

The young man who went out to the Transvaal as the correspondent of the Montreal Star seems to have waked up to the idea that he ought to fill his letters with news respecting the Canadian contingent rather than with political larders. His earlier efforts were not creditable either to his knowledge of military affairs or good taste. He seems to have started with the notion that his paper sent him out to be a general spy and fault finder; but he is doing better lately, and there will therefore be a disposition to overlook his earlier blunders.

The Toronto Mail & Empire seeks to meet the affidavit as to what was said in the anti-French and anti-Catholic use at Mr. Foster's meeting in Brunswick parish by the declaration that the deponents are employees of the government. This must be very funny to the people of New Brunswick who know to the contrary. Supposing they were civil servants, however, would that fact show that they had not told the truth? The organizers of the Foster clubs are not to be got out of their trouble in that way, not in Ontario.

When the Conservatives had a surplus they boasted of it as an evidence of national prosperity and prudent administration. When the Liberal surplus is alluded to by them it is spoken of as so much more money wrong from the people than was necessary. If, however, there had been a deficit last year, would the Tories have congratulated the government on letting the people off with less taxation than was required? Not at all, they would have pointed to it as a proof of incompetency and failure. A surplus is a good thing in that it enables the government to carry out useful works without borrowing money, while a deficit becomes a permanent increase to the public debt. The Tories made large additions to the debt in that way.

The government continues to maintain its record for economical administration. The report of the finance minister for the last fiscal year has just been issued, and shows the increase to the public debt to have been \$2,317,048. During the eight years of Tory rule the increase in this direction averaged \$6,000,000 a year. So that the Liberals have been carrying out large undertakings, and have been able to do so on over \$4,000,000 a year less of indebtedness than was incurred by the men who claim all the genius for government which Canada possesses.

Mr. Greenway has resigned in less than a month from the time of the defeat of his government at the polls, his course being governed by the public convenience and decent sense of what is due to the verdict of the people. This is in striking contrast to the conduct of Mr. Charles Tupper in 1899, when the government of which he was provincial secretary was totally defeated at the polls. Instead of bowing to the verdict of the people and promptly resigning, Dr. Tupper held on to office for more than ten months after the elections, or until he was fairly kicked out by a vote of the House of Assembly.

Tory talkers still stick to the assertion that "not a single anti-election pledge made by the Liberals has been kept." One important pledge, of course, has not been kept—the pledge to undo the iniquitous grandfather of 1892. That, however, was not the fault of the Liberals. The senate must take the responsibility in that case. As to the other pledges made at the Liberal convention of 1893, every one of them has been kept, all assertions to the contrary notwithstanding.

The fact that the revenue of Canada for the first six months of the current fiscal year was \$8,373,174 better than for the same period last year is another gratifying evidence of continued prosperity. The Sun may endeavor with characteristic ingenuity to discount the significance of these figures; but it will hardly make much headway with thinking people. The trade returns show large increases simply because the people are doing well, and there is general confidence in the stability of the tariff.

The Sun has not yet been able to explain why the leader of the Conservative party represented himself for years as a Loyalist secretary when he must have known that his ancestor who came to Nova Scotia preceded the Loyalists by more than twenty years. Was this a case of forgetfulness on the part of the Cumberland house, or was it due to that cynicism of the truth which has always been his characteristic.

The owners of New Brunswick are now being afforded an excellent opportunity of selling their bay at a fair price for shipments via St. John to South Africa. The Canadian minister of agriculture represented to the Imperial authorities the capabilities of the Dominion in this regard, and the province by the sea is not only supplying men in the present contingency, but other important shows of war.

Mr. Clarke Walker, who never thought of making political capital out of the contingent matter. Those who know Mr. Clarke Walker would never for a moment suppose him to be capable of such a thing. He is too fair and generous an opponent to do anything like that. His real object was to try and help the government, just as Mr. Foster and Sir Charles Tupper have been doing right along.

"Mr. Tarte has not changed since he issued the anti-English pamphlet for the elections of 1896," says the Sun. Quite so. He was then a member of the Imperial Federation League and an open advocate of the preferential treatment of imports from Great Britain. To make the case still better, the Sun knows very well that Mr. Tarte did not issue an anti-English pamphlet in 1896, nor at any other time, for the good reason that there never was such a pamphlet.

A Tory manifesto in 1896 made the solemn declaration that "the money in circulation all over Canada will shrink until scarcity of money will be a national cry" if the Conservatives should happen to be defeated. Well, there are no serious evidences of shrinkage yet visible to the naked eye. There is just \$80,000,000 more money in the chartered banks today than there was in the year the Tories lost their job at Ottawa.

Since Mr. Greenway has resigned the Tory press seems to be in a better humor. For a time they were exhibiting serious symptoms of a relapse into the state of hysteria which marked their conduct during the days anterior to the sending of the first Canadian contingent to South Africa. It is always distressing to see men under the influence of unreasonable excitement.

Dun's Agency reports fewer failures in Canada last year than have occurred since 1896. With an enormously increased trade, more money in the banks, and our manufacturing busy, it would seem that Canada is doing very nicely under the Liberal regime. The Tories will have to recall some of their dark prophecies.

Conservatives sneer at the idea of Liberals having reduced taxation. They may do so; but the fact remains that the duty rate in 1898 was 18.38 per cent, and only 10.68 in 1899. That made a big difference of \$3,000,000 last year between what was actually collected from the people and what would have been taken out of their pockets if the Tories had been in force. Sneers do not alter facts.

"Work for all wage-earners will grow scarcer and scarcer every month," shrieked the Montreal Star in 1898 in referring to what would happen if the Liberals gained power. The employees on the I. C. R. ought to be able to say how far that cheerful prophecy has been fulfilled.

The people of St. John gave our soldier boys a grand send-off last evening. The city of the Loyalists still stands for Queen and Empire, and it has always stood since the day when the exiles from the Thirteen colonies first landed here. Everything has changed since then except the spirit of our people and that spirit was never better illustrated than it was yesterday.

The members of the artillery force who have been enlisted here for service in South Africa will leave this city for Quebec at 6 p. m. We trust that the citizens of St. John will turn out in goodly numbers to bid them farewell, and give them such a send off as will show how much they appreciate the worth of our soldier boys.

As yet we fail to see any cause made by the Conservative press against the Dominion government on account of two members of the Queensland contingent being killed before a Canadian has lost his life. We wonder if the matter has been overlooked or failed to pass the censorship of the Tory party.

The Conservative leader has been boasting at the Pacific coast that while the Liberals are "in office" they are not "in power." There is something exquisitely galling in railway of this character and another throw a hard light on the incoherence of a system which makes such a state of affairs possible.

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# WOODSTOCK MEETING. A BIG GATHERING OF CABLE-TON COUNTY ELECTIONS LAST NIGHT.

Mr. Shaw's Candidacy Championed by Premier Emerson, Hon. Mr. Tweedie and Hon. Mr. Lablondie—Carleton County Appealed to on an Agricultural Platform

Woodstock, Jan. 11.—An enthusiastic gathering of the Open Country Association took place last night to greet the Hon. Messrs. Emerson, Tweedie and Lablondie. Mr. S. B. Appleby was chairman and a number of prominent supporters of the government were on the platform.

Mr. Frank R. Shaw, the government candidate, was the first speaker and said that two weeks ago he was nominated as a candidate. He was a strong supporter of the present government and did not think it necessary to make any defence of that body in Carleton county at least, especially as the people had come to hear Mr. Emerson and the other speakers.

Mr. Lablondie, the next speaker, said the present election was the most important of years because it is in the leading agricultural county in the province and because the government is apparently so in the election of its agricultural policy. Honest government, he said, is our only issue. Something had to be done when the province was going behind, people were leaving and getting discouraged, and when Mr. Emerson became leader he felt that a great blow had to be struck.

Mr. Lablondie said every farmer should raise enough wheat for his own use at least. Many were now doing so. The government policy in regard to wheat raising industry has doubled the wheat crop. There are now twelve roller mills in the province and one stands in Woodstock as a monument to the success of the government's policy, and it is the intention to start another one in Carleton county. The government, he said, are devoting their energy to the advancement of the lumber, mining, agriculture and agriculture.

Upon the agricultural policy alone, with the markets opening in England, the farmers of Carleton county will find a market for their wheat and will vote for the government and for their own good. The dairy industry, he said, which is being built up in all the provinces of the dominion is being especially so in New Brunswick. The result is that butter prepared in creameries brings 17 and 18 cents per pound.

Mr. Emerson received an ovation when he arose to speak. He said that the people of Carleton county are an honor to speak here tonight, but in the present situation I consider it a privilege. There should be no misunderstanding of the existing condition of affairs. He did not, he said, know what canvases the opposition was putting forth except one, that the government is not too strong and that it would give the people better satisfaction with a little more opposition. He spoke of a steamer which appeared in the Woodstock Press, stating that \$10,000 had been sent down from Quebec to elect Mr. Shaw, the object of which was to array one province against another, race against race, religion against religion.

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MARRIAGES.  
GRANVILLE-MOLMAN.—At the residence of Mr. George Watson, Victoria street, on Jan. 10th, by Rev. David Long, Capt. A. M. Granville to Miss A. Molman, both of Waterbury, Queens Co., N. B.  
HOOPER-SERLES.—At Campbellville, after a lingering illness, Catherine, beloved wife of Michael Hooper, aged 61 years, a native of Carleton Place, Ireland, leaving a husband, three sons and five daughters to mourn their loss.

DEATHS.  
NIXON.—In this city, on Jan. 10th, Maggie May Nixon, daughter of the late George and Mary Nixon, on Friday, Jan. 12th, at 2.30 o'clock.  
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New York, Jan. 8, sch Mattie J. Allen, to Boston.  
St. John, Jan. 8, sch Mattie J. Allen, to Boston.  
Buenos Ayres, Dec. 8, sch Tereza Oliveira, to St. John.  
Montreal, Jan. 8, sch Tereza Oliveira, to Montreal.  
Rosario, Dec. 12, sch Herbert Black, to Boston via Buenos Ayres.  
Boston, Jan. 8, sch Emma D. Endicott, to Boston.  
Salem, Mass., Jan. 8, sch Kolon and Alaska, to Sand River for New York; Tay, to Boston.  
Boothbay, Me., Jan. 8, sch Oriole, to St. John.  
Vineyard Haven, Mass., Jan. 8, sch Gerold White, to St. John for New York with loss port anchor; procured another here.  
Santa Fe, Nov. 27, sch Carrie Enkler, to Rosario.  
Rio Janeiro, Jan. 8, sch Marabout, to Pernambuco.  
Buenos Ayres, Dec. 8, sch Ursula Bright, to Buenos Ayres.  
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Departed: Tuesday, Jan. 10. Sch Fred H. Gibson, Publicover, to Havana.  
Buenos Ayres, Jan. 8, sch Eva Lynch, to Buenos Ayres.  
Boston, Jan. 8, sch Abby K. Bentley, to Price, from New York.  
Machias, Jan. 8, sch Emma D. Endicott, to Boston.  
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