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ST, JOHN. N. B., OCTOBER 31, 1900.

R. FOSTER'S DEATHBED REPENT-

Mr. Foster, finding that he is certain of St John is now on his kneed bly begging for the support of the very city to become the winter port of Can-But Mr. Foster out of power, and th a prospect of being out of parliament, ady and willing to promise anything it will bring him a single vote.

The people of St. John know Mr. Foster

nd will not be imposed upon by his ng. They know how he acted tois this city in former times, how he ch he had made in reon is there for think ng that Mr. Fo.even if he should obtain office, would more for St. John in the future than has in the past? Quite apart from Mr. ter's views on the subject, which are certainly very cold-blooded views at best, denied that the leaders of the Conservative party from Sir Charles The per down are all opposed to St. John, and have never at any time been willing o grant us the slightest assistance to beme the winter port of Canada. We know what their att tude towards us was the Conservative latty secured the contration of the Short Line for the purpose f bringing business to St. John, but the roof that this is not so is furnished by ne action of the government of Sir John A. Macdonald in 1889 when the Canadian Pacific railway refused to build that por on of the Short Line from Harvey in the county of York to Salisbury in the county of Westmorland. That road, if built, would have left the Canadian Pacific ran way's main line at Harvey and gone direct to Fredericton, from which it would have made a straight line to Salisbury, thus prossing the province and avoiding St. John enturely. When it was found that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company would not build this road, the government of Sir John A. Macdonald brought in a bill to have it constructed as a government work, at a cost of several million dollars, and made a present to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. The object of this proposed expenditure was to side-track St.

John and prevent us from getting any of the winter port business from Montreal, but to send it direct to Halifax. The St. John Sun supported this infamous measure, and the Sun has now the assurance to come forward and abuse and attack Mr. Blair because he has declined to hand over the entire business of the Intercolonial railway to the Caradian Pac fic railway.

for freight steamships and wonderful improvements in the service between St. John and Great Britain. Why did he not do some of these things before when he was in power? We all know that a though the Short Line railway was completed in the summer of 1889 not one step was ever taken by the Conservative government of which Mr. Foster was a member to utilize it for the benefit of St. John, until the winter of 1895, when the government was forced to grant a subsidy of \$25,000 to the Beaver line. For six long years the Short Line railway remained unutilized for the purpose of exporting freight to Great Britain. For six long years our people, our to assist us in developing this port. But for sx long years the government repulsed and rejected every overture that was made. Not one step would they take for our benefit, and it is a well known fact, which that they would resign their seats if this money was not forthcoming on a certain carried on a through bill-of-lading direct. day. That is the way Mr. Foster assisted to Liverpool. Two St. John young men tion with it. But Mr. Hair has bad a

St. John. He assisted it in the same man- thought that as there was plenty of hard- different ideal of the destiny of the Iner as a man makes a present to another | wood in New Brunswick, they would go of a pistol. Mr. Foster would never have granted that sub-idy, nor would the government have given it to him. but for the to prepare hardwood for the British marenergetic and spirited action of Mr. Chesket. They naturally supposed that the Nothing has so annoyed the hide-bound ley and his colleague who then represented Canadian Pacific would give them a St. John. Now Mr. Chesley is turned through rate to Liverpool and a through public works going forward. The fact down by Mr. Foster, while the latter poses | bill-of-lading as it had done the Ontario | that they were giving employment to large as a frend to St. John and the only man shippers. The Canadian Pacific Railway who can save it from the enmity of the would do nothing of the kind. They lonorable Andrew G. Blair. The Hon. Andrew G. Blair, that arch-enemy of St. John, who has built deep water wharves and an elevator, and who has expended to Liverpool. This involved, of course, the bended by Tory governments for the benefit of St. John during the coming century. cause the recopie of St. John to prefer Mr. we hear, afterwards refunded, but, that Foster to Mr. Biair. There is no business nan in St. John who does not feel his cheeks tingle with shame when he thinks of the humiliations that he and other pusiness men of this city were exposed to in their dealings with Mr. Foster. There is no working man in St. John who ought not to recognize the fact that Mr. Foster of his own free will never put one dolby Mr. Foster. We asked for a grain elevator in connection with the Intercolonial, and that was refused. We asked for a gift of the Carieton Branch railway, so refused. We asked for a subsidy to enable of St. John. He had no use for us to build an elevator on the west side, people. He had no desire to assist and that was refused. We asked for some assistance to build deep water wharves on

> friend who has been kind to us and emprace and assist a deadly enemy? If that s the principle upon which St. John is ikely to act, we are unworthy of any avor or of any consideration from any govnment. We shall not think so ill of the copie of this city as to believe that they will do this thing, or that they will elect this man or his colleague to represent this city in the parliament of Canada, this irty, which Mr. Foster has done his utlost to injure and repress.

WHAT COULD MR. FOSTER DO?

If Mr. Foster were a member of a Conervative government, does any one supose that he would be able to carry out is promises with regard to the Canadian Pacific Railway and St. John? There was a time when the business of the Interplaces \$263,812 in the provincial treasury olonial Railway going westward was and brings to an honorable and satisfactory small, and likely to remain so, and at close a dispute which never would have that time such a contract as that made arisen if Sir John A. Macdonald and his with Sir John A. Macdonald with the Canadian Pacific Railway did not do the government had not attempted to over ountry any very serious injury. But now reach this province. The people of New Brunswick may thank Mr. Blair for thiwhen the business of the Intercolonial handsome addition to our provincia Railway is developing to an enormous extent, now when the Intercolonial Railway nas a terminus at Montreal and every acility for carrying its own freight over its own line to that terminus, what reason is there for supposing that any govomposed of men coming from other parts city of 650,000 bushels of grain, which ha ernment which could be formed in Canada; of the dominion, would consent to surrender the paying traffic of the Intercolonial Railway to the Canadian Pacific way, has been completed for some time. Railway? The developments of Syd- and is fit for any work that may be ney is likely to make that required to do. The splendid deep-water opportunity of fulfilling.

THE C. P. R. AND ST. JOHN.

On Thursday evening, in his speech in the Opera House, Mr. Foster told a story with regard to the carrying of manganese from Sussex over the Intercolonial. He stated that Mr. Blair insisted on taking a large share, but it is equally available this manganese to Montreal, by way of this manganese to Montreal, by way of the North Shore. Supposing this story to desire to export grain to the mother coun our business men were begging and be be correct, we fail to see in what way the city of St. John would be injured by it. The passing of a carload of manganese through St. John would not add much to ing men. We can tell a much better story John. Every one knows if the Tories had than that about the Canadian Pacific Rail- remained in power St. John never would we challenge any one to contradict, that way and St. John interests. For some have had any terminal facilities in con the only way in which the subsidy of \$25, time past large quantities of hardwood nection with the Intercolonial railway 000 for the Beaver line could be obtained have been sent from the province of On. The former government was willing that from the government, or from Mr. Foster, was when the two members from St. have been sent from the province of Onthe former government was wining that the fine colonial railway should have it tario to Liverpool, over the Short Line, by the Intercolonial railway should have it tario to Liverpool, over the Short Line, by the Intercolonial railway should have it tario to Liverpool, over the Short Line, by the Intercolonial railway should have it tario to Liverpool, over the Short Line, by the Intercolonial railway should have it tario to Liverpool, over the Short Line, by the Intercolonial railway should have it tario to Liverpool, over the Short Line, by the Intercolonial railway should have it tario to Liverpool, over the Short Line, by the Intercolonial railway should have it tario to Liverpool, over the Short Line, by the Intercolonial railway should have it tario to Liverpool, over the Short Line, by the Intercolonial railway should have it tario to Liverpool and the Intercolonial railway should have it tario to Liverpool and the Intercolonial railway should have it tario to Liverpool and the Intercolonial railway should have it tario to Liverpool and the Intercolonial railway should have it tario to Liverpool and the Intercolonial railway should have it tario to Liverpool and the Intercolonial railway should have it tario to Liverpool and the Intercolonial railway should have it tario to Liverpool and the Intercolonial railway should have it tario to Liverpool and the Intercolonial railway should have it tario to Liverpool and the Intercolonial railway should have it tario to Liverpool and tario tari John, Mr. Chesley and Mr. H. zen, dec ared ceived by the Canadian Pacific Railway diere, and a mud bank at

torted from him at the mouth into this business. So they built a little charged them a local rate to St. John, and they would not even undertake to ship their goods on board the steamships going week because the steamboat could not were charged by the Canadian Pacific Rail way \$27.00 for demurrage. This money was such a claim ever should have been madshows how differently New Brunswickers are treated by the Canadian Pacific Rail way from the shippers in Ontario.

THE EASTERN EXTENSION AWARD

The award of the arbitrators appointed count of the Eastern Extension railway, which have been in power in Canada a link in the proposed railway which was Eastern Extension was under construction when New Brunswick entered confedera tion, and it was naturally expected tha the west side, and that was refused. We it would be adopted by the dominion asked that St. John should be considered government as a part of the Intercolonia in connection with the letting of contracts railway. But Sanford Fleming, the engineer for the Fast Line Steamship Company, who made the surveys for that line, was and that was refused. We asked for a sub. dead against this plan. He wanted the sidy for freight steamships to run from road to go round by way of Baie Verte St. John to Liverpool and other British so that it would be as far from St. John ports during the winter, and that was rerangement, which would have deprived Why then should any man of St. John | Memramcook, Dorchester and Sackville of re of this city at heart their present standing as stations on the Brunswick was forced to sell Eastern Extension to the government of Canada for a much smaller sum than it had cos the province. Thus one of the first mea sures of Sir John A. Macdonald's govern ment resulted in robbing this province of a large sum of money to which it wa justily entitled. Seventeen years after con deration the sum of \$150,000 was ob tained from the government of Canada on account of Eastern Extension, but the did not include interest on the sum which the province had been so long un justly deprived. If the Conservatives have remained in power New Brunswick nevewould have received another dollar on the claim, but as soon as the Liberals caminto power Mr. Blair brought this matte to the attention of the gov ernment of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and it was agreed that the matter should be referred to arbitration. The arbitra tors have now given their award which

THE INTERCOLONIAL TERMINALS.

been constructed by Mr. Blair for the win business very large, and what Canadian wharf, containing 1,100 feet of wharf from overnment would be justified in giving and capable of accommodating two of the that business away to a rival corporation. argest freight steamers in the world, or Mr. Foster, even if we give him credit four smaller vessels, will be finished today. for the best of intentions, can do nothing and the warehouse upon it, which has an whatever to satisfy the demands of the area of an acre and a quarter, will be Canadian Pacific, unless he and his col- completed about ten days hence, or long league were prepared practically to sur- before it will be required for any winter render the whole traffic of the road, there- port business. These splendid structures, by antagonizing the entire country, and which have placed St. John in a position every man in it who has any interest in which it never occupied before, represent eeing the people protected from a monopo- the fulfilled pledges of the Hon. Andrew ly. Mr. Foster's promises even-if he had G. Blair to the people of St. John. There a desire to keep them, are promises are no broken promises of the Minister which he could never fulfil and which the of Railways lying about loose to be thrown people of St. John will never give him the up in his face by a political opponent Mr. Blair promised to do justice to St John and he has done it in the most ample manner, by a liberal expenditure of public money, which has given us the opportunity of becoming the exporting port of the Intercolonial railway. For this elevator is not only available for the western grain trade, of which it will do

enemies of Mr. Blair of the uselessness o building these terminal facilities at St

as to give this city the opportunity of becoming an important point of export for goods carried over the Intercolonial. nterests of the working men than the fory leaders in St. John. Had they ever onsidered the interests of St. John, or f its people, they would never have conented to an act which drove away the Iarris Car Works from this city, and derived us of five hundred good citizens and honest workers who had to go elsewhere to earn their living. They converted what was a hive of industry into desert, but Mr. Blair has transformed he scene and converted the desert into that will be a hive of industry and a ource of wealth to St. John.

The Tories, angry at the construction f the wharves and clevator at this port, ave always been predicting that they ou'd never be used, that the expenditure vas useless, and in this they have only allowed the lead of men like John Hagart, whose name, according to Sir Macvery Conservative in Western Ontario.' They sought to make the people of St. John elieve that these terminal facilities would ever be used, that in fact when the eleator was built and the wharves were inished their mission would have been nded. The news that a large quantity f grain is immediately coming over the ntercolonial to be loaded in the steamhips of the Head line at this port, will at once dispel this ridiculous idea. The eady commenced, and from this time forard that line will be utilized to its full st extent, for the export of grain and her goods from this city. This disposes Mr. George E. Foster's story about Ir. Blair shutting one door before the ther was opened. Mr. Blair did not shut ny door, but he opened a fresh door for Boys' Clothing. he benefit of St. John, a thing which ad all, are to be congratulated on the ndrew G. Blair has fulfilled his pledges th references to the winter port busi ess of this city. The long, dreary night as ended and St. John has now a spiend equipment on both sides of the haror for the carrying on of a large business the exporting of western goods to

FOSTER'S PROMISES.

The Sun burdens its editorial page with

e Opera House. These promises all re- have the option of making his terminus at r to the city of St. John, and are in- Hanfax or S. John. But when the tenduded to make our people believe that if ers were issued, the name of St. John was of hope of having any connection whatever would begin to make prophesies in regard ir. Foster says that he is authorized to with the Fast Line. That was the way to the result of the campaign, and M ake these promises. Who has authorized Mr. Foster's promises were kept. If Mr. day the Sun was out with a highly fanci m? As the Conservatives are not now in Forter could not keep a promise like that, ful account of the great and sweeping vic wer, and have no government and no on the eve of a g neral election, what the tory that the Tories are to win at the ospect of obtaining one, who can author- hood is there of him keeping a promise coming general elections. The Sun begins oster has put forward in the Opera ouse in his speach on Thursday nght? ven if the Laurier government were deated tomorrow and a new government rmed, under the premiership of Sir ar as his dealings with St. John are conharles Tu per, -no premi e which Mr. | cerned. oster made with reference to this ort would be of the slightest va uc, unless were approved of by his colleagues, ven in the improbable event of Mr. Foster desiring to keep his promises. to Dr. Stockton of late, because he has ance of their formation in this way with lower of Mr. George E. Foster, a gentl man means. However, it is quite like the Sun egard to the subsiding steam hip lncs whom he formerly denounced with great to declare that it is easy to boast and ad the doing of public work. But no vigor. The political history of Dr. Stock then to begin boasting with great vigor. romise that Mr. Foster can make will ton is well known to most of our readers. e taken seriously by the people of St. He began life as an alleged Liberal, and ohn. They know that in times past he has for several years worked with the party Presse, which was once the leading Connade many promises in regard to what he and received whatever honors the party ould do for us, yet he never did anything had to give. At that time he was elected still has a very large circulation among xeept construct a trestle to Reed's Po.nt as a Liberal, to be one of the representawhich has been a bill of expense to tives of St. John in the legislature, and independent in its political views, has he influences that favored the Conservhe city ever since it was built. Out ide although he was sometimes a heavy burden been travelling with Sir Wilfrid Laurier at the tast general to carry, in consequence of the views for about a month. He was in St. John disappeared. They are not in power. st. John. He had the opportunity in 1889, which he held in reference to the United a day or two ago and he favored some iter the Short Line rai way was opened States, the Liberal party forgave him these of his newspaper friends with his views o Montreal, to give this city assistance in appears from loyalty, and continued to send on the political situation. His opinion is prestige of victory has departed from uilding wharves and an elevator, and in him to the legislature. Dr. Stockton aban- not that of a partisan, but of a person subsidising steamships, so that we might be doned the Liberal party in 1896, at the bie to do some business as a water port. time of the last general election, because he fr. Foster did nothing but insult our had quarrefled with the provincial govern- as he can learn it. He states, and he has Wilfrid Laurier. Under such circumstancatizens who approached him on the subment over a question of patronage. The made the statement not only in private es it is ridiculous to expect any sweepect of St. John's claims. After such a L beral government in the Dominion had but in the columns of La Presse, that in his ing change in favor of the Conservatives ecord as this what use is it for Mr. no connection whatever with this quaroster to make promises? There are hun-treds of people in our midst who heard over which they had no control. Yet Dr., a majority as it had at the last general and if it had not been so near a general years ago, advocating the annexation of truth, he would not tell it if it were denoted from Montreel, ecotion, the people of St. John might have Canada to the United States. If this is against the Conservative party. To show the Sun has a despatch from Montreel, whiched for the Decrease remembers Mr. an error we shall be shall to hear Dr. I how truthful a man Mr. Citil Is not may that it does not wenture to give any fig.

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Foster's promise that St. John would be Stockton correct it, but in doing so w considered in connection with the fast would like him to publish the text of the our promises which it says were made se it was naturally expected that when etter to which we refer. Mr. George E. Foster in his speech in tenders were issued, the tenderer should omitted, and we were cut off from the the time was at hand when the Sur for the benefit of St. John when the next an article by saying "That it is easy for election is five years distant? Mr. Foster a new-paper to say that its party is about would laugh at the dupes who believed to sweep the country in an election camin his woods, for he has proved h mself paign. Nothing is simpler or cheaper than to be a man without truth or honor so such boasting." Then it boasts that the

DR. STOCKTON. im declare in the hall of the Mechanics' Stockton made it the pretext for abandon-election. He gives the Conservatives nebitute that if St. John built wharves ing the party for which he had worked three seats in New Brunswick, an estihe would receive government assistance from the time he had a vote. No doubt mate, which, if it errs at all, is too favor- umbia and the Northwest Territories in o do her winter port business. That Dr. Stockton thought he would be taken able to the Conservative party. fromise he never kept. On the contrary up by the Conservatives, and returned to Ir. Foster, notwithstanding his promises, parliament, but he was woefully mistaken. The Sun has an estimate of the result able thing that he allowed the Liberals existed our claims in that respect, and it He got nothing. A change of government of the elections in Ontario, Manitoba, the any seats at all. The result of the elecvas only under the threat of the resg at came about in 1893, and Dr. Stock on was Northwest Territories and British Columon of the two members for St. Jolin, left in a very unfortunate and unfavorable bia from its Ottawa correspondent, Mr. worst political prophet in Canada with the n event which would have been highly position. Dr. Stockton tasks a great deal Fred Cook. Mr. Fred Cook is the person exception of Sir Charles Tupper, who n event which would have been as a manufacturer of sen-neonvenient at that time, that a subjidy about his loyalty, and tries to induce who sends despatches from Ottawa to the kicks the beam as a manufacturer of senf \$25,000 was obtained for the Beaver people to believe that there are some Toronto Mail. Mr. Cook's statements sational political yarns. Our advices are ine. We do not thank Mr. Foster or the people on the Liberal side not as loyal as with regard to the situation in Ontario that the Liberals will carry a majority of the seats west of Ontario and that Dr. Stock and other places are of no value what or that subsidy, because it was not a free ton was the author of a letter which apever. He has no special means of know-

THE SUN AS A PROPHET.

every province in Canada except one. It does not make any special claims with regard to this province and perhaps this is the province which is to give the Lib-We have not been giving much attention erals a majority. The Sun's article is written in such a confused fashion that it is not easy to make out just what it

A correspondent of the Montreal La jority in the next parliament from the servative paper of Montreal, and which

of that subsidy, occurred from them by force, peared in the New York Herald, a few ing the truth, and if he did know the predictions of a contrary result.

ention the fact that a few weeks ago e sent the Sun a despatch stating that r. Casey, who sat in parliament as the presentative of West Elgin, had been apointed dominion archivist. When he was riting this despatch he was told by a igh official of the agricultural departent not to send it for it was not true, ut he answered with characteristic disegard for veracity, that it was a good ory and he would send it anyway, and e sent it, although it was contradicted v Mr. Casey a day or two later. This is he kind of an estimater and reporter of ots that Mr. Fred Cook is.

Mr. Cook estimates that the Conservtives will carry 62 seats in Ontario, and he Liberals only 30, thus giving the Conervatives a majority of 32 in that provnce. There never has been such a Conervative majority in Ontario or anything ike it. In 1882 the Conservatives had a najority of 16 in On'tario. In 1887 their najority was again 16. In 1891 they had a majority of only 4. In 1896, immediately after the elections, the Liberals had a majority of 5, and just before the dissolution, owing to the winning of by-elections, the Liberals had a majority of 11 in that province. There is no doubt, whatever, that they will have quite as large a maprovince of Ontario as they had after the reneral elections, and the probability is hat the majority will be larger than it was when parliament was dissolved. All They cannot blackmail contractors and manufacturers for election funds, and the