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LAST NIGHT'S MEETING.

The meeting at the A. O. U. W. hall last evening was a great success in point of numbers and in point of discussion of the political issues.

THE BETTER TERMS ISSUE.

Those who listened to the earnest and able address of Sir Charles Tupper to the electors last evening on the subject of Better Terms, could not but have been impressed with the powerful presentation of the case.

The issue is a Liberal-Conservative issue in this campaign. It is endorsed by all the candidates and speakers, and by Mr. Borden, the leader of the Conservative party in Canada.

MR. BLAIR'S RESIGNATION.

The sudden determination of Hon. Mr. Blair to resign his position as Chairman of the Railway Commission, which carried with it a salary of \$10,000 a year and all expenses, is almost as sensational as his resignation from the Liberal Government.

CANADA'S GIFTS TO RAILWAYS.

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We have taken the trouble, however, to work the matter out in such a way as to show an exact comparison with such an exact comparison, we have chosen 1902 as a fair representative year in which the expenditure is normal throughout the Dominion, that is, not affected by election considerations that year, for services under the heads of Marine Dredging and Harbors and Rivers—for we are now dealing with issues affecting navigation—the total appropriations for all the Maritime Provinces including British Columbia, amounted to \$3,410,478.

THE GOVERNMENT AND LORD DUNDONALD. The Liberal press has exhausted every means within their power to persecute the people of Canada, and particularly the people of Ontario, and would wish to do with the introduction of militarism into Canada upon a scale equal to that which prevails in European countries.

LABOR AND LIBERALS.

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slightly less than that, but that is the amount in round figures. This is exclusive of the cost of the Intercolonial and Prince Edward Island Railways, which amounts to nearly \$77,000,000. It takes no account of the 60,000 acres of land in the way of bonuses upon which \$31,000,000 have been realized. It figures in cash to date about \$280,000,000. This amount has gone into the construction of 17,522 miles of road, exclusive of the Intercolonial and the Prince Edward Island mileage. This is an average of \$8,643 at \$2 an acre, we find the people of Canada paying \$15,143 for every mile of railway in the country, the one foot of which they own. If, in addition to the 17,522 miles of railway, we add the 100,000 miles of the transcontinental road, the total will reach the enormous sum of \$287,480,831, which Canada invests in railroads, and which even the spikes which hold the rails down.

WHAT THE COST WILL BE. In view of the fact that Sir Wilfrid Laurier makes the public statement that the Grand Trunk Pacific will cost the country eight or ten million dollars, and no more, a correspondent asks for a repetition of the correct figures. It is difficult, in fact, it is impossible to give exact figures, because distance, the standard of construction and rates of interest have to be considered.

A VOTE FOR COLONEL PRIOR DOES NOT MEAN A VOTE FOR THE INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT OF A NEW TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAY. IT MEANS THAT IF COLONEL PRIOR IS RETURNED AS LEADER OF THE GOVERNMENT THE WORK OF CONSTRUCTION WILL BE PROCEEDED WITH IMMEDIATELY, AND THAT THE PROVINCE WILL SECURE ALL THE BENEFITS OF THE RAILWAY WHICH ARE DENIED UNDER THE PRESENT CONTRACT WITH THE GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

THEY GOT THE CREDIT AND MUST BEAR THE BLAME. For some years after the Laurier Government came into power there was a large increase in Canadian trade. Government did nothing to promote this increase, they only waited until the credit for it. However, for all the credit for the increase in trade, the decline of about six months in the value of Canadian exports as compared with the same month of the previous year.

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