WEDNESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 11, 1882 THE WARNING OF 1866.

Although Mr. Mackenzie is not now the leader of the reform party in parliament he is still a leader of opinion and policy for the Dominion opposition. And such utterences as we get from him in his present capacity of ex-parliamentary leader carry the more weight because of his strongly pronounced caution, which most generally leads him to think twice before he speaks. With the Watford meeting in view for some time beforehand, he seems to have made up his mind, as to what would be the protection and national policy. It is a point to be noted that on this particular question there is really some mind makingup for a reform leader to do. To condemn in a general way the policy of the governposition, but when we come down to details we can observe differences. We find opinion they can be called such in consequence of the legislation of 1879—with Oh! no, that would be taking them by and lest blow it is to be cut off by degrees-an inch at a time, on humanitarian principles-just to "make it aisy for the poor baste." And in this way we are to make our approach gradually, as time and circumstances and the fear of a popular policy of the mother country."

the best part of the national policy of that time by cutting an inch off the tail, with the promise suggested, if not in terms made, that more would be cut off by and by. When, in that year, the tariff was reduced from the two figures of 20 and 25 to the one figure of 15 per cent. the late Mr. coalition government, while Mr. Mackenzie had never been a member of it at all. But responsibility lies with both the dead statesman and the living one all the same, for it is certain that neither of them had any objection to the reduction, except that it was too little, and that both would have welcomed lower figures or total abolition of protective duties had either of these results been within parliamentary possibilities. The coalition government under prevailing conservative leadership, had no difficulty in carrying a reduction of duties which the strongest reform leaders of the time were

Thus it came to pass that the experiment of cutting off an inch at a time was tried, and with what results? The results indeed did not appear all at once. The extraordinary accident of the American civil war (an accident it was as far as Canada was concerned) masked for a time the due consequences of the backward step taken in 1866, and prevented people from seeing what was really going on. The change appeared to do us no harm at the time, lasted on the other side for fully eight years after the surrender under the apple tree at rectly during his term of office. When he can competition, which some Canadians thought had passed away never to return. What that competition made us feel during the years of depression we have not yet

ting-off business of 1866 in our memories, Mr. Mackenzie tells us to prepare for a great deal more of the same inch-at-a-time amputation process, should the reform party come into power. And he speaks not alone, the Globe says the same, and Mr Blake by confusion of utterance, if not by would be driven to annexation as a remedy. The warning of 1866 must not be lost on

## MANITOBA SPECULATION

Manitoba and the Northwest are legitimate fields for legitimate speculation. Our young men should be encouraged to go up here and develop the countryo; and our capitalists to invest their surplus funds and the public treasury. some of the many enterprizes that can nestly and profitably be floated in that

at work. They are seeking to fleece the These towns are in nine cases out of ten the veriest shams

farmers' sons franchise act. It is quite right thing for him to say on the subject of true that had the act emanated from a tory and deeper into debt." government the tory press would have auded it as a wise and statasmanlike meas- has been the burder of their song. ure, just as it is true that in that event the merits but as their party leaders may dic- capital did not desire to go into busines the reform party apparently agreed as one tate, Yet no matter what may be the for widows and for trust funds. Specious a man in denouncing the syndicate contract motive which prompts the tory press to this argument is, it is not without ardent do not by any means find the same unani- the less open to the charge of being a class Blaine, Conkling and the late President mity with regard to that other part of the government program—the much disputed N. P. Under the circumstances, it could not have cost Mr. Mackenzie five minutes' thought to let his tongue loose on the syncise the franchise, but so are plenty of the most grasping, avarigious dicate question, but the N. P. question de- of other classes of young men. manded very mature deliberation, from the The sons of merchants and mechanics, the and unpatriotic, the bond holders. In the well-known fact that there are protection- students in our colleges and universities perpetual debt system these see a mean ist reformers to be reckoned with, not and in fact all young men of lawful age not only of establishing themselves as pen small in number by any means, and and sound mind, and who have not forfeited carrying influence beyond their mere the right by crime, are just as much en- but of building themselves up into proper thing for the time to calm the that it made an invidious distinction be- us it seems that for a creditor to enter into

The question of suffrage must be settled the cheering announcement that they are on the basis that all citizens who are called not to be "squelched out" all at once. on to obey the laws and to directly or in. directly pay taxes, have an inherent right surprise; it would be too cruel and too to have a voice in the making of those barbarous altogether. Interest of cutting laws and in the levying of those taxes. the dog's tail off by the stump, at one first Until this principle is admitted and acted on the franchise question will remain up for settlement.

#### THOSE ALLEGED STREETS

The York pioneers and other old settlers are fond of telling rather tough stories of Canadian rebellion may permit, to what the hardships attending the early settle- would tell us how, in say England or Canment of the country. They tell us of the roughness of blazed paths and corduroy The occasion serves well to recall the roads, till one almost feels as well as symserious warning of 1866, when a coalition pathizes with their aches and pains, But government of both parties agreed in de- after all these old settlers probably exagger. the clever newspaper men. could not have been so very much worse than the roads now. We are the more convinced that this must be the correct view for there are yet some of these pioneers this side the realm of shades, which could not well be possible if the roads in Brown had ceased to be a member of the their young days were even a trifle worse than are the streets of Toronto to-day-Passing along the streets of the city any

day one can see in the wilderness of mud bounded by dirty sidewalks which is supposed to constitute the roadway, vehicles of all descriptions with broken exles or with wheels wrenched off, and to improve matters the street railway company appear to be in league with the wagonmakers and keep the roadbed in such a condition that an attempt to turn a vehicle out of the cartrack is almost sure to furnish a job for a wagon repairer.

Yesterday on Queen street in the space of three blocks might be seen five wagons and carts thus placed hors du car-track as

## PAYING POLITICS.

It is a little amusing to see our American ousins getting excited because it turns out on investigation that Mr. Sherman, not long ago secretary of the treasury, has been guilty of some small peculation. Now, Mr. Sherman went into the office of secretary of the treasury a poor man. He is simply because our American neighbors known to have lived quite up to his salary, were so eager in buying at war prices that indeed his lavish expenditure never could manufacturers cannot keep up to their orders they were scarcely at all competitors in have been maintained out of his salary. He for want of hands and some of them are selling. And let it be remembered that had no private sources of income. The law actually compelled to work their men over war prices and the war business fever forbids the secretary of the treasury engag-Appomatox. Not until the fall of 1873, left the office he was worth considerably when "Jay Cooke's crash" came, was it realized that the war inflation bubble had along known all this, are just beginning to realized that the war inflation bubble had along known all this, are just beginning to burst. And then quickly came low prices suspect that in some little things Mr. Sherover the border and the renewal of Ameri man's ideas of mine and thine may not have been just what they should have been.

Mr. Blaine, too, is a shining example of thrift in a statesman. When he entered dity than anything else. Here is a genuine congress he was unable to nav his own one, which for beauty of sentiment and excongress he was unable to pay his own election expenses. He lived in princely With all the bitter experience of the cut- style, expending yearly many times the amount of his annual income. He was engaged in no other business. Yet in a few years he succeeded in amassing an immense

## PUBLIC DEBTS

To the ordinarily constituted mind it silence, gives consent. There was a loss of | would seem to require no argument to confidence following the change of 1866, prove that it was good policy to pay off the even with American competition smothered | principle of an interest-bearing debt just into a state of suspended animation. With as rapidly as one's circumstances would that same competition as lively as ten allow. But by that strange process of reasthousand hornets under a July sun, a change in a similar directron now would bring the better word, by which political economists Dominion next door to ruin. Should we have got themselves into the habit of thinkbegin to take backward steps now, the ing that though a thing might be good for circumstances militating against us would an individual or any number of private individuals it might be fraught with injury if applied to that aggregation of individuals called a state, they have also "Darkened and twisted the clear and plain" on the public debt question. The result is that we find in all countries that class of statesmen, who prefer the results of the purblind men, who prefer the results of the purblind should be in every family handy for use should be in every family handy for use be not merely injurious but overwhelming. | individuals it might be fraught with injury We would not be coaxed by any means, but if applied to that aggregation of individuals men, who prefer the results of the purblind men, who prefer the results of the purblind mousings of the doctrinaire to the plain teachings of common sense, hesitating and doubting the wisdom of paying off any portion of the public debt even when the

In the United States this class of people even with some half a billion of useless bullion lying idle in the treasury and yard's Pectoral with the secretary of the treasury asking hardworking people of Ontario out of their for appropriations to build more strong hard-earned savings. They know they rooms to store it, declaim against what cannot catch shrewd capitalists, so they get they call the i "debt paying mania."

While in England even when chancellors town lots they are inducing ordinary of the exchequer have had huge sur folks who have saved a few dollars to part plusses on hand all suggestions to apply th herewith, giving them in return a few money to the extinction of the public debt square rods of "the boundless" prairie, have been laughed to scorn, and the cry has gone forth "The public debt is the sheet anchor of public safety."

In Canada we have not been troubled with much surplus to quarrel about the dis-The Belleville Ontario accuses the tory posal of, but it has ever been the earnest discover the easiest way of getting deeper

"If we can't pay, why can we owe

In England, and, though not so boldly Ontario and its grit confreres would have in the United States as well, the perpetual ODORLESS EXCAVATOR raised the cry of class legislation. It is debt system has been defended on the the misfortune of partizans that they must ground that the consols or bonds afforded support or condemn measures, not on their a safe investment for those who having and the government that made it, but we condemn the act referred to, it was none supporters. It was a favorite one with mity with regard to that other part of the measure. It is quite true, as the Ontario Garfield, though it met with the utter

that class the most grasping, avariciou sioners on the earnings of the industriou number, besides. With all this present titled to vote as are the sons of farmers. plutocracy. We have heard a good deal to his mind, Mr. Mackenzie thinks it the The real objection to the act in question is about the iniquity of repudiation, but to fears of vested interests—so far as in his opinion they can be called such in conas dishonest as any repudiation can be, and this is practically what the British and American fund-holders have been doing for

> In Canada we are bravely proceeding lay the foundations on which the futur Canadian bond vampires will build.

AMONG SOME OF OUR contemporaries it seems to be a favorite idea that in any other country than the United States, Guiteau would long ago have been convicted and hung. Perhaps some of the impatient ones ada, a man could be convicted and executed before all the evidence was heard. Guite has talked a good deal of nonsense during the trial, but not nearly so much as some of

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD is sixty-eight years old to-day.

According to items that are going the bunds of the country press, the "Toronto a Specialty." ounds of the country press, the "Toronto (Canada) Globe" keeps an interviewer whose duty it is to go round interviewing wellknown citizens as to the merits of any quack medicine that will pay them 121 cents a line. Within a short period The Globe has received over two thousand dollars from one house for thus prostituting its editorial col

COMMANDER CHEYNE wants Canada to contribute something towards the equip nent of his north pole balloon. There is only one man in Canada, so far as heard from, who has any warm personal interest in the north pole. We therefore move that Dr. Wild be contributed.

SOME OF OUR TORY CONTEMPORARIES are accusing the London Advertiser of being MERGHANT TAILOR discourteous and uncharitable in its treat ment of its political opponents. As this is a thing of which tory journals never are guilty, their strictures will probably be received by the erring brother with becomin meekness and contrition. 'Tis sweet to see the pure and blameless watching over their weak and erring fellows.

WE WONDER the Canadian Cobdenit organs have failed to seize upon and parade the proof of the reality of that exodus which is contained in the fact that Canadian time. There is, we confess, something of as any free trade arguments which have ap-

## John Harvey's Epitaph. (From the Detroit Post.)

We have read a good many epitaphs which have been quoted more for their od pression we have never seen surpassed. is that of the mother of William Harvey the discoverer of the circulation of the blood, and it is to be seen on a monumeta tablet in the church at Folkestown, Eng land. It is supposed to have been written by her distinguished son:

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