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YOUNG MEN IN POLITICS

the party returns to Montreal. Tell Borden and Bennett about the meeting. The proposal for the organization of It will be necessary for at least two of the young men of St. John into an efus to go this fall and locate, as it could fective working society in the Liberal not be done in the spring, and that is interest should, and undoubtedly will. one of the things that must be arreceive hearty approval and support

ranged at the meeting. not only from that party, but from GEORGE W. FOWLER." public spirited citizens generally And after getting, as members of par-Politics, aside from party, needs the liament, this tip in "strictest secrecy' young men. with their energy and enfrom one railway corporation and the thusiasm and clean ideals; and the 'most generous treatment as to terms young men need to take close personal and price" from another. Fowler and interest in political affairs for their his confederates unloaded their propown good, as well as the good of the erty at a profit of \$20,000 upon Mr state. Politics is the business of gov-Foster and his friends, who subse ernment; and good government is esquently unloaded it on a subsidiary sential to national well-being and procompany of the Union Trust at a furgress; and in the public welfare none ther profit of \$100,000. And the whole should have so keen an interest as the deal was practically financed with Foryounger men upon whom will soon deetters' funds. volve the duty of directing public af-If these are "logitima" transactions

fairs and whose future welfare depends it would be interesting to learn Mr. so largely upon the general welfare. Fowler's idea of what is improper in Directly and immediately the young public or private business. men will profit from their active interest in politics by the breadening of

their ideas, the stimulation of their energy and the consciousness of being useful factors in a work of national

GUARDED OPTIMISM A Halifax correspondent of The

Iontreal Gazette conveys the cheerful And from a party standpoint it is intelligence to that journal that "the obvious that the side which can win outlook for a Conservative victory in the interest and support of the young at least nine of the divisions into which of the ministry he could form from that men is the party which has the strong- this province is divided is considered est hold on power. Every year new promising by those who have gone over voters by thousands are added to the the situation both in the capital city Since the Liberals came into of Halifax and in the rural constitu- ly separate, it is obvious that twelve years ago probably endes." This optimistic prediction is this separation is impossible so enough young men have won the fran- tempered, however, by the following chise to outvote the survivors of the sorrowful admission: "There is one old guard who fought the battle of '96. thing, however, that must be attended That the youthful enthusiasm and am- to by several of the Conservative canbition of the most of these has been didates who have been in the field for captured by the spirit of the Liberal weeks and even months past. Their party is evident from the steadily in- want of energy is appalling. Instead creasing majority by which Sir Wilfrid of being in their counties they are Laurier has held power. quietly attending to their professional This is natural and as 't should be. or other duties in Hallfax or elsewhere. Whatever may have been the case in Your correspondent knows of two cases the past the Liberal party today is the where the man were placed in noninaparty of progress, the party of the tion several months ago, yet up to the suffer by it and support it when they larger outlook-the outlook of youth present they have made no move to may profit; who denounce government and of optimism. What do the Conser- get in touch with the electors. There expenditures in the mass and demand vatives offer in this campaign but a is no reason why the Conservative more in detail; who pillory their opponstale re-hash of old cries seasoned by party should not carry a majority of ents for alleged dishonesty and cont few made-to-order "scandals"? There the seats at the coming general elec- done grafting by their friends. If the is nothing in their appeal to compare tion, but they will probably lose more administration of Canada's affairs in its attractiveness for , wide-awake than one constituency owing to the really needs reforming it is not to such young men with the fascination of negligence of the men who have been as these the people may trust for re-Laurier's ever-youthful and knightly nominated." Meanwhile Mr. Fleiding's form. personalty and of the spirit of progress second promise of a solid eighteen from and growth with which he has inspired the farthest eastern province stands his followers. Particularly in St. John unqualified.

have the Liberals, with their broad policy of transportation. development in which this port is vitally interested the opportunity to appeal for and to win the ardent allegiance of every young man who hopes to make this

city his home and to advance with its the Liberal government and will prom-But there must be some definite prac- under Conservative rule. tical way not only to place the just claims of the Liberal party before the youth of this constituency, but also to

give them that active share in political work and responsibility without which enthusiastic and permanent interest is difficult to arouse and maintain. And for this purpose no better means can be devised from the formation of a comprehensive political and social organization, in which they can meet and talk things over, and through which they may co-operate with the more experienced members in practical

the development of the port. and which apples a "LEGITIMATE TRANSACTIONS"

fierce criticism of Dr. Pugsley for venturing, as a federal Minister, to fight for his friends and former colleagues in the provincial legislature. It is only three months since. in Consurvative yes, it was the outrageous height of political immorality for Hon. G. P. Graham or Hon. William Paterson to to into Ontario or for Hon. L. P. Broleur or Hon. Rodolphe Lemleux or Hon. Jacques Bureau to go into Quebec and exercise their rights as electors in those provinces. But, oh, what a change is here, my puntrymen. Today these same Conervatives who shouted themselves red

n the face against federal collaboration in provincial contests are boasting exuberantly of the open alliance of four provincial premiers with Mr. Borden in the federal fight now in full swing-are practicing openly and arrogantly the very thing they have preached against.

We do not complain of this alliance. In the circumstances it is quite natural. In his federal following Mr. Borden has few men indeed whom he can parade before the public with any pride or any hope of arousing enthusiastic confidence in the character and strength

material. And while in theory it is unquestionably better to keep provincial and federal affairs strictlong as party lines are tightly drawn and so long as provincial politicians have federal ambitions. But we do complain of the petty hypocrisy which inspires the political methods of these men whose professions and practices are so deliberately variant; who persistently and vociferously approve one thing and follow after its opposite who condemn the commingling of federal and provincial politics when they

DISGRACEFUL POLITICS

demn the extravagant expenditures of A comparison, not at all flattering to this country's political methods, is ise more economical administration drawn by the Manitoba Free Press between the good nature and courtesy On the platform with him will stand | and disposition to be fair which marks Premier Hazen, the Conservative leader | the conduct of the presidential elecof a government which similarly promtion now in progress in the United ised economy and which began its States, and the wholesale and maligadministration by doubling the direct nant slander which characterizes the taxation and by increasing the expencampaign of the opposition party in diture of New Brunswick to a figure the Canadian contest which is, in all \$100,000 in excess of the most extravaprobability, soon to culminate at the gant record of its predecessors. colls. In no other country in the civil-

Another of Mr. Borden's lieutenants ized world, The Free Press points out, is a member of the Conservative gov- is the doctrine of ministerial responsiernment of Ontario, which in less than | bility pushed to such extremes to jusfour years has increased the expendit- tify assaults on private character.

ilarly, in the United States there were

the most partisan Democrat found in

these facts sure and certain proof that

President Roosevelt and his colleagues

and all the Republican party leaders

were involved in an organized plunder-

bund. In Canada, Sir Wilfrid Laurier

escaped the charge of direct personal

liability for these irregularities: with

the insinuation that, in some round-

The Liberal government of Canada

ministered over five hundred million

from less than a million to \$2.54

A STRONG TICKET One must go back to '87 and '78, the days of Tilley and Burpee and Weldon, to find men in the political arena in this constituency comparable in strength and ospacity to the ticket placed in the field by the Liberais in and Fowler, who had paid nothing, apconvention last night.

That Hon. William Pugsley would be That Hon. William Pugsley would be re-nominated for the City and County in which the dear innoceuts were was, of course, a foregone conclusion, and his splendid record of achievement in this port's interests might quite justly have been considered sufficient to warrant the election of any man chosen as his colleague. But in Mr. James Pender the Liberals of the City have selected a candidate who needs no bolstering with another's reputation. He has a record and repute of his own

which would lend strength to any ticket and inspire pride in any party which could command his services. A ousiness man of honorable prominence who has compelled success by his en-

> ellence the kind of representative St. John needs. This is his home. Here frid Laurier and his colleagues in powhe has made his career, building up er until the Grand Trunk Pacific and from small beginnings one of the most other great national works begun under prosperous industries in the Dominion. the Liberal administration are com-All his interests are centered here. All pleted, * * * * I say it would be sulhis money is invested here. In earnest cidal to interfere with the government's of his faith in St. John's value as an transportation policy at this important industrial location and its future he time."

> has put up his all of cash and brains and force. Consequently he has a dithings are equal, a man with a stake in the community makes the best re- ests than to the beating of the party presentative.

And, aside from St. John's especial Its record acquits it of that chargeneeds, there is urgent need in politics proves that its people have that public these days for business men-men who spirit which places in the background bring to the task of government a local advantage when there are large practical business training and apti- public issues demanding their verdict. tude. There are too miny lawyers and In 1867 St. John stood strong for Condoctors and writing men in parliament federation and for his part in that great -men whose knowledge is of books, work gave Sir Leonard Tilley a great doctrinaire and dilletante. True majority. But eight years there are numerous instances of pro- turned to the right about and defeated fessional men who have made admir- him on the Pacific Scandal issue. Four able administrators. Tupper was a years later it pronounced its independdoctor; Pugsley is a lawyer; but both ent opinion in favor of protection and

had ability above the technical, ability its Conservative advocates. In '96 it which would have won them success went Liberal again on the Manitoba in any line of endeavor. But for the School question. Since that time there working force of parliament we need has been no issue of public policy large more men from the workshop and the enough to demand the obliteration of counting room-men in close touch local issues and St. John has naturally with the country's industrial and com- and prudently and justly voted for St. mercial life, who bring into politics ex- John. It elected Blair in 1900 for what perience in practical affairs. That more he had done and what he could do for of such men are not active in public this city and province. In 1904 it follife is due, not to any lack of general lowed Blair inte opposition against the appreciation of the value of their ser- government on the Grand Trunk Pacific vices, but to the fact that as a rule question, believing with him that in the the best of them are averse to the em- contract as it then stood this port was barrassing turmoil of politics. When insufficiently protected against the such a one who has proven his prac- competition of Portland. Last year it tical worth can be induced to devote elected Dr. Pugsley by acclamation behis talents to the public service, the cause of the general appreciation of the opportunity should be seized with avid- fact that the port's needs demanded ity and acclaim-as we are confident it the presence of a strong and active and

will be in the case of Mr. Pender. influential representative at Ottawa. And this year, because he has done And what a splendid ticket these two well, better even than was hoped of -Pugsley and Pender-will make, not him-because he has under way the only in their irresistible claim upon greatest works ever undertaken in St. vork for the success of the party and ures of that province from \$4,888,982 to There was on the occasion of the their power to work for the good of doubting, elect him again, and with support of the electorate but in John's behalf, its people will, beyond

South African war an aftermath of the community. Had the Conservatives him a colleague as well fitted as him-

of the gospel of superior virtue, preach-

ed by "Mr Borden the Chief." as Mr

(Zardray) Graham designates him. Mr.

Fowler and Mr. Pope have no other

claim to fame at all to be compared

440,000. That in itself is something to The tempter apple over the fence; surprise. They had put in their money, Pope and Fowler had put in none, and the least they looked for was an equal be proud of. But that is not the whole The cobweb bloom on the yellow quince. record. In 1896 there were 9,103 post offices in Canada; in 1907 there were The pallsh asters along the wood,division. They didn't get it. "Dear 11,377 post offices in Canada. In 1896 A lyric touch of the solitude; Lefurgey" was allotted a one-tenth share; Mr. Bennett the same; the the number of postal notes and money other paying partnet the same. Pope order offices was 1,310, and in 1907 the An open hand, an easy shoe, office savings banks numbered 755, and And a hope, to make the day go number was 9,091. In 1896 the post propriated seven-tenths of the profit as through,their share. And to show how they last year the number was 1.048. An

and now comes the culminating re-

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good in their record as their postal ad-

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THE CONSERVATIVE MEETING

Considering the advertised array of

minent speakers and the unusually

fevorable conditions, with thousands

of exhibition visitors in town, the Con-

servative meeting last night m ast have

been somewhat disappointing to its

renewal of public confidence.

increase of pay to the amount of ten Another to sleep with, and a third per cent. was granted to our postplaced, they sent "Dear Lefurgey" and masters by the former Postmaster Bennett a bill for a few thousand dol-General, and still further increases ars commission on the transaction. have been granted by the present head Verily these be convincing prophets of of the department. Better postal facilities have been established between A hunger fit for the kings of the sea, purity and honesty One wonders, in Great Britain and Canada. Until a few years ago the postal rate to Great And a loaf of bread for Dickon and me; the face of this record, that they have not been chosen to accompany their Britain was five cents per ounce; then An idle noon, a bubbling spring. missionary leader on his apostolic tour.

it was cut down to two cents per halfounce, and now it is two cents per manounce. The establishment of mail de-NO TIME FOR A CHANGE livery in our cities of over 10,000 popu- But follows and follows the journeying

"I think it a very poor policy and bad business to swap horses while crossing ergy and ability, Mr. Pender is par ex- the stream. I mean by that, that the electors of Canada should keep Sir Wil-

That is Mr. Pender's platform in this ampaign-the common-sense platform rect personal interest in St. John's de- of a clear-sighted business man. And velopment which could not but stimu-late his activity in its behalf. Where the treasure is there is the heart also, fairly earned the reputation of taking and for this reason, even if other a business view of political affairs-of

giving closer attention to its own inter-St. John is not a venal constituency.

promoters. In Halifax Monday night Mr. Borden and his troupe, according to The Herald's estimate, were hailed and heard by nearly 6,000 people. Last night a friendly calculation could count no more than 2,500 in a building which could 'accommedate nearly twice that number. However those present were mostly enthusiastic partisans who gave the speakers a fine reception and close attention, which would be considered.

no doubt, as compensation for the lack of attendance. But though partisans might have found comfort in the meeting those later it who attended with open minds to gather material upon which to base Declares Carleton Will Retheir judgment of the issues in this campaign found little food for thought. The speeches, though entertaining in

turn Carvell-Enthusiastic the main, were more of the "stump" variety-discubsive and inconsequent. Over River with more clap-trap than argument-

than the people had a right to expect from responsible political leaders. Hon. Speaking of his visit to this province Mr. Hanna and Premier Roblin spent a Hon. Sydney Fisher, Minister of Agrilarge part of their time discussing The sculture, said to The Sun yesterday that everywhere the people seemed to Sun, which has apparently caused them be keen politicians. He found the Libsome discomfort but which, though we erals in good fighting trim and going are not overly modest, we hardly think into the campaign to make a good acdeserves the prominence of a federal iscount of themselves. sue. And Mr. Borden, always carefully "The young Literals are in the fight vague, was more than usually nono win," he continued. "While speakcommittal in his remarks, save shose ing at a meeting in Woodsteck Monin which he made accusations of graft day night, I was deeply impressed with and maladministration against the gov- the enthusiasm of the audience and ernment-accusations which have been the general satisfaction displayed by freely repeated on the stump during the people with the present governthe last two campaigns but which have ment. The Opera House was packed never yet taken the form of a definite to the doors and judging from the parliamentary charge against any Lib- audience and the manner in which my

eral minister or member. His exposi- address v.2s received I have no fear of tion of his pleasantly elastic "Halifax the results in that town at the next platform" was mystically indefinite. election.' The Minister stated that his visit to particularly his reference to his fiscal

Another is Premier Roblin, under exposures which revealed graft in its mominated such men as Mr. W. H. self to fight their battles. whose Conservative administration the most odious form in the contracting Thorne and Mr. W. S. Fisher, for inexpenditures of Manitoba have grown department of the British army; but stance, comparison between the oppos-from lass then a million to state whether the adaptation should the mon-political manner in which the adaptation should the adaptation should addresses were delivered. He considered dresses were delivered. He consid take the direction of higher or lower ed the exhibition a great success and tariffs. If any St. John men attended mentioned particularly the cattle exthat meeting to discover if there were hibit, which he considered one of the any public questions at issue between best he has seen at any exhibition. the two narties sufficiently important He congratulated St. John on posto warrant them in shutting their eyes sessing such a magnificent river as the to the obvious local advantage of re- St. John. He had spent Sunday on a electing the Minister of Public Works pleasure trip on one of the steamers, and of sending with him to parliament and viewed the country along its a man who can assist him and the gov- banks. "I thought the farming country along ernment in developing this port in connection with their broad and progreswas excellent." he said, "and all tha sive transportation policy, we have not is required is railroad communication the least doubt of the way they will through that country and a magnificent farming community will result." vote next election day. Yesterday Mr. Fisher visited Part-The wrath of the Premier of Maniridge Island and inspected the quarantine station there. He was satisfied toba and the Finance Minister of Onwith the conditions found there. tario was excited by The Sun's casual He left the city on the Montreal train last night. isters who were joining in Mr. Borden's

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Defending himself from the charges arising from his western land deals with Foresters' funds. Mr. George W. Fowler assured the Conservative delegates at the recent Kings-Albert convention that these transactions were "perfectly legitimate" and had nothing to do with the increase in Forestric insurance rates. Mr. Fowler's statement is, of course

entitled to consideration; but so are

rocketed the balance of \$55,009.

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to consider rallway schemes and which

was then considering the Grand Trunk

Facific project he went to Daniel Mann

of the well known firm of Mackenzie

and Mann and secured from him

secret information regarding the route

of their road. Here is Mr. Fowler's

own story of the negotiations as writ-

ten to Mr. Lefurgey, M. P., his partner

"Iwar Lefurgey-We have succeeded

beyond our wildest hopes. We wired D.

M. end he met us at the train at To-

ronte and took us to his office and gave

us the route so far as located, of

course under cover of 'he strictest sec-

recy, so keep it mum except to Borden, Dennett and yourself. We expect to

have a wealthy Englishman named

Lister, the head of the Canada Chemi-

cal Company, and Col. Pellatt in the

combine with us. We have increased

the thing to 200,000 acres. On arriving

here we interviewed Sir Thomas

Shanghnessy, and have every reason

terms and price. He said we should

get the best that was going. We want

to arrange for a meeting there when

to expect most generous treatment as

and subsequent victim in the deal:

While listening to Mr. Borden's easy promises it is well to remember these things.

ONE OF THE OLD GUARD

which have increased by over a mil-

lion under Conservative management.

HORRIBLE EXAMPLES

Mr. R. L. Borden tonight will con-

the facts of the case: and so is the statement of so excellent an authority The retirement of Hon. R. W. Scott rom the position of Secretary of State as Mr. Elliot G. Stevenson, the Supreme and his ministers would not have Chief Ranger of the Foresters, who dein Sir Wilfrid Laurier's ministry clared under oath before the Insurance brings to an honorable end an active Commission that Fowler and his acand fruitful political career over half complices had "swindled" the Order, a century long. In 1857, ten years beabout way, they had shared in the We have been swindled out of \$55,fore Confederation, Mr. Scott was electcoo," he said, describing one transacgraft. ed a member of the Ontario legislature. tion, that notoricus double option deal and ever since, with a break of only in Kamloops timber lands, and "who four years, between 1863 and '67, he has swindled us have got to account for it. filled a prominent place in public life We are awaiting the results of this in- | with honor to himself and usefulness to vestigation to ascertain who the par- the State. From '63 to '73 he sat in been wastage through bad judgment, ties are, aside from Mr. Fowler." It the Ontario legislature, holding office was this deal in which Mr. Fowler, act- as Commissioner of Crown Lands under inefficiency and in cases no doubt the ing, as Mr. Stevenson swore, as an Blake and Mowat. In '74 he joined dishonesty of officials, would be to atagent of the Union Trust Company, setribute superhuman business ability to Alexander Mackenzie's government as cured a personal option on a saw mill Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues Secretary of State, taking the seat in In these mistakes and blunders the and some timber limits in Kamloops the senate which he has held ever since. for \$170,000, induced the proprietor to scandal-monger finds his opportuni-During the long period of Conservative give him another bogus option for \$225.ties, and by regarding them as the 600, showed the second option only to government he led the Liberal opposipersonal delinquencies of the ministers the Union Trust officials, got the tion in the senate, and upon Laurier's in whose departments they occur, he \$225,000 from them for the property in assumption of power became leader for proceeds to indict the whole ministry their belief that this was the lowest the government there and resumed his from the premier down, as an organprice, paid the proprietor \$170,000 acold portfolio which the burden of his 83 cording to the secret agreement and years compels him now to resign.

ized band of thieves. How contemptible and absurd all this And through all these years Mr. Scott And this is only one of the smaller is, in the face of the records written has kept himself unspotted from the transactions which Mr. Fowler de large on Canadian history, of the men world of politics-has won the affec whom these politicians, half crazed with scribes as "perfectly legitimate," and tionate respect of friend and foe as a one of the least culpable from a public courtly, kindly gentleman, clean ing. Sir Wilfrid is now an old man lust for office, are viciously calumniatstandpoint in that he acted in it solely and true and public spirited. Alwho has spent nearly forty years in the public life of Canada. He has been for in his private capacity as a promoter. ways active for the common In the largor deal with those Sasgood, there stand to his credit katchewan lands the people of Kingsover twenty years the leader of one of the two great parties; thrice he has been honored by a majority of the votes of the Canadian people; he is be-yond all question the most distinguishtwo measures of prime importance-the Albert have a more intimate interest Canada Temperance Act, which will because he traded thersin for his private profit upon his public position as their representative in parliament. As long perpetuate his name as the pioneer in local option legislation, and the Separate School Law of Ontario, which, ed Canadian. He has been the recipia member of parliament he accomenacted in 1863, solved a most difficult panied Mr. Borden on a speaking tour ent of the most marked honors in the problem very satisfactorily. Motherland. He is, admittedly, the of the West, and learned of a chance As the representative of the Irish most experienced, the most distinguishfor good investment in some lands ad-Catholics in the cabinet Mr. Scott is ed of all the statesmen of Britain Bejoining the proposed line of the Canucceeded by Hon. Charles Murphy, yond the Seas. He 's a great internaadian Northern Railway. As a member

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one of Ottawa's most prominent law- tional figure. His name and his career yers and an active Liberal from his are known, not only to the people of boyhood. What strength Mr. Murphy the Empire, but to a considerable de Then their "Dear Lefurgey" and the will bring to the government in East- gree, to the world at large. This is the equally dear Bennett were allowed to ern Ontario can only be judged from man who, in the supposed interests of the strong influences which urged his a political party, is to be assailed by To the country at large his half the newspapers and half the platcapacity is an unknown quantity, but form speakers of Canada as a cheap, Wilfrid is a good judge of men and conscienceless schemer, the hardened his success so far in choosing his col- leader of a gang of brigands, the asleagues warrants the belief that Mr. sociate and defender of boodlers and furphy will make good in his import- thieves-unscrupulous, crafty, dishon-

st, without a sign of public conscience, or regard for the obligations of his PREACHING AND PRACTICE position.

It is truly, as the Free Press declares, It was only short six months ago disgraceful that a political party that Mr. J. D. Hazen was pouring seven should resort to such methods of political warfare; but what a reflection it vials-and then some-of denunciation is on the whole community that a party upon the unholy practice of mixing federal and provincial politics, appealing should deem such methods effectivel The disgrace of the present catepaign to Liberals and Conservatives alike to of slander and scandal attaches to the give him their votes as an independent trust in the interest of good govern- tolerated in any community which whole nation because it should not be ment, and pledging himself to know neither Grit nor Tory in his adminisdian electors must rebuke its promoters tration of provincial affairs. And at in the most emphatic manner if Canada the same time Mr. Borden, Mr. Foster, is not to suffer in reputation in the

claims to be civilized; and the Canaand Fowler.)

except in the direction of strengthen-Another is Premier McBride of Brit- position in Great Britain to involve odious; but Daniel and MacRae!--sureing in position and influence of the ish Columbia, the expenditures of the war minister and his colleagues in iy here there is small room for choice. first St. John man who ever held the the disgrace of the transactions. Sim- Dr Pugsley alone during the past short important portfolio of Public Worksyear has been able to accomplish more Even if there were reasons for a revelations a few years ago of thiev- for this port than any member since change they would have to be very ing in the Post Office Department in confederation-witness the dredging at grave and potent reasons to warrant the granting of contracts; but not even | Sand Point and at the harbor entrance, so evident a samifice of this city's interests as would be involved in Dr. the new wharf in Rodney Slip for which tenders are now being called, the Pugsley's defeat or even his return improvement of the grain handling without an emphatic mandate from facilities for this year's business, the both the City and the City and Counprovision for the development of ty. And there are no such reasons. There is absolutely no question of pub-Courtenay Bay and the plan, soon to be in force, for the management and lic policy at issue between the two improvement of the port by a Harbor parties-nothing but the usual frothy Commission. With a man like Mr. common-place of charges, and even Pender to stimulate his energy, these discounted by the shady reputation of some of the opposition strengthen his hands and aid him in ers making the charges. In this elecevery way with an ardor and an extion the electors of St. John have only reminder that these Conservative minrt knowledge equal to his own, St. John may reasonably expect much in its twelve years of office has ad- more from the Minister during the next four years-years which promise to be dollars, and to say that there has not the most important, and, if rightly taken advantage of, the most fruitful through mistaken policies, through the of prosperity in the history of the city. APOSTLES OF PURITY

to consider the general record of the Liberal government, and the relations depunciation of Liberal extravagance of that government to this fort. And had themselves greatly increased the from either the broader or the narrow public expenditure in their respective er outlook there can be only one reasonable and sensible view-that the government, which has done reasonably well in the past and has set its hand to the execution of a compre ensive transportation policy in which St. John is definitely and vitally inter-The Montreal Herald finds something ested and of which St. John must very refreshing about the appearance of Mr. Fowler and Mr. Pope as apostles heartily approve, should be given a

free hand to finish its work. ----

FARMERS

with that arising out of their exploits in the famous land deal, as exposed by A year ago Mr. R. L. Borden pu Commission. Mr. Fowler, according to forward as a prominent feature of the evidence given before the insurance Conservative policy a system of free rural mail delivery, "after a proper in- which they urgs in their defense stand his own showing, and that of his confederates, hall a good working underquiry as to the cost." only to discover that the Liberal government had been standing with Mr. Pope. It was he considering the scheme for over a year, and Pope who got into the good graces of Mr. Dan Mann, that good-natured had quietly been looking over the field. and estimating the cost and the capagentleman giving them a look at the plans showing the route the Canadian city of the post office department to Northern line was to take, from which handle it. And during the past year they could gather for themselves where the government, neither hindered nor land could be bought at a low price. stimulated by Conservative approval All this was written to their "Dear of this policy, has had its officials ntinually at work evolving the de-Lefurgey." under pledge of secrecy. Then the enterprising pair, blissfully tails of the scheme, with the resul that the Postmaster General was able innocent of suspicion that their rosi yesterday to announce that working tions as members of Parliament would plans had been completed and that im be thought of by the C. P. R. people mediately he proposed to inaugurate any more than by Mr. Mann, got good a comprehensive system of mail col

country districts of Canada. What this will mean to rural resiput in their good money, and were dents only those who have been forced allowed to believe (good joke, this) hitherto to drive miles to post or rethat they were in the deal share and ceive mail matter can fully realize. To share alike, as became four fellowhave their letters and papers delivered members of the opposition, who had at their doors; to have the same easy each other's confidence. (A third payfacilities for posting that are now ening partner was also admitted, but he

was not a member of Parliament.) make the living conditions of the farm-Fowler and Pope, the evidence shows, ers immeasurably more comfortable did not put up any money. Careful as and attractive and will greatly increase ever of their honor and independence their debt to the government under as members of Parliament, they got

Mackenzie and Mann, who are always manifold. asking Parliament for something, to This great step in advance is the endorse notes out of the proceeds, of climax of a record of postal adminiswhich they paid the C. P. R. as the tration which is one of the greatest instalments came due. Then they fixtriumphs of the Liberal government. ed up a deal with Mr. Foster and his In the last year of Conservative rule friends in the Union Trust Company; there was a deficit in the post office selling out to these latter worthies at department of \$700,000. In 1907, ina profit of a dollar an acre, \$200,000 in stead of a huge deficit and a three-cent all. (The further manipulation of the rate, we have a two-cent rate in all price concerns Mr. Foster, not Pope Canada, we have reduced postage to

the Old Country, we have reductions and all the New Brunewick members of judgment of the enlightened, both at to be made, "Dear Lefurgey" and his last year, the post office department A shadowy highway cool and brown, friend. Mr. Bennett, came in for a little showed a surplus for the year of \$1,- Alluring up and enticing down;

THE PENALTY OF FAST LIVING

To'wake me up at the voice of a bird:

And the hoarse whisper of the corn.

The resonant far-listening morn.

Delusion afar, delight anear,

From morrow to morrow, from year te

These are the joys of the open road-

-Bliss Carman.

For him who travels without a load.

HON. SYDNEY FISHER

PRAISES EXHIBITION

Cattle Exhibit Equals

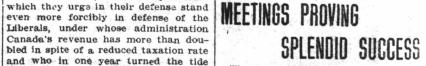
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TALKS POLITICS

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provinces--in Manitoba by over a mil-Is paid for by an irritable condition lion and a half a year and in Ontario of the body and mind, by exhausted by three millions. This statement, and broken sleep. If you must and though they described it as misleading, will live a killing pace, better keep in they did not attempt to deny, but ex- mind the sustaining powers of Ferrocused their admitted enlargement of zone, a wonderful tonic and reconstructhe expenditure under their control by tor. Ferrozone is a blood maker, a the assertion that under their rule the nerve strengthener, a heart and brain revenues had been increased by pru- invigorator. It creates appetite in dent administration and that in spite | sures perfect digestion and undisturbe of the large expenditures deficits had sleep; restores the vitality and FREE MAIL DELIVERY FOR THE been converted into surpluses. It is strength lost by excessive living very not necessary to dispute their state- quickly. Ferrozone will do you inestim ments to prove the wholesale incon- able good. Try it. Price, 50 cents per box, or six boxes for \$2.50, at druggists sistency and unfairness of their censure of Liberal financial management or Polson & Co., Kingston, Ont. in federal affairs, for the very excuses



of deficits which prevailed under Con-The laymen's missionary movement committee have received a telegram servative government and have profrom F. W. Anderson from Sydney sayduced steadily increasing surpluses every year, surpluses amounting in all ing that the meetings there have been to \$94,000,000 since Sir Wilfrid Laurier a splendid success. He also wires that J. Campbell White of New York, N. W. Rowell, K. C., of Toronto and Rev. W. T. Stackhouse of Winnipeg will arrive in this city on Thursday morning. The speakers alluded to above. fo-gether with F. W. Anderson, will be present at the meetings Thursday and Friday in the Stone church school room, Thursday evening at the dinner in St. David's church, and Friday evening at St. Andrew's church. It seems doubtful now that any of the outside speakers will arrive for the mid-week prayer meetings, but it hoped that the subject will be taken up by the various churches on that evening.

The preparatory meeting is to be A held this afternoon at three o'clock in Stone church school room, at which all / men are invited.

• YOUNG LIBERALS ORGANIZE * A meeting of the young men of * St. John is called for Friday even- * • ing in Berryman's Hall to discuss + + the organization of a Young Lib- * + eral Club. All interested in politi- + + cal affairs and in the development +

of St. John are cordially invited to f

+ attend.

WM. L. WILL A. Finn, Whole and Spirit Merc William St. E for family pric

IN AUTUMN TIME. The world puts on its robes of glory now, The very flowers are tinged with deeper dyes. The waves are bluer, and the angels pitch Their shining tents along the sunset skies.

became Premier.

The distant hills are crowned with purple mist. The days are mellow, and the long, calm nights wandering eyes, the weird magicians, show The shifting splendors of the mothers' lights.

Liberals, under whose administration

Canada's revenue has more than dou-

and who in one year turned the tide

bled in spite of a reduced taxation rat

The generous earth spreads out her fruitful store. And all the fields are decked with ripened sheaves; While in the woods, at autumn's rustling step. The maples blush through all their trembling loaves. Albert Leighton.

AUTUMN DAYS A crimson touch on the hardwood trees;

lection and distribution throughout the

joyed only by the larger cities, will which their prosperity has increased