

Conservative papers, as a matter of course, like the favor of the address on "The Economic Development of Canada" delivered by Sir Charles Tupper before the Royal Scottish Geographical Society in Edinburgh. Some of Sir Charles' remarks are thus reported: "It was impossible for this country to ignore the fact that all the great self-governing colonies had been drawn toward protection by the same compulsion, viz: self-interest, and he took the extraordinary development of the colonies showed that they had been the best judges of their own affairs. As they might know, he had a very strong belief the not distant future would see a considerable change of policy both in this country and the colonies in regard to the development of intercolonial and imperial trade, and that the change necessary to bring this about would not be all on the side of the colonies. He had always refused to discuss the policy of protection and free trade as matters of abstract principle in relation to the practical needs of Canada. He had been content to dwell on the fact that they had in Canada a certain population which was vastly exceeded by that of the great nation along their southern border, and that it was impossible to carry on the general affairs of Canada successfully without paying some regard to the close proximity and fiscal policy of the great republic."

Sir Charles does not seem to be quite so candid as he might have been, else he would have offered some explanation of the fact that he was in 1877 ready to shout for free trade if the Mackenzie government adopted the protection idea. Those who remember this fact know that it was not the "practical needs of Canada," but the practical needs of his own party that Sir Charles was looking after in 1877—and on many different occasions afterwards. Among the many questions connected with their political history in which Canadians may speculate with some interest is this: What would have been the subsequent course of events if Messrs. Mackenzie and Cartwright had raised the tariff a notch or two at the demand of the manufacturers, and if Sir Charles had delivered that elaborate free trade speech which he had lying in his parliamentary desk in the session of 1877?

**DOMINION VOTERS' LIST.**  
The preliminary voters' lists for the Victoria electoral district have been received from Ottawa by the revising officer, E. E. Wootton, who announces that he will hold court of revisions at the court house in this city on January 25, and at Esquimalt on January 28. At the former will be revised polling subdivisions Nos. 1 to 10, which include Victoria City and Victoria district. At the latter will be taken up subdivisions 11 and 12, which embrace Esquimalt and Metchosin. The clause of the act relating to their final revision reads as follows:

"Any person desiring to object or to add to, or in any way to amend or correct the original list, or either of the supplementary lists, on the final revision, shall have the right so to object or to apply for the said addition, amendment or correction, to the revising officer, if he has, at least two weeks before the day fixed for such final revision, deposited with or mailed to the revising officer, by registered letter, at his office or place of address, a notice in the form D in the schedule to this act; and in the event of any person desiring to object to any name on the original list or on the supplementary list of names proposed to be added, the person so objecting shall also give notice in writing at least two weeks before the day fixed for such final revision to the person whose name is objected to, and the like form to the revising officer, by delivering such notice to such person, or by mailing the same by registered letter to the post-office address given in the list or to last known post office address."

Notices for the first court of revision must therefore be served by the 11th of January and for the other by the 14th. Those who wish to consult the list will find copies at Mr. Archer Martin's office over the Bank of Montreal, and at the Times office. Copies will also be placed in some of the outlying districts at points to be announced hereafter. Those who know of names that should be added or removed will be afforded every facility to make the corrections.

**SOME "LOYALTY" REMINISCENCES.**

During the negotiations conducted by Sir John Ross and Secretary Fish in 1869-70 Canada offered the United States the following privileges: (1) The cession for a term of years of the fisheries of Canada to the United States; (2) the enjoyment of our canals, which were to be enlarged at our cost, and the free enjoyment of the navigation of the St. Lawrence; (3) the assimilation of our customs and excise duties to those of the United States; (4) the concession of an import duty equal to the internal revenue taxes of the United

States; (5) and the free admission into either country of certain manufactures of the other.

This is what the loyal "boodle" party, masking under the guise of Conservatives, offered the United States in 1869-70, one clause alone being nothing short of annexation.

In 1873, when told that the National Policy would endanger British connection, the Toronto Mail—the organ of Sir John Macdonald—replied, "So much the worse for British connection."

In 1877 Sir Charles Tupper while discussing the fishery question with Secretary Bayard offered the United States complete reciprocity. Through the operation of the National Policy a larger duty is collected from British imports than from American.

In 1894 Sir Hibbert Tupper declared that the mother country was "driven from the civilized markets of the world, steadily and every year finding their output to those markets decreasing, they spend millions on their army and millions on their navy, to force their wares and their goods, and their merchandise into the civilized markets of the world."

This is the same loyal and patriotic party that mobbed the representative of Her Majesty in Montreal. The same intensely loyal and fervidly patriotic party that drew up the annexation manifesto in 1849, which was signed by the late premier, Sir John Abbott, and other Conservatives.

**A CHANGE SINCE '92.**

In the session of 1892 the Hon. Theodore Davie was concerned, as now, about the government of municipalities. He had then, as now, the remarkable idea that the cities would be better governed if the provincial government had something to do with the business. Therefore Mr. Davie introduced in the house a bill to enable the government to interfere with the conduct of municipal affairs whenever it could find enough creatures of its own in a city to "intervene" such interference. Our amiable friend the Colonist was in those days given to independent criticism when the attorney-general was concerned, and in connection with the bill spoken of it launched forth in the following terms:

"We are glad to see that the attorney-general's bill to amend the municipal act, 1891, is to be searchingly revised in committee. Distrust of the people is seen in almost every section of that bill. It belongs to the class of legislation that has been very properly denominated 'grandmotherly legislation, in which the people are treated as children who are not able to take care of themselves. Some of the members who spoke yesterday were unable to see the principle embodied in the bill. This does not speak well for their powers of discernment. The principle of grandmotherliness runs through the whole of it, and is very conspicuous in some of its clauses."

What a change from those days to the present, when we find the Colonist backing up the premier in an attempt to push through legislation that is much more deserving of the epithet "grandmotherly" than were his proposals of 1892. Circumstances have effected a considerable change in the degree of the organ's fidelity.

**THE GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS.**

The curiosity of Mr. Williams, M. P., is most natural. He will ask in the legislature for a committee to elicit information in respect to the progress of work, the names of the contractors, payments made, etc., on the parliament buildings contract. There are certain rumors afloat as to the inadequacy of the security held by the government which ought to be dispelled, if possible. Mr. Adams, it is very generally believed, is not the only member of the contracting firm; but should it transpire that he alone is interested in the contract, and that insufficient security is held for the completion of the work, it will be the duty of the legislature to take the matter in hand. The work is probably the largest the province ever engaged in, and it is not unlikely will entail an expenditure of one million dollars before it is completed. It is therefore too serious a question for trifling and too dangerous to the financial credit of the province to run the risk of failure or the possibility of scandal. If matters are not all right they must be made right before any more money is expended; if they are all right it will be a wise thing to show that they are, by giving the information asked for by Mr. Williams. It is the right of the people, who pay the money, to know who are the men financially interested in the contract; and unless the government has something to hide, something that it is ashamed of, it will assist Mr. Williams in his search for facts which ought to be as visible to everybody as the fine pile of buildings now slowly arising in government grounds.

**A POLICY OF "SPURGE."**

In the house last night a vote of \$9000 was passed to pay the salary and defray the office expenses of an agent-general in London. Hitherto Mr. Beeton has

discharged the duties of the position without a salary, while the office expenses have been but a trifle. The inexpressiveness of the office has been, in the past, about the strongest argument for its continuance. If the province received little or no benefit, the cost was a mere bagatelle. But now that we have Mr. Davie at the helm, with full scope to indulge in extravagancies of every kind, the position of the agent-general is to be elevated to something approaching the dignity and splendor of a foreign ambassador. "The other colonies" are to be imitated, and a fat billet provided for a friend of the government—say, for instance, Mr. Vernon, who, although defeated by the electors, has not relinquished his claims upon the provincial purse. There are many items in the estimates that ought to have been vigorously opposed by the house, but there is none that is more unjustifiable than this one. Mr. Davie is fast committing the province to a policy of "spurge" that must in time have a disastrous effect upon its welfare. Is the man blind to the ultimate consequences of his acts?

**EDITORIAL NOTES.**

Says the Nelson Tribune: "The school of mines is simply a fad of two visionaries, and if Premier Davie has an ounce of horse sense he will kill the scheme by failing to make an appropriation to carry it out." The Tribune forgets that the sort of "horse sense" which the premier possesses will rather influence him to favor the school as a convenient refuge for some needy hang-er-on.

In the house the other day Mr. Graham suggested that the government should post in London a notice like the following:

**Notice—Patriotism and Self-Sacrifice.**

Whereas our attention has been drawn to the fact that the floating of the bonds of a certain railway, viz., the Shuswap & Okanagan, has cast discredit upon railway projects in our fair province, and has even a tendency to cast discredit upon the credit of our province; therefore

1. Be it proclaimed, that although the building of the said road has cost \$1,250,000, it will be paid for by the government, at least 1 per cent. more on the money now invested is paid into their coffers, instead of being placed to our credit and to the credit of the same road, as it should be.
2. That nevertheless, on account of our well known business sagacity, integrity and ability—while acknowledging mistakes in the past which we will avoid in the future—we pray that your undertakings may be unloosened unto us, so that our far distant colony may become as a crown of glory to this Dominion and Empire.
3. That we pray ye, send forth spies to spy upon the land that they may see that it is a land fair to look upon and a land flowing with milk and honey; and also to see the numberless officials whom we support in ease, quiet and comfort; therefore send these spies forth that they may report these things unto you so that you may see the truth thereof and that our sins be not visited upon us, nor upon this fair country, nor yet upon its numerous and obedient officials."

In the Colonist's report it was stated that there was something "approaching blasphemy" in this skit, though nobody else could find anything of the kind. No dirty work seems to be too nauseating for the organ to perform in the service of its provincial master.

**AN ENGLISH VIEW.**

The London Daily News on the Colonial Relation.  
London, Dec. 20.—In a leading article upon colonial affairs the Daily News says:

"We have not a colonial party like the French and Germans, because there is no anti-colonial party. It is very remarkable that although the autonomous colonies unhesitatingly have used their commercial freedom against the mother country no resentment whatever is expressed here. Young nations must learn wisdom from experience; protection never in the long run succeeds, and free trade never in the long run fails. Sentiment is the real link between the colonies and England. The Liberals under Mr. Laurier, as under Mr. Blake, are equally loyal with the Conservatives, and are anxious for a practical method of further uniting the empire and quickening and cheapening communication between London and the new world. The telegraph has done wonders, but steamships have not done nearly all they can."

**American News.**

Oriental, R. I., Dec. 21.—Two Mile beach, Gardiner's island, has been disappearing with each successive storm. It is now almost completely submerged. The lighthouse has been forsaken. The town board of Southold will ask Senator Childs to have the legislature appropriate money to protect the highway by a stone wall on the sea.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 21.—Ex-Governor A. Corp. of Mississippi, died yesterday morning, aged 78.

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**A BRIGHT STAR.**  
**A SKETCH OF THE MAN WHO LED MARY ANDERSON TO FAME.**

Also Played Leading Roles With Booth, Barrett and Thorne.

From the St. Louis Chronicle.

One of the most conspicuous figures in the Stagedale of America to-day is John W. Norton. Born in New York City 46 years ago, the friends of his youth were Thomas W. Keene and Frank Chanfrau. We find Keene a star at the age of 25 and Norton in the flower of early manhood, the leading man for Edwin Booth at the famous Winter Garden theatre. He was starred with Lawrence Barrett early in the '70's, and alternated the leading roles with Charles Thorne in New Orleans. In 1876 Norton met Mary Anderson, then a fair young girl who aspired for stage fame, took her under his guidance and as everybody knows led her to fame. Mr. Norton is now the proprietor of the Grand Opera house in St. Louis, and the Duquesne theatre in Pittsburgh. One afternoon in June he hobbled into his New York office on Broadway and encountered his business manager, George McManus, who had also been a rheumatism sufferer for two years. Norton was surprised that McManus had discarded his cane. Who cured you? he asked. "I cured myself," replied McManus, "with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills." "I was encouraged by Mr. McManus' cure, and tried the Pink Pills myself," said Mr. Norton to a Chronicle reporter.

"You have known me for five years, and know how I have suffered. Why, during the summer of 1893 I was on my back at the Mullanphy hospital, in this city, four weeks. I was put on the old system of dieting, with a view to clearing those acidulous properties in my blood that medical theorists say is the cause of my rheumatism. I left the hospital feeling stronger, but the first damp weather brought with it those excruciating pains in the legs and back. It was the same old trouble. After sitting down for a stretch of five minutes, the pains screwed my legs into a knot when I arose, and I hobbled as painfully as ever. After I had taken my first box of Pink Pills, it struck me that the pains were less troublesome. I tried another box and I began almost unconsciously to have faith in the Pink Pills. I improved so rapidly that I could rise after sitting at my desk for an hour, and the twinges of rheumatism that accompanied my rising were so mild that I scarcely noticed them. During the past two weeks we have had much rainy weather in St. Louis. But the dampness has not had the slightest effect in bringing back the rheumatism, which I consider a sufficient and reliable test of the efficacy of Pink Pills. I may also say that the Pink Pills have acted as a tonic to my stomach, which I thought was well nigh destroyed by the thousand and one alleged remedies I consumed in the past five years."

**THE OPPOSITION.**

Enthusiastic Meeting—First Steps Towards Selection of Candidates.  
The meeting of the Liberal association, held at Philharmonic hall last night, was largely attended. Ald. Humphrey occupied the chair.

The primary purpose of the meeting was to receive the report of the committee on candidates. Hon. A. N. Richards, chairman, presented the report, which embraced the names of the following gentlemen, from which a selection could be made: Mr. Wm. Tompkins, Dr. Milne, Mr. Hewitt Bostock and Mr. W. Marchant.

A discussion followed in regard to the propriety of making an early selection, the majority giving it as their opinion that the elections would be held in or about the month of March, and that the opposition candidates should therefore be chosen without further delay. It was finally unanimously resolved that a general meeting of convention should be held on the 15th of January to select two candidates, from those above mentioned or from any other number of gentlemen who may then be placed in nomination.

To ensure the fullest representation of the friends of the opposition cause, it was resolved, after a discussion participated in by most of those present, that

admission to the convention would be by cards, which will be furnished to members for distribution among electors in sympathy with the cause or in favor of a change in the administration of Dominion affairs.

During the evening Messrs. Templeman, Marchant and Milne (Mr. Bostock being unavoidably absent) expressed themselves as anxious only for the defeat of the government, and that they would most cheerfully give their support to any ticket that would be selected. They urged that only the two strongest candidates should be chosen, and that, too, by a large and representative gathering.

The greatest enthusiasm prevailed, and it was made quite clear by every speaker that the success of the cause, with the resultant effect of honest government, was the incentive with all present to put forth every possible effort to win in the coming struggle.

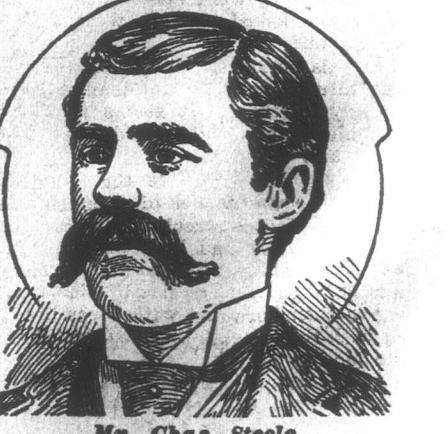
**NEWFOUNDLAND'S TROUBLES.**  
**A Dispute Over the Winding Up of the Commercial Bank.**

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 20.—There have been no important developments in the financial situation to-day. The legislature has adjourned until Monday to receive the report of the committee on banks and to consider its recommendations. The depositors and note holders of the Commercial bank object to the efforts of the shareholders to wind up the affairs of the concern. They contend that some disinterested outside should be appointed to investigate the matter and to lay the case before the courts. A number of concerns here have been injured by the failure of a large English firm.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 21.—Jere Haralson, the ex-congressman who was tried several days ago and found guilty of forgery and perjury in several pension cases, was sentenced by Judge Edgerton yesterday to three years in prison at Detroit, or pay a fine of \$5,000.

New York, Dec. 21.—George Solomon, who is known as "Big Southern George," a cragging man from Louisville, was knocked down by a cable car on Broadway last night. The car was bound down and Solomon tried to pass before it. He stumbled and fell and was struck by the fender car. He was badly shaken up and sustained two severe cuts on the head. He was sent to the New York hospital. Solomon is said to be the brother of famous "spook" priestess, Miss Debar.

**Broken in Health.**  
**That Tired Feeling, Constipation and Pain in the Back.**  
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**SIR CHARLES**  
The High Court to Undertake to Grant  
Lord Randolph Home the title

London, Dec. 21.—Sir Charles Tupper has been ailing since a fever in Geneva. On Tue. with a chill and weak pulse. Owing to the health of Sir Charles the body of the late Lord Randolph Churchill is to be buried in Canada on the estate of the late Lord Randolph Churchill alone.

London, Dec. 21.—Lord Randolph Churchill's health. Lord Randolph is expected to arrive from the east.

Lisbon, Dec. 21.—Lisbon has decided and with this object of £120,000 yearly for the benefit of the United States.

London, Dec. 21.—Secretary states to-ravens' conditions complied with the club. It now remains for the Royal Yacht Squadron to be a race.

Gazette says a race started.

Rome, Dec. 21.—A confidential source of several European powers has been given the support of the emperor.

London, Dec. 21.—Zetta learns that Lord is returning home and Marcellus. Health is such that he cannot recover.

London, Dec. 21.—ster, carrying passengers Holyhead to Kings channel to-day with the latter disabled. The collision caused the passengers on the were hurt.

Towled to Holyhead, the Messinier, charged with wealthy Charles and compelling her convicted yesterday three years imprisonment.

Berlin, Dec. 21.—started from Vierz Friederichshof.

London, Dec. 21.—rounding.

Stewart, a farmer in Dumfriesshire, in a quarry a copper ore's jury return but this was not seen the authorities, who in a suit pending in the estate of Alexander York dry goods mill have left for New with the litigation.

London, Dec. 21.—the American colony signing a petition to some secretary asked Francis Jacob, of Toronto who was recently months' hard labor in connection with this was not seen the portion of the sent portion out that Colony of age, and if the rigorous tasks of prisoners will probably term of imprisonment has been accustomed if not a luxurious that the home secret request.

SOLEMN  
Requiem Mass Celebrated for Sir John  
Ottawa, Dec. 21.—ordered by the Don celebrated in the ing for the late Sir, the most solemn a money ever witnessed edifice was draped, tifully decorated. tion had been going der the charge of the department. The cl and the singing w lordship Archbishop funeral oration, of the crown, who are attendance.

A special cable sent per, high command, will not come. John Thompson's re. The ministers were Montreal, as already a railing is not in the This was a holiday buildings owing to the the Basilica.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—al has intimated his ing in person. The premier at Halifax Lady Aberdeen will be near Lady T trying ordeal. This will be the guest of Mr. The official train go via Point Levis.

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