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1879, \$2,899,167; over the same period in 1878, \$5,000,153. A Government with such an extraordinary record ought not to be so much surprised to find that it is unable to carry out its projected enterprises.

MR. MACKENZIE.

The Opposition papers will have it that the country is anxious to return to the Mackenzie tariff, and that at the next general election one-sided free trade will achieve as signal a victory as protection won two years ago.

Our object, however, is to call attention to the fact that Mr. Mackenzie is relying at the hands of his friends. Last session he was unceremoniously hustled out of the leadership. The Rouses abused him in the press and the caucus and Ontario followers who had followed him obediently for five years, called against him, and said hard things behind his back.

THE CAPACITY OF THE COUNTRY.

There are few people who can fail to be amused at the tone of doubt, almost of alarm, in which the Opposition press talk of the ability of the country to carry out the Pacific railway bargain.

PROVIDENCE IN SMALL THINGS.

Notions more honourably distinguishes the present century than the endeavour to induce those of slender means and resources to lay up for a rainy day. Those whose daily or weekly earnings were limited to little more than sufficient to support a wife and family seldom thought of saving anything in years gone by.

feet. They have become intensely practical, and cynically suspicious. We are almost ready to see a fine character degenerate into worldliness and vulgar aims, for a lofty ideal abandoned for some earthly gross; and it pains us to think that two years of opposition and the accident of the general election should have lessened the confidence of such a high-minded man as Sir Richard Tully.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER'S EVIL-DENCE.

Sir Charles Tupper appeared last week before the Railway Commission. Two charges have been specially hinted at by the Globe, but since Tupper, though without authority, challenged that paper, nothing but hints and mean insinuations have been used.

AGNOSTIC DOGMATISM.

It is a great mistake to suppose, as some people assume, that what is called "freedom of thought" is liberal or tolerant in practice. Time was when the churches were charged, and not unjustly, with rigid dogmatism.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Collingwood Messenger states that the saw-mill in that town cut 5,000,000 feet of lumber for November. The total quantity of lumber for the month was 8,000,000 feet.

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Religion, to them, is a link in the chain of human development—good in its time and place, but now thoroughly worn out and hopelessly discredited. They never pause to inquire whether they are quite certain their "analysis" be sound, or whether, supposing it to be so, their "human synthesis" is like the Supreme Being's faith in the Gospel.

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