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OTTAWA LETTERS. Col. Domville's Cigar Causes

a Profound Sensation.

The Bicycle Bill-Restigouche Railway Bill and Its Promoters.

The Ninth Week of the Session Closed With a Rush of Work.

supporter to swallow everything, right Ottawa, May 20 .- The last ten years or wrong. He performs the latter and more Rideau Hall day in supply has been a red letter day for the galfunction as well as he did the former. He not only swallowed all that was leries of the house of commons. Then offered last night, but tried to make the critics of the opposition got in it palatable to others. By an extheir work with the greatest unction It was then that the house and the tried to show that Mr. Tarte was galleries and the country were re galed with stories of the sinful mag-He did it by the very simple process ce of the vice regal establish The glory and grandeur, the to the expenditure of 1896 and keep-ing it out of the proposed expenditure of next year. The device was rather too transparent. Clarke Wallace awful extravagance of that Monte Cristo palace were detailed in all their shocking details. Who that attended these discussions does not re member the horrible catalogue. Ev Ev ery counterpane in Rideau Hall was an indiscretion, every soup dish an subservient dishonesty. impropriety, every toast rack an ofagainst good morals, and every table napkin a crime against society Mr. Chartton spoke solemnly through his nose of the enormittles of the dance hall. Mr. Mulock enumerated and told how he had assured the farmers that he was coming to Otta-wa to sweep Rideau Hall into the ragthe nut crackers. Mr. Ellis knew each wash basin by name. Mr. Lising Ottawa stream. Mr. Rogers talk ter surveyed the hand towels with a ed and talked. He didn't want to yard stick. Who can forget the great days when Col. Domvälle, with a list of Lord Aberdeen's bedroom furni-ture in one hand, a category of chamvote against the government. ber glasses in the other, scorn of vice how. By and bye in three or four regal pomp in his capacious mouth, and a catalogue of carving knives in his boot leg, wen't tramping through Kings county administering shocks and to the wondering farmer? Bennett brought down the house as

he read from the patron organ the The times have changed. Rideau announcement that Rogers' constitu-Hall continues with its soup tureens ency (Frontenac) had "drawn first its curtain poles and its rugs, even blood" when he was elected. Fronteits silverware and all the shocking nac had not only drawn first blood. we have heard about so long, but its member, after denouncing the are still flaurited in the face of an ontingency bill, had drawn the first ed people. In fact, it has grown leather trunk for members. In fact, so far as Mr. Bennett could learn, he worse, for yesterday Mr. Tarte sat with a satisfied look while his friends has drawn the first of everything that told of his great and mighty works was useful or agreeable for a mem-ber to pick up. There was a scene and exultingly described how he had fixed up the dance hall with an ele-gance never dreamed of before, and about this time. Rogers denied the gance never dreamed of before, and the minister of public works with suppressed emotion explained that he had a handsome supplementary vote to bring down for this very thing. Some suggested that it might be \$10,-000: some said that it might be \$10,-000: not said that it might be \$10,-000: he that it might trunk and insisted that Bennett should take it back. On closer cross examin-ation, Rogers modified his denial to a "leather" trunk, and Mr. McClure still insisted that "the charge," as he called it, should be taken back. Bennett considered it hardly in the nature of a criminal charge, as Mr. But Mr. Tarte kept his own counsel and said he would break the intelli-gence to the house at a later day, and all the dancing men agree that whe-ther it was \$8,000 or \$10,000, Mr. Tarte had produced results which, if oriental splendor counted for anything, were well worth the money. Supplementary e.timates aside, Mr. Tarte is asking for a larger vote than usual. Lately McClure would, no doubt, take his trunk like others, and suggested that the member for Colchester had not yet got the verdancy rubbed off him. The suggestion is that Mr. Rogers accopted an alternative and carried away a costly value in the place of a trunk Bannett want on to commare the government that is gone was able to reduce the Rideau expenditure to a reasonable limit. In the days of the Mackenzie government it used to be \$20,000 to \$40,000, and sometimes more than either sum. The late government gradually worked it down, until in the tast three or four years of the administration it aver-aged less than fifteen thousand dol-lars, exclusive of the \$8,000 vote for lars, exclusive of the \$8,000 vote for light and heat. Last summer Mr. Tarte took a vote of \$14,000 for this current year, that being a slightly larger sum than had been used the year before. It is expected that he will ask for another \$10,000 to \$20,000 for the arter expectitues on the hall for the extra expenditures on the ball room and other improvements. But at any rate he has already used up more than the amount voted and is asking \$18,000 for Rideau Hall expenditure next year. It was down in the book and all the members saw it coming. So there was an exodus from the chamber early in the afternoon. When Chairman Bro-deur called out the item the seats of the patron members were vacant. One by one they had silently stolen away. They came to parliament pledged to vote no money for Rideau Hall maintenance and to cut down Lord een's salary by MoMullen was one not there who was wont to read the hour the ghastly list of crimindulgences, from the iniquito and induigences, from the iniquitous new hearth rug down to the vicious lemon squeezer. Mr. McMullen had gone out to see a man. Or perhaps the annual horror with which the had been overcome with the usual \$14,000 vote had been too much for his feeble strength when a bill for \$18,000 for the same services was presented. At all events he was not to be seen. But not on this account were the people to be deprived of their annual spectacle. Mr. Bennett rose and re-marked on the absence of some of the most useful members at a time dike this. He could not venture to take the place of Mr. McMullen or of the pargens, but he would do ble the patrons, but he would do his little best. Producing some volumes little best. Producing some volumes of Hansard, he remarked that he would read a few of Mr. McMullen's speeches, after which he would recite the patron platform. But first of all, noticing that the postmaster general was in his place, he would reproduce a few of his vigorous denunciations of the whole Rideau Hall business. Mr. Mulcet used to be smeat on these the whole Rideau Hali business. Mr. Mulock used to be great on these things. He was ever to the front, or as near there as he could get for Mo-Mullen, insisting that the governor general should pay his own house-keeping bills. When Bennett had got through with him, he started after Mr. McMullen and the soup ladle. By him time the government got alarmed this time the government got alarm and the whip sent messengers through the premises to search all the corner the premises to search an are and hiding places where the member for North Wellington might be con-cealed. It might be had to have Mc-Mullen there, but his speeches were much worse, and so at length he was also the patron members were ested, because with all their failings it was better to have them than

thes in support of Mr. Tarte came to have a man reading all the after-noon from their declarations in the newspapers. When these people ar-rived Mr. Bennett remarked that, it, was time for him to sit down and let them be heard from. from a gueer source. The Rev. Mr. Maxwell came to the rescue. Mr.Maxwell only the other day denounced the extravagance of the late ministry and stated that he had turned from tory party to liberalism for this rea-Mr. McMullen had to speak, but the old McMullen was dead. In his ashes did not live his wonted fires. Mr. sen among others. But now Mr. Maxwell protested against the criticisms that were offered. He said McMullen had no word of condemnasmacked of disloyalty. He said they tion to utier. He only said he was glad to find the opposition performing

their proper functions of criticism, and declared that he had full confi-

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that anybody thought of reducing the esticutlay in this jubilee year. vice. re shock the Queen's feelings when she heard it. Sir Charles Tupper reminded Mr. Maxwell that the house was talking about next year's vote, S0 that the jubilee would not be placed in peril. Mr. Maxwell did not justify the ancient attacks of Mr. Mulock. McMullen and Domville. He was pleased to see that these gentlemen "had sowed their wild political oats." He went on to say that if they "acted the fool in the past, as seemed to be the case, it was not worth while for him and others to repeat the perrmance." Some rascal had put glue on Mr. Mulock's chair and he was not heard from during the whole debate Mr. Charlton also remained silent and Never a holy text around he rewed. The vote was taken. Mr Tarte has got all the money he wanted. Col. Domville and Mr. Ellis look ed satisfied. McClure, Logan, Copp and the other economists voted the and the other economists voted the thing through with beaming faces, and their excellencies will go on with the dance and joy will be unconfined.

Meanwhile Lady Aberdeen is thinkng about other things. In the afternoon she addressed as many senator and members of the house of common as could be collected in the large railway committee room. Her subject was the Victorian Order of Nurses.and she undertook to make clear to the members how the scheme could he worked out. Lady Aberdeen is a practical woman when she discourses on practical things, and though her project appeals to the kindly emotions she addressed herself no less to the business ideas of her audience. It was pointed out that if it was understood in England and elsewhere that in the scattered districts of the Northwest, cettlers could expect good medical attendance and nursing, it would induce immigration of a good class. Lady Aberdeen hopes to establish 40 or 50 cottage homes throughout the west, which shall be head-quarters for the nurses there. These cottages she bopes to have provided by individual free gifts or by societies of Canadians in the United States and elsewhere She endeavored to present her project as a practical and practicable scheme, and begged the members to believe in it and speak well of it wherever they went. She does not think it necessary to have a million dollars at the beginning, but will be content to start business with a quarter of a million, which it is hoped will be made up by contributions from these various sour-First, large gifts by wealthy people; second, smaller gifts by the masses of the people; third, contribu-tions from the schools; fourth, contri-butions from the churches; fifth, grants of larger or smaller amounts

tion was that no tenders came from

dian firm sought to secure a modification of the requirements. The firm of Barber & Ellis of Toronto the desired to tender, but objected to the payment of \$50,000 for security. They claimed that they could offer as good security as was necessary without tocking up tiheir capital. They would provide satisfactory bonds and give such other security as was required, but they showed that the annual value of the government work would not be more than \$100,000, while a large sum would be required to equip the establisment in Ottawa. The result would be that the capital required would more than equal the whole receipts for the first year, which was too large a preliminary putlay. Mr. Fielding was firm. He would not deviate in the least from the conditions. Nevertheless Barber & Eilis did put in their tender with the \$50,000, but no attention was paid to st.

Two other tenders were received. One was from the British American Bank Note company of Montreal and Ottawa, and the other from the American Bank Note Co. of New York. The British American company complied with all the conditions and put in a tender on the exact terms of the attions. The American epecifi pany submitted a lower tender, which did not comply with the terms. It contained the following clause: "The American Bank Note company understands and makes it a part of this tender that it is not required by the specifications hereto attached to manufacture bank note and other papers, steel rolls, steel plates, dies and other tools of the trais inks, cotors, etc., in the city of Ottawa, but that such supplies necessary for the fulfilment of the contract may be tained elsewhere." The New York offer was ower on most of the work than that of Mr. Burland. These are

the figures: Burland's American tendor. Postal supplies \$1,638 57 Inland revenue stamp. 19,676 72 tender. \$47,646 70 38,353 05 13,647 14 Total per year \$128,843 58 \$99.646 89

It will be seen that the American ontract was lower than the other by \$29,196 a year, or \$153,282 in five and a quarter years. Evidently this contract ought to have been accepted if the competition among the tenderer had been on equal terms and been free and all the tenders had followed the specifications. But this was not the case. The English firms had been excluded from doing the work in London and the American firm wanted to be allowed to manufacture its dies in New York. Now, the manufacture of dies, as Mr. Foster contends, is the essence and soul of the whole business. The remainder of the work is a mechanical reproduction of these dies, which highly trained artists prepare from the designs. Mr. Foster ontends that one great purpose of contends that one great purpose of having this work done in Oanada IS to cultivate here the talent and genius for this kind of work. During the last thirty years much has been done in that direction. When the old con-tract started it was mecessary to ing of \$2000 a year on the contract

ce all the original dies and matrices esdful for the entire contract term of five years." Later Mr. Freeland agreed to put the different pieces comp the dies together at Ottwa, but he would still manufacture them at This modification, however, ome. does not appear in the contract as signed. Mr. Fielding closed the contract with Mr. Freeland.

Now we have this state of facts. The finance minister, after calling for tenders on certain terms, after refus ing to open one tender which varied from the terms, after informing other tenderers that no variation would be allowed, and so shutting out their propositions altogether, accepted one which contained a larger departure than that of the tender which he returned unopened. In his speech last night he said that this was done in order to save \$153,000, by which the American contract was lower than Mr. Burland's. But how does Mr. Fielding know that a London firm would rot have done the work still lower? How does he know that the Toronto firm did not offer still better prices The one thing for him to do, if he thought that Burland's tender was too high, seeing that the others were all irregular, was to make no contract at all and to give the tenderers all another chance on the terms and conditions which he had made up his mind to adopt. This would have given the New York man no favor. But to give the New York man a special favor must have been the intention, for no one else was given a chance on the basis he was allowed to adopt.

What would have happened if the new call for tenders had been made? The subsequent correspondence shows When the facts were made known Mr Burland wrote offering to do the work for the figures proposed by the New York firm. If he had been allowed another chance that would have been his tender. He did not even then ask to be allowed to do the work abroad, and in so far the tender would have been to the advantage of the country. Moreover, a large saving would have been made by reason of the fact that the original outlay for dies would have been avoided. But Mr. Fielding seems to have been infatuated with his New Yorker. He gave Mr. Burland and Barber & Ellis no chance to get on the ground floor with the American firm. They were bound down to rigid conditions. The Freeland firm were allowed to vary the contract to their own advantage. It will be seen by looking back to Mr. Freeland's letter that he found he would lose a great deal of money by do his original work in Ottawa. Mr. Fielding seems to have been exceedingly anxious that Mr. Freeland should make money. The Canadian firm which has done the work for thirty rears in a satisfactory way, which has provided here the same "extremely delicate machinery" that the New York man thought "it would not be wise to dismount and move to Otta-wa," who had the talented engravers

ors will not do hand work, and will thus save thousands of dollars. Again Mr. Burland says that the paper the New York firm uses in its commercial work is of so much cheaper quality than that used here as to make a savthe work is to be done to the satisfaction of the minister, but we see how eary Mr. Fielding is to satisfy.

We get back to two facts. It is certain that the New York firm would not have done the work at Mr. Burland's figures if the conditions imresed upon the Burland company had been imposed upon them. It is certain that the Canadian company would have been glad to get the New York man's contract at the New York man's prices. It is shown that the New York man was preferred to the home competitors. A 14 09.00

So this nice contract has gone to New York. The Burland company has a plant in dies, rolls and plates and machinery valued at \$400,000, of which \$50,000 represents equipment prepared and used exclusively on this government work. This plant stands idle. The men employed in working with this equipment cannot seek employment in the United States, because the alien laws will not permit them to go there under contract. Mr. Burland could not get a United States government contract if he did it for one-quarter the home price. He would not be allowed to make an American postage stamp if he did it for nothing A Canadian firm, as such, is not allowed to take a public or a private contract in Mr. Freeland's country. Even a Canadian laborer cannot contract for a day's work in the state of New York. United States officers keep guard on the border, driving back men and women who seek work there. Ard yet on this particular enterprise of making Canadian government notes and postage stamps a New York firm is not only admitted to competition with our own people, but is given advantages that are denied our own people, though it is shown that the Canadian treasury suffers by the transaction. In this jubilee year a Canadian firm is shut out from the work of engraving Her Majesty's portrait for the Canadian government notes and stamps. Even the special jubilee issue will, it is supposed, be wrought out in New York by the same firm which produces the face of George Washington and the other heroes of the Revolution. Surely this is a great day for New York. S. D. S.

Ottawa, May 22 .- The ninth week of the session closed last night with a fine burst of speed. After the kindly manner with which Sir Charles spoke of the government and the hearty compliment which Sir Richard Cartwright paid to Sir Charles Tupper and his party on the occasion of the vote on the Mackenzie monument, there was a rush of business ment, mere was a rush of oraliness The appropriation for dredging was passed after Mr. McAllster had pointed out the necessities for the port of Campbellton, and Mr. Gillies had told of the perils of sea-faring on the Richmond coast, and Mr. Kaulbach Wa," who had the tatented engrands in his own premises, "whose personal supervision could be exercised in Can-ada," was not considered at all. His "delicate machinery" may be left with ad described the weak anenburg Harbor and the the La Have, and Mr. Borden had mentioned the need of some work on Halifax harbor. Mr. Tarte explained that there were six dredges now in the maritime provinces, of which three were in Nova Scotia, one at three were in Nova Scotia, one at Lawrencebown, one at Yarmouth and one at Belliveau. There was a dredge in Prince Edward Island and Mr. Tarte would consider whether something could not be done to Cra-paud and Charlottetown, as Mr. Mar-tin requested. He would also consid-er the request for assistance to some harbor work in eastern Prince Ed-ward Island, where Mr. Macdonald besought his interest. besought his interest. On the question of dredging there was a short discussion concerning the dismissal of officers. Mr. Tarte was a short discussion characteristic the dismission of officers. Mr. Tarte holds that these are temporary men and may be released at the beginning of any year. Mr. Bell of Pictou has not so understood it, as the men were usually re-engaged every spring and the captains were kept at half pay through the winter. He remarked that only the other day Mr. Deriver had said that where the capmarked that only the other day Mr. Davies had said that where the cap-tain was a suitable man he was not replaced. But the captain of the Acadia had been replaced, though Captain Mackenzie was in every way a suitable officer. Mr. Tarte said that Tt a suitable officer. Mr. Tarte said that he hal been able to replace him with another suitable person and that seemed to him to correspond with Mr. Davies' suggestion. Of course it does not correspond, buil is directly con-trary to it. So is the action of the government in regard to the dredge operating in Prince Edward Island. Captain Macdonald of that dredge has been removed and replaced by Capt. Larson, who Mr. Tarte says is a very good man. The member for Kings considers that the previous captain considers what the previous captain was also an exceptionally good man and Mr. Tarte admits that there was no fault to be found with him. In fact, Mr. Tante was understood to say that the dismissal of the captain was done by mistake of a subordinate and not by order of the department. intention was to retire during winter time one of the th and by a mistake notice was sent to the captain. Having found his dis-missed, Mr. Tarte did not consider it necessary to re-appoint him, but named another man. The chief qualineces fication of this new captain, accord-ing to Mr. Macdonald, M. P., is that he was the chief prosecutor of Mr of Mr. Hackett, the late me After the dredging came the vote for steamship subventions, which was run through apparently as a mailter of form. It embraces all the subsi-dies paid, including that previously given to the Allan company, and appears in the main estimates exactly as last year. There was some discussion on the Cape Breton services, which was mentioned in the despatches, but the main part of the talk will probably be left for concurrence or the supplementary estimates, which will contain any new votes that are contemplated.

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Rogers with his leader, Mr. Haycock who, according to Bennett, is in com parison with Rogers, "like dollars to doughnuts." This similitude was found offensive and Macdonald of Huron as serted that it amounted to calling Mr. Rogers a doughnut, which epithet he said must be withdrawn. Clark Wallace ironically supported the proposi tion, urging that it was unfair charge that Frontenac was represent-ed by a Haycock and a Doughnut. Mr. Bennett is not averse to a little extravagance. He was willing to vote for a \$100 appropriation for a flash light picture representing Mr. Mulock. Mr. MoMullen, Col. Domville and the patron members engaged in the mazy dance in the newly decorated ball room of Rideau Hall. He wanted the picture for circulation in the rural districts where the extravagance of the late government had been the most denounced.

There was a serious side to this controversy. Mr. McInerny's proposal was a simple and practical one. He only asked that the vote be reduced what was found necessary in the pre-vious years. He asked for no curtailment, and no cheese-paring, but held that Rideau had been maintained in comfort and in some degree of luxury in the past. He saw no reason for launching out into larger expenditure Mr. Foster in a moderate and dignified way supported the proposition. He explained that there was no quarrel on his side with the patrons; certainly not with the patron voters in the country who thought that they were electing members who would carry out their pledges. There was a complaint that the patron representatives, hav-ing stumped the country against these expenditures and got elected on that

expenditures and got elected on that sue, were now here prepared to vote for much larger and more extravagant outlay. For himself he had found it possible to provide for the vice regal residence at a certain cost, and with the history of the past before him he did not like to see a new departure in the way of extravagance. Certain ly if several thousand more were to be spent, the house ought to know for what it was to be paid. We had got this service down to reasonable proportions, and he did not want to see old times and old expenditures revived. Sir Charles Tupper spoke in the same strain. When the conserv-atives came into power in 1879 they found a large scale of expenditure going on and had gradually reduced it to less than half what it had been. Under the Mackenzie government, Rideau Hall had cost from \$30,000 to \$40,000 a year. During the next ten years it had been worked down som \$10,000, and in the last six years it had averaged less than \$15,000. Sir Charles saw no necessity for starting again on the upward grade.

On the other side, Mr. Tarte said that he had examined the premise and found he could not keep them up as they ought to be for less money than he now asked. The building was in need of some adornment, and the ball room, he was grieved to say, had been shamefully neglected by the late ministry. One of the strongest

fore the meeting in the committee nom would have otherwise been at an end, but the members incurred the penalty of remaining while Mr. Foster and Sir Oliver Mowat expressed their sympathy with the project. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Lady Aberdeen, who pleasantly responded, but intimated that the best acknowedgement would be co-operation S. D. S.

Ottawa, May 21.—So long ago as 1863, a contract was made by the gov-ernment with the British American Bank Note company, of which Mr. Burland is the head. By this contract all the government notes and stamps were made at the firm's estab-lishment at Montreal. This went on until 1881, when a new contract was made, which continued till 1886. Then another five year contract was made when the prices were reduced fifteen per cent. on a part of the work and thirty on the remainder. The last contract was signed in 1892, when other substantial reductions were made, in some cases amounting to thirty per cent of the last previous figures. This contract and the pre-vious one required the work to be done in Ottawa. The company established a large plant in this city and everything is prepared in style to carry on the engraving work in the most efficient manner. A large the most cflicient manner. A large number of men are employed and the government has been able to take all the necessary precautions required for the manufacturue and safeguard-ing of dominion notes. This contract expired during the present year and the government has made a new one.

The first thing done was to iss The first tining done was to issue a call for tenders, stating the terms and conditions. Among these conditions two may be mentioned as particularly important. One was that each tenderer should deposit with his tender \$5,000 in cash and be prepared to deposit a further sum of \$50,000 as security of fulfillment. It will be security of rulfiliment. It will be seen that one company was after-wards ruled out on the ground that it was unwilling to lock up so much money as \$50,000. The other condi-tion was that "akl" the work under contract shall be done at the city of Ottawa.

Specificaltions were sent to a great number of engraving firms in Can-ada and also to a dozen or so in Eng-land and everal in the United States. The names of English firms were procured from the high commission-ers's office. But after distributing the circular Mr. Colmer, from the high commissioner's office, telehigh commissioner's office, tele-graphed as follows: "Tenders for engraphed as follows: "Tenders for en-graving, firms point restrictions clause 7, manufacture Canada. They also state benders impossible without specimens mentioned clause 14." To this telegram Mr. Fielding replied as follows: "Tenders for engraving, can-not abandon condition requiring man-ufacture at Ottawa." After receiving this renew Colmer wrote their norms of this reply Colmer wrote that none of the firms in London would undertail the work, as they could not undertake to do it all in Ottawa. As a maitter of fact, the result of the condi-

from parliamentary, provincial and ing of \$5,000 a year on the contract. municipal bodies. The speaker's bell The ink is also inferior. It is true that rang the members into the house be-bring men from abroad, but gradually the power has developed until at pre-sent it is admitted that as good work is dome in Camada as anywhere else. Mr. Foster might have shown that one of the highest qualified men in the employ of the leading bank note engraving firm in London is a graduate of Mr. Burland's establisment Montreal.

> The first thing that was done on receipt of this irregular tender and of Mr. Burland's regular one was to obtain a report from the deputy mi ter of finance and his accountant. Mr. Courtney, the deputy minister, remarked that the New York tender was twenty per cent. below the oth-er. He could not understand the reason for this low price, seeing that the raites usually demanded by the firm in New York were not lower than the Canadian prices had been attinerto. Mr. Courtney proceeded as follows: "The American Bank Note company may possibly think that they will be able to make up the difference by the increased rates at which they tender for supplies that are not generally in demand. If the contract awarded to them this fea should be kept in mind and carefully guaried against. Further, a very great difference between their's and the tender of the B. N. A. company arises in the prices given for printing notes." Mir. Countney suggests that the prices may be cut by the New Yorker "in order to secure a foothold in the country." After showing that the New York men's prices to the trade were fully as high as the Can-adian prices, Mr. Countney called at-tention to the departure from the specifications. His remark on this point is very striking. He says "this will appear to allow them to do a arge portion of their work in New York." Then he went on to show

that the new contract would require a large preliminary expenditure by the government for designs and dies which would not be required if the contract were made with the old firm, as it was already provided with them. The accountant added that the cal-culations of prices did not take into account the outlay on the part of the government for the new designs and dies.

Mr. Fielding wrote to the New York firm shortly after the tender. In this firm shortly arter une cender. In this letter he refers to conversations that he had with Mr. Freeland of that concern. It seems that they were in close consultation. Referring to the departure from the specifications, Mr. Freeland stated that high talent was required for the preparation of these dies. He said "such talent is not resident in Canada or obtaineble in the market, while the portrait, vignette market, while the portrait, vignetite and lathwork engravers of the parent establishment could be employed here with much greater efficiency, each in their several branches, in executing the original and preparatory work, immediately under the personal sup-ervision of the officers of the company, nor would it be wise to dismount and move to Ottawa the extreniely delicate machinery which we propose to use, for the short term of five or six months required to pro-

go abroad to look for work, his "vigcette and lathwork engravers" may be turned out of employment in order that Mr. Freeland's "parent establishment" may continue business with profit. It does not matter that \$50,000 worth of delicate machinery employe ere on this contract alone should be idle, but it would be too bad for the favorite New Yorker to have to "dismount" his.

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While the finance minister seems to have been in conversation and close correspondence with Mr. Freeland after the tenders were in, Mr. Burland could get no satisfaction or comfort at all. He was even denied informa tion. The minister says that he could not think of using the American man's tender for the sake of getting better Canadian prices. It would be a very infair treatment of his New York friend. He does not mind the unfairness of giving an alien the conditions and privileges which he refused to allow to anyone else. Mr. Fielding pleads that the work done in New York is of no great consequence. But it will be seen by Mr. Freeland's own statement that it was of immense consequence to the alien firm. It made all the difference in the world to him that he could do all the original work in the "parent establishme ent " It will probably be found that the parent establishment will work in a very large part of the job. The Ottwa child is apparently of much less importance to Mr. Freeland than the parent, and Mr. Fielding enters somewhat strongly into Mr. Freeland's feelings.

Then there is another thing. Mr. Fielding permits the contractor to give up a portion of his work. It is not very large portion. It consists of the manufacture of stamped envelopes. Mr. Freeland's tender for stamp ed envelopes for the five years' contract amounted to about \$350 a year or \$1,750 for the whole period. It will require \$6,000 to put up a machine for printing these envelopes, so the total receipts will not more than pay the interest on the plant. Mr. Freelan suggested that this part of the con tract might be taken over by the gov-ernment, and this was promptly done. The plant will presumably be put up in the printing bureau, and Mr. Free-land will save \$6,000. Now it would be just as easy for Mr. Fielding to print the postcards as the stamped envelopes. The postcards for the five years will cost more than \$100,000 and will be a great source of income to the contractor. Mr. Fleiding does not seem to have thought of taking over this part of the work. It would been bad for Mr. Freeland, and the finance minister could not think of doing anything that was bad for Freeland Here is a more important feature

still. The Canadian company has printed notes by hand. The machines were there, but hand work, though more costly, is held to be better. The government establishment at Wash-ington, which put in machines, has gone back to hand work. Now it is understood that the favorite contract-

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