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In 1878 the debt of the United States was \$1,990,382,280. The debt of the Dominion the same year was \$174,967,268. In 1886 the United States debt was \$1,274,726,153...

There seems to be a good deal of humor even in the dull, phlegmatic English disposition. Thus we find the London correspondent of the Manchester Guardian writing to his paper: "Advices just received by the Imperial Government and others from Canada speak of serious trouble brooding between the French and the Anglo-Saxon population of Upper Canada..."

The three leading No Popery Tory newspapers supporting the Ottawa Government are The Mail, Hamilton Spectator and London Free Press. Since 1883 these papers have received from the Government for printing \$47,578.70!

SIMULTANEOUSLY with the announcement of dissolution of Parliament the organs of the Government inform us that "An Order-in-Council was passed on Friday which, after reciting the failure of the Nova Scotia Government to secure the completion of the Western Counties railway in that province, makes provision for that end..."

means of which the expected company will realize \$1,200,000 which, with the grant of \$600,000, will enable the company to pay off its liabilities and perform the work already referred to. This is a palpable bribe to Nova Scotia to induce the people in the counties benefited by the road to vote the Tory ticket. It is simply disgraceful. The Government had no right to make such an agreement without the consent of parliament. But since it is made the Nova Scotians may accept it as a concession from Tory turpitude, and vote to punish the Government for not having acted sooner, and for daring to think they could be bribed whole-sale on the eve of a general election.

QUEBEC WEST.

The electors of Quebec West, if true to their country, will earnestly endorse the views of the Telegraph of that city when it commends to their suffrages the candidature of Mr. McGreevy. There can hardly be two opinions in the minds of thoughtful men as to the political treatment that gentleman should receive at the hands of the electors. He should promptly be relegated to that local obscurity from which he ought never to have emerged.

NEEDS EXPLANATION.

In the course of his speech at Halifax a few days ago, in accepting the Liberal nomination in that city, the Hon. A. J. Jones said:—

To show you how these things are managed and controlled in the interests of certain parties in Canada, and how very wrong-headed and unscrupulous in Canada to day must be built up and sustained at your expense, I will cite some instances.

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PUMPING THUNDER.

Discussion of politics of the larger sort is always a refreshing relief from the rather dry and circumscribed arguments relating to party differences. It gives vim to the imagination and permits that indulgence in prophecy which all men are fond of enjoying. But these are politicians like the philosopher, who tumbled into a pitfall while gazing at the stars, heedless where he was stopping. In order to be able to prophesy with any degree of plausibility present forces must be carefully studied and estimated. We must make sure of the ground whereon we stand before we undertake to read the stars.

the Boodle Brigade shall continue their unexampled career of public plundering, or whether government by honest methods shall be restored. With this great practical question pressing for solution, it is simply disgusting to find toplofty balderdash like the following in a journal that aspires to lead Canadian thought:—"If Canada is to undergo the inevitable routine of nature, the time cannot be far off when we shall either claim a voice in the councils of the empire and accept a share of its burdens, or else ask a blessing from our parent and depart."

It may be part of the Tory tactics to pump thunder in this style, in order to divert attention from the record of the Government, but the people are content with things as they are. When from any cause the relations between the Empire and the Dominion become strained a way will be found for settling the difficulty.

Tirades against the Church, abuse of Mr. Blake, sneers at Catholics, threats against French Canadians, however solemn, brilliant, witty, sarcastic, or blood-curdling, are no defence of a Government which has created a debt of \$20,000,000, a deficit of \$6,000,000, trebled taxation, robbed the treasury, divided the public domain among its followers, violated the constitution, debauched and degraded Parliament, drove the people on the prairies to rebellion and the people by the sea to secession, and is now endeavoring to excite a war of race and religion.

The future of Canada lies in the hands of the men of to-day. As they decide so will the future prosperity and happiness of the country be secured, or the reverse infallibly entailed. No man, looking dispassionately at the present state of Government in this Dominion, can honestly say he desires to see it continued. The men who are responsible for the evils and dangers that now threaten the stability of Canadian institutions are up for trial before the great tribunal of the people. They are charged with numberless crimes of omission and commission.

A TIMELY PAMPHLET.

At a very opportune moment Professor H. Youle Hind publishes "An exposition of the principles and methods employed in the fabrication of certain U.S. and Canadian Annual Trade Tables from 1867 to 1885." On the eve of a general election this pamphlet is particularly valuable. Was it not that the country is now aware that the Federal Administration is capable of doing anything iniquitous, the revelation of duplicity dragged to light by Mr. Hind would probably be deemed incredible.

CABINET DISSENSIONS.

Humors of serious dissensions in the Cabinet have been rife for several days past. The personal differences between Sir Hector Langevin and Mr. Chapleau have been no secret for years past. Sir John has managed to keep them in harness by playing off one against the other, but Mr. Chapleau's failure as a Federal Minister and parliamentarian has given somewhat of an advantage to his rival.

sheer madness to go to the country at the present time. Ambitions of becoming the foremost man of his nationality, he knew that to go to his people for an endorsement of the Boodle and Blood policy of the Government was simply to invite repudiation and disaster. He did not mince matters in stating his views to his colleagues. That he then announced his intention of resigning is undoubted. Perhaps by so doing he intimated what has long been suspected—that he was aware of a cabal among ministerialists to get rid of him as a mauvais sujet, to use a certain expression familiar in a certain circle at the Capital.

But the dissensions in the Cabinet are only a reflection of the greater dissensions in the party outside. Look at the organs all sailing on different tacks, united in nothing but a frantic desire to prevent the inevitable overthrow of Sir John Macdonald. While the Orange Tories of Ontario are howling themselves hoarse with the "No Popery" cry, the Pendarfs of Quebec are whining pitifully to their French-Canadian compatriots not to believe what the supporters of Sir John in the West are saying.

THE DOMINION ELECTIONS.

A great crisis in the destiny of the country is at hand. The people have been called upon to declare at the polls whether a government whose iniquities are unparalleled shall continue its wild career of extravagance and corruption, or whether a Reform Government shall redeem the credit and character of the country.

Discussion in the press and on the platform for a year past has left but few in ignorance of the great issue now presented for solution. The astounding revelations of the manner in which the treasury and the public domain were plundered by the ministry for their own and their followers' benefit must impress every man in Canada with a deep sense of the necessity demanding a complete change of rulers at Ottawa.

- 1.—They declared that the annual expenditure should not exceed \$22,000,000. In 1886 they increased it to \$39,176,937!
2.—They promised to reduce the national debt. That debt has increased from \$174,000,000 in 1878, to \$281,000,000 in 1885, or an addition of \$107,000,000 in seven years!
3.—They declared there would be no deficits under their management. To-day there is a deficit of \$6,000,000!

their command to debauch the electorate as they petrified the Parliament they have just dissolved in sheer terror. The power to further mischief and misgovernment must be taken out of their hands. Already the credit of the country is being cried down abroad. Foreign capitalists, on whom we are largely dependent, see in rebellion, secession, a public debt increasing by rounds of millions at a time, a colossal deficit, the robbery of the treasury by a corrupt government, the dissipation of the national resources, the cry against excessive taxation, the exodus of our people, and the threat of civil war, indications all too palpable of the ruin impending over us, should the men who are responsible for this alarming state of affairs be restored to power.

In presence of so great a calamity we cannot think that the people of Canada will do otherwise than declare for the expulsion of the Tory party from power.

THE CHARACTER OF THE CONFLICT.

A spectacle of absorbing interest is presented before the people of Canada in the parties to the political contest now going on. The principles and the objects at stake are of supreme importance. It may truly be said that at no previous general election in this country has so tremendous an issue been presented for solution.

On the one side we see a Mephistophelian spectre whose shadow projects into the past, black with boodle and blood, stretching his lean and withered hands to grasp the escaping Merguerite of the young Dominion. On the other side we see the towering form of a veritable Galahad coming between the Tempter and his victim.

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mons liabilities and this extravagant expenditure were incurred furnishes a more potent reason for strengthening the arm of Blake to apply the whip. Thanks to the industry and courage of M. C. Cameron we are in a position to show how these stupendous charges come to be imposed on the country. On the floor of Parliament last session and at numerous public meetings during recess, Mr. Cameron has charged ministers and their camp followers with voting plunder from the public treasury into their own pockets.

Having thus appropriated the resources of the country, the Tory Government proceeded to rob the Treasury. Let us give a few of the more prominent instances of the way the Boodle Brigade helped themselves out of the public chest.

Hon. J. H. Pope, Minister of Railways, principal stockholder in the Eastern Township Railway, gave himself a bonus of \$150,000 to enable him to extend the line through the State of Maine, and sell with the advantage to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. Does he need the whip?

Hon. Frank Smith, member of the Cabinet without portfolio, who declared in the Senate that the workmen were "a lot of thieves," is president of the Northern Railway. While holding a lease of the projected line from Gravesend to Calender, procured a subsidy from the Government of \$12,600 per mile, amounting to \$1,220,000.

Hon. Hector Langevin procured a subsidy of \$20,000 for the Bay Chaleur Railway, in which his brother-in-law Armstrong holds a very large interest!

Hon. Mr. Chapleau, one of the principal proprietors and President of the Pontiac and Pacific Junction Railway, secured a bonus of \$272,000! Also \$251,000 for the Montreal and Western Railway!

Sir Adolphe Caron, leading promoter and member of the Quebec and Lake St. John Railway Construction Company, obtained a subsidy of \$378,000!

Hon. Thomas White, The Montreal Gazette is owned by his family. It received \$64,000 for printing in three years, at prices ranging from four to fourteen times the contract rate; his brother is also in with Chapleau on the Western Railway.

Mr. Dalton McCarthy, M.P., Sir John's right hand man, was a partner with Mr. Frank Smith in the Northern Railway deal. Mr. Peter White, M.P., is a partner with Mr. Chapleau in the Pontiac and Pacific Junction Railway.

Tupper and Macdonald, sons of Sir Charles and Sir John respectively, were appointed solicitors to the Canadian Pacific Railway when that company was seeking to get a re-arrangement of the loan of \$30,000,000 with the government. The loan was arranged. This firm of young lawyers also had unlimited disposal of public lands, mines and limits. Their fathers were kind to anyone applying through them.

Subsidies were also granted to railroads, the charters for which were held by C. H. Mackintosh, M.P., Darby Bergin, M.P., Hickey, M.P., "Boy" Beatty, M.P., Sams, M.P., McGreevy, M.P., and numbers of others.

These are the men the people of Canada are asked to retain in power—men, convicted by parliamentary documents with having robbed the public domain and emptied the treasury into their own pockets.

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