponed until the return of better times. In this way an expenditure of about \$45,000,000 was deferred. The new works undertaken subsequent to 1st January, 1874, have only cost \$80,000. Other works under contract before that date, and for which votes had been taken by the Macdonald Government in 1873, have cost up to 30th June, 1877, the sum of \$24,361,920, or within half a million

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