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The Sacred Constitution.

resolutions introduced in the
atures of Ontario and Nova
calling for the reform of the
of the lines laid down by Sir
Laurier, have had a violent
of Sir Charles Tupper, whose
finds expression in a newspaper
so, strongly braced with ad-
Sir Charles says in his fine
ilian way that this "monstrous
is a 'dastardly assault' on
and he calls on all
to rally to the de-
red instrument.
cent, but it isn't logic,
trick, this ringing in
The constitution has
for every political abuse
and in Great Britain
ry. Sir Charles Tupper
cedents used the con-
protect privilege until
ebellion. The constitu-
the last refuge of the
its true friends are
to adapt it to the spirit
and this the Canadian
doing. The fathers of
ever contemplated such
the Senate of today.
it to be a body of rep-
removed from party
popular prejudice, exer-
meeded and enlightened
her chamber. A Senate
the ideal of its creators
important functions as a
branch of government; but
edonald, led away from
s by his lust for power,
constitution which he had
pe by packing the upper
his own puppets and de-
pendence of char-
as to be the guaranty of
Under these circum-
ries Tupper's attempt to
unions into the Senate,
een rejected by the peo-
owning indecency, and it
im now to pose as the
constitution which he so
ed.

is not undertaking to
abuse in the spirit of
onod. They do not propose to
ash the constitution, but merely to
pair the damage caused by their pre-
ecessors. They are going about it in
consistent manner. Theoretically, the
enate is designed to hold the balance
among the Provinces. Then from what
more appropriate sources can sugges-
as to the Senate come than from the
Provinces, through their Legisla-
tures? We believe the Imperial Gov-
ernment will grant their request, as the
official expression of Canadian senti-
ment.

Of a piece with Sir Charles Tupper's
ridiculous call to "British subjects," is
the plea of the Opposition that the
Government should go to the country
on this question of Senate reform. The
Government did go to the country
three years ago on the same issue. Here
is the plank of the platform adopted
by the Liberal party at the Ottawa
convention of 1893:

"The present constitution of the Senate
is inconsistent with the Federal
principle in our system of government,
and is in other respects defective, and
makes the Senate independent of the
people and uncontrolled by the public
opinion of the country, and should be
amended as to bring it into har-
mony with the principles of popular
government."

The Liberal party are now fulfilling
that pledge.

Who Pays the Taxes?

An examination of Mr. Harcourt's
revenue bill does not warrant the
sweeping assertion that the new taxes
fall entirely upon the people through
corporations. As a rule taxation,
disguised, ultimately rests
"consumer," but this rule,
thers, has its exceptions.
ard of the whole amount to be
Mr Harcourt's bill will come
increased liquor license fees,
will be paid by three classes, the
or distillers, the license-hold-
the consumers of alcoholic
What proportion each class
is a matter for "the trade"
ne, but the public is not in-
cerned about it.

the banks is so light, and
well able to meet it, that
suppose such a feather-
be shifted to the public.
The case of loan, trust and insurance
companies is different. The chief loser
by the new law will be the city of
Toronto, in which the head offices of
most of these companies are located.

Heretofore Toronto has assessed the
total income of these companies, but
Mr. Harcourt's bill provides that the
head-office municipality shall only
assess them for that portion of their
income earned within the limits of said
municipality. It is estimated that this
will cut \$2,000,000 off Toronto's assess-
ment, but it is argued that Toronto
and other head-office centers have no
right to tax incomes derived from
other municipalities. There is no
ground for the allegation that life
insurance policyholders will pay
the provincial tax. The tax is
such a negligible on the income of the
companies that by no means could it
be transferred to the policyholders. It
will come out of dividends, from which
it will not be missed. In fact, it is
argued that if the gross taxation of loan,

large measure of exemption in the
head-office municipalities.

It is easy to fix the incidence of the
tax on street railways. Most of the
municipalities, like London, have cast-
iron agreements with the street railway
companies, by which the latter cannot
raise the fares or any other charges on
the public. As nearly all the street rail-
ways are gold mines, the shareholders
will require no sympathy.

Only the steam railways that draw
provincial subsidies are required to pay
a mileage tax, and so far only one of
the companies has seriously objected.
The impost is too small to affect their
dividends, much less the public.

The telephone and telegraph com-
panies, of which there are only three,
and the express companies, of which
there are only two, are wealthy cor-
porations, and the provincial tax is too
minute to be subdivided among their
patrons.

The levy on natural gas is universal-
ly approved, since most of the natural
gas produced in the province is ex-
ported to the United States, and the
tax will be paid by American consum-
ers, if Canadian producers cannot af-
ford it.

Altogether Mr. Harcourt's bill seems
to be very cleverly devised to tap cor-
porate wealth, without going into the
pockets of the people. The Opposition
will call in vain on Demos to resent it.

Our Wonderful Mineral Wealth.

A summary of the mineral produc-
tion of Canada for 1898 has been issued
by the geological survey, and, as ex-
pected, it tells a tale of marvelous de-
velopment during the past year. The
increase in mineral production in 1898
was over \$9,000,000, or nearly 32 per
cent, as compared with 1897. All re-
cords were broken last year. In thirteen
years the aggregate value of our min-
eral products has advanced 270 per
cent, and the per capita value from
\$2.20 to \$7.20. The following figures
convey an idea of the steady growth of
our mineral wealth during that period,
and the great expansion that has re-
cently set in:

1898	\$37,757,197
1897	23,661,430
1896	22,534,513
1895	20,758,450
1894	19,933,857
1893	20,635,082
1892	16,628,417
1891	15,976,616
1890	16,763,253
1889	14,013,913
1888	12,518,894
1887	11,321,331
1886	10,221,255

The chief increases last year were:
Gold, \$7,673,000; coal, over \$924,000; cop-
per, nearly \$658,000; nickel, nearly \$422,-
000; asbestos, iron ore and cement,
about \$135,000. The Yukon was credited
with a gold output of \$10,000,000 last
year; but this year it is estimated that
that yield will be over twice, and
perhaps nearly three times that amount.
The production of copper in
Ontario increased over 50 per cent in
1898, and of course, this province sup-
plies practically all the nickel of the
world.

No one can conceive the value of
Canada's undeveloped resources. It is
safe to say that, in proportion to popu-
lation, the Dominion is potentially the
richest country in the world.

Sir Charles Tupper bloweth where he
listeth.

The Nova Scotia Legislature, by a
vote of 30 to 2, has declared for Senate
Reform. Another foul blow at the con-
stitution.

The City Council should now pass a
resolution expressing indignation at
the slight given the mayor by the
public accounts committee.

The British Government is going in-
to the telephone business, so as to
bring down the rates. It serves the
British telephone companies right. The
service in the old country is one of the
most backward in Europe.

France will spend \$175,000,000 on her
army this year, and yet she is trying
to rival Great Britain on the ocean, as
well. France is rich, but she cannot
stand this strain forever.

Emperor William says that Kipling
has sung the glories of "our great
common race." The Kaiser claims
kinship with the Anglo-Saxons through
a natural desire to be "in the push."

Mr. Whitney and Col. Matheson can-
not believe that the London Asylum
farm yielded \$14,000 profit last year. If
they would visit that farm they would
see how it is done. Some of the Oppo-
sition members who inspected it last
year were enthusiastic in their praises.

In another column we publish a vig-
orous letter from ex-Mayor Campbell on
the bonus and exemption system. Mr.
Campbell writes as a manufacturer and
a public-spirited citizen. His communi-
cation is timely, as Mr. Pattullo's anti-
bonus bill is now up for discussion in
the Legislature.

Mr. Samuel Barker, barrister, of
Hamilton, and formerly of London, it
is announced, is to be a prominent as-
sistant to Sir Charles Tupper in or-
ganizing the Conservative party of On-
tario. To get his political hand in, he
is practicing in getting up an organized
opposition to Senator George A. Cox.
O Samivel! Samivel! Like the Samivel of
Dickens, you'll be needing an alibi, or
something, before you have proceeded
with your party with Sir

THE RUNIANS, GRAY, CARRIE CO.

Special Bargains

For Friday, March 10th.

We're in the midst of great enthusiasm just now. OUR ANNIVERSARY SALE has
the right of way this week; but no matter what comes or goes we'll always see to it that our
FRIDAY BARGAIN DAY will not be crowded out.

In connection with our Friday Bargains this week we offer you marvelous values
in high grade DRESS GOODS, SILKS, GINGHAMS, LINENS, ETC., purchased in MON-
TREAL at the UNDERWRITERS' AUCTION FIRE SALES of

Messrs. McIntyre, Son & Co.'s Stock

These goods are practically all in good condition. Come early, before the choicest
lines are picked up.

Very Special

10 pieces 44-inch White Vic-
toria Lawn; regular 15c
and 18c, special at, per
yard 12½c

Very Special

1,870 yards very soft, even Flan-
nelette, in pink, blue and gray
stripes, well worth 7c, very spe-
cial at, per yard 5c

Our stock of Galatias, Oxford
Shirtings, Ducks, Piques and
Drills, in white and colors, is now
complete.

Carpets

At 98c we are showing the best 5-
frame Brussels in all the newest
colorings and designs. These goods
will stand the keenest criticism;
sale price 98c

At 65c Tapestry Carpets in all the
newest designs, suitable for any
room, special at, 65c

Fifty pieces of fine Tapestry
Carpet, in all the new and
most beautiful designs and
colorings, extra special at .. 50c

Oilcloths and Matting

Yard Wide Oilcloth, neat patterns,
sale price 18c
2-yard Wide Oilcloth, in heavy
quality, good patterns, sale price 40c
China Matting, in light and dark
colors, good designs, extra special
at, per yard, 15c and 18c

Clothing, Furnishings

Boys' Fedora Hats, in fawn and
black, all sizes, worth 50c and
75c, your choice, Friday 25c
Another lot of those Men's Fedora
Hats, all sizes, worth 75c, \$1 and
\$1.25, special Friday 50c
Odd sizes broken lines in Men's
and Boys' Caps, cloth with peak
and black curl, worth 25c, 35c,
40c, 50c, and 75c, to clear Friday,
each 25c
3 dozen Men's Black Hose, fine
wool heavy rib, sizes 10, 10½ and
11, worth 35c, Friday, per pair 19c
16 dozen Men's Braces, worth 20c
and 25c pair, Friday 10c
Boys' Three-piece Suits, all wool
English Tweed, sizes 28 and 29,
worth \$4 and \$4.50, to clear Fri-
day \$1.95
Boys' Tree-piece Suits in all-wool
English Tweed, sizes 26 and 27,
worth \$3.50 and \$4, to clear Fri-
day \$1.45
50 Boys' Sailor Suits, in navy blue
serge, beautifully made and trim-
med, sizes 00 to 2, worth from 85c
to \$1.15, your choice Friday 75c
18 only 20c of those Men's Fine
Overcoats, sizes 36, 37, 38, worth
\$16 to \$18, to clear Friday at half-
price:

Special Purchase Prints,
Muslins and Gingham

Very Special

3,270 Yards Standard 32-inch
Prints and Sateens, including
black grounds, cardinal
grounds, garnet grounds,
light grounds, altogether we have
yet offered, regular 12½c
goods, sale price, per yard. 8½c

HANDKERCHIEFS

McIntyre Stock.

11 dozen fine Hemstitch Handker-
chiefs, pure linen, ladies' size,
regular 55c, for each 25c
23 dozen fine Hemstitch Handker-
chiefs, pure linen, wide and nar-
row hem, regular 50c and 35c;
special, 2 for 85c
12 dozen fine Lawn Handkerchiefs,
wide hem, regular 25c; special,
2 for 25c
17 dozen fine Linen Hemstitched
Handkerchiefs, narrow and wide
hem, regular 15c; special, each 10c
70 dozen Fancy Embroidered Hand-
kerchiefs, 20 patterns, regular 15c
and 18c, special, each 10c
25 dozen only fine Linen Hem-
stitched, very special at, each 3c

Towels and Towelings of
the McIntyre Stock

10 dozen All-Linen Bath Towels,
regular \$1 each; anniversary sale
price, each 63c
27 dozen All-Linen Bath Towels,
regular 75c each; anniversary sale
price, each 37½c
40 dozen Bath Towels, fancy bor-
ders, large size, regular 35c each;
anniversary sale price, per pair 45c
17 dozen Bath Towels, fancy stripes
and plain; special sale price, 2
for 25c
60 dozen All-Linen Huck Towels,
plain and fancy borders, large
size, special, 2 for 25c
10 dozen All-Linen Huck Towels,
plain and fancy borders, regular
25c; special sale price, 2 for 35c
14 dozen All-Linen Huck Towels,
very fine and close; special, each 25c
6 dozen only very fine Huck Tow-
els, worth 85c each; special sale
price, each 50c
10 pieces 20-inch Brinsley Crash
Towelings, pure and even, regular
15c; special, per yard 10c
8 pieces 20-inch pure Linen Huck
Towelings, full bleach, regular 15c;
special sale price 10c
7 pieces only superior quality Check
Glass Cloth, 24 inches wide, regu-
lar 19c; special, per yard 12½c
4 pieces 28-inch Glass Cloth, pure
linen, regular 12½c, special, per
yard 8½c
9 pieces 24-inch Glass Cloth, pure
linen, regular 10c; sale price, per
yard 8c
550 yards 18-inch Glass Cloth, red
and blue check, regular 5c; special
per yard 5c

Gentlemen's Furnishings

SPECIAL PURCHASE OF
LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS.

10 dozen Gents' Linen Handker-
chiefs, large size, regular 15c,
sale price 10c
20 dozen Gents' Fine Linen Hand-
kerchiefs, Irish manufacture, fine
thread, large size, special sale
price 15c
At 20c and 25c we show you spe-
cial value in fine linen Handker-
chiefs, all pure linen, superior
quality, fine thread and large
size, sale prices, 20c and 25c
Men's White Shirts, laundered, pure
linen bosoms and bands, fine
thread, all sizes, sale price 50c
Men's Fine White Shirts, fine,
heavy cotton, pure linen bosoms
and bands, all sizes, special at 75c
Men's Extra Fine White Shirts,
good heavy cotton, fine thread,
extra fine linen bosoms and
bands, open back and front, long
and short bosoms, large range, all
sizes, sale price \$1.00

Very Special

Line of Men's Black Sateen
Shirts, heavy twill, fast col-
ors, collar attached, all sizes;
sale price 50c

SPECIAL PURCHASE

Special purchase of Men's Un-
laundered Shirts, in good
heavy cotton, reinforced back
and front; pure linen bosoms
and bands, all sizes; special
at 50c

SHOES

Children's Ox-Blood Button and
Laced Shoes, with vesting
sizes 8½ to 10½; regular \$1.50
Friday at 90c
Misses' Pebble and Grain Button
and Laced, with heels; sizes 11 to
2, special on Friday 75c
Misses' Laced Shoes, with heels;
sizes 11 to 2; regular 95c; to clear
on Friday at 50c
Misses' Dongola Kid, round toe,
buttoned, with heels; sizes 13½
1, 1½; regular \$2; Friday at \$1.25
50 pairs Ladies' Dongola Oxfords,
pointed toe; regular \$1.75; on
Friday \$1.00
8 pairs Men's Ox-Blood Laced,
pointed toe; sizes 8½ and 9; re-
gular \$2.25; Friday \$1.50
2 pairs Men's Dongola Shoes, point-
ed toe, laced; sizes 8½ and 9; re-
gular \$3; Friday \$2.00

New Spring Hats

Our stock of Men's Hats for
early spring wear is now com-
plete. This department will
take delight in showing you
the latest styles in black,
brown, walnut and nutria,
stiff, black, brown, nutria,
sage, drab and walnut Fe-
deras, as well as some special
values for Friday

Our Basement--Friday and Saturday

The balance of those \$1.50 to \$2
Table Knives and Forks are still
per dozen \$1.00
2 only Large Monkey Wrenches,
regular 40c, for 25c
4 only Medium Monkey Wrenches,
regular 35c, for 20c
4 only Small Monkey Wrenches,
regular 20c, for 15c
18 only Cast Iron Tack Hammers,
each 3c
40 only Household Claw hammers,
each 10c
23 only Globe Wash Boards, regular
15c, each 9c

1 lb. of our Imperial Blend Mixed
or Black Tea, in lead packages,
16 ounces nett weight, and 6 lbs.
of Redpath's Standard Granulat-
ed Sugar for 50c
1 lb. tin, nett 16 ounces, of our
Cook's Delight Baking Powder,
equal to any sold at 20c, or money
refunded; our price 15c
1 lb. of Cowan's Soluble Cocoa, equal
to 25c, per lb 15c
3-lb. tin of Schenck's Crawford
Peaches, in heavy syrup, regular
35c tin for 25c
5 dozen Eddy's Clothes Pegs for .. 5c

1 can each of Tomatoes, Peas, Corn
or Beans for 25c
8 lbs. Washing Soda for 5c
1-lb. packet of Silver Dust Wash-
ing Powder. Try it. 7c package,
three for 20c
We hardly need to quote the price
of Rice, Tapioca, Sago, Macaroni,
Vermicelli, Split Peas, Pot and
Pearl Barley, Raisins, Currants,
both Case and Barrel Goods,
Lemon, Citron and Orange Peels,
Nuts, Lemons, Oranges, Extracts
of all flavors, etc., in all of which
goods we cannot be undersold.

freshness and quality of
taken into consideration.
We are now in the rush of
to the wants of spring hou-
ing, and were never in a
position to fill your wants
room and Toilet Ware,
range of Dinnerware and
will bear the closest scr-
shrewd buyers. Before
ing we invite your inspe-
50 dozen plain, white Por-
celain Plates, per dozen
50 dozen Plain White, 8-in-
ch Plates 50c

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