

of sheep, of cattle so low that farm property in the near future, if the recent course is pursued, will be practically worthless. That is the question we invite these gentlemen to discuss.

From the calculations of our best financiers it is demonstrated that by the adoption of unrestricted reciprocity, we would have a loss of duty to the extent of about eight or nine millions of dollars? Do we want all the revenue that we are raising at this moment? First of all it must be remembered that if we thus lose eight millions of dollars we diminish the taxation which is paid by the people by that sum of eight millions of dollars. Now, do we require the whole of the great revenue now taken from the pockets of the people of the country? Could we not get along with eight millions of dollars less? It stands to common sense that we are raising too much revenue and that the Government of Canada is levying a large amount of unnecessary taxation.

EFFECTING SAVINGS.

Do you imagine that a prudent minister of finance like Sir Richard Cartwright could not take a pruning knife and cut out the excrescences now yielding enormous profits to the combines and monopolists of the country. Is it not possible to decrease the present enormous expenditure by prudence and economy to the extent of three millions of dollars, and make an amount equal to the sum which would be lost in duties if the policy of unrestricted reciprocity were adopted. In 1878 when Sir Richard Cartwright had been managing the finance of the country, we expended about twenty-four million dollars, and Sir Leonard Tilley declared that if he were entrusted with the finances of the country he could carry on the administration of affairs at an expenditure of twenty-two millions of dollars. The people took him at his word and gave him the position of Minister of Finance. What took place? The expenditure under the Conservative government went on increasing year by year until last year it amounted to thirty-eight millions of dollars. These Conservative financiers were shocked and horrified at the annual expenditure of twenty-four millions of dollars, but swallowed with gusto an annual expenditure of no less than thirty-eight millions of dollars. Look at that monster the Dominion Franchise Act.

EVERY REVISION OF THE FRANCHISE

under the Dominion Act costs from three to four hundred thousand dollars.

Some of the departments of the public services of Canada to-day are reeking over with extravagance and corruption. You have to-day overwhelming evidence that the department of public works—and if the evidence could only be obtained the same state of things exists in