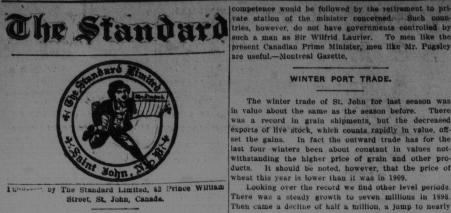
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PENSION OR PRESENT.

The Liberal Toronto Star has trouble over the

personally provided for in a manner which places him under obligation to a large number of leading members of corporations having business relations with the government. The problem as it affects other for-mer ministers, present ministers and future ministers,

It may be that Mr. Flelding is the only member of the Laurier cabinet who has allowed himself to remain poor. Perhaps he is the only one whom Sir Wilfrid would defend as being so far above reproach as to make a testimonial allowable. But suppose Sir Wilfrid should by chance find himself with another poor and honest colleague, and no twenty-five wealthy men are prepared to pay \$5,000 each to provide a fund, then the case will stand as it did when Mr. Fielding proposed the the source of th other remedy. Toronto Star does not say all these things, incarnate. It is a great year for Roosevelt,

but it has such a situation in view and has reached the conclusion that "the present would be a very oppor"tune time to renew the proposal that was unwisely

from some of the objections that apply to testimonials. They are cheaper if the contributor to the testimonial is to be rewarded with public favors. In that case they are also more worthy of acceptance by a self-re-specting minister. They are paid by all the people of Canada, and if they call for return favors it will be a better service to all Canadians alike. The public will know who are the benefactors, and the whole business will be frank and above board. Moreover there will be no discrimination among ministiers where-

cts. It should be noted, however, that the price of neat this year is lower than it was in 1909. Looking over the record we find other level periods. There was a steady growth to seven millions in 1898 Then came a decline of half a million, a jump to nearly

Then came a decline of half a million, a jump to nearly ten millions, another to eleven millions, and in 1902 an advance to over fourteen millions. From that date to 1905 the advance ceased, and in the latter year the exports were \$12,318,000. In 1906 came a sudden increase to \$23,686,000. Next year showed a loss of three millions, recovered in 1908. The seasons of 1909 and 1910 are practically even, the former at \$24,377,000, the latter at \$24,396,000. Next year is the date for another sharp advance. These matters are affected by prices and demand during the winter months. But the constantly, though irregularly increasing wheat But the constantly, though irregularly increasing wheat product of the Canadian northwest, for European con-sumption, will make a constantly increasing export trade through winter ports on this continent. If St. John does not get the most of this increased traffic, it will be done through foreign ports.

## TEACHERS' PENSIONS.

The Liberal Toronto Star has trouble over the Fielding testimonial. We are free to admit." says the Star 'that the making of a provision for a public 'man by individuals and co-porations, other than the 'state, is not desirable. Banks, railway compared 'numerate companies, manufacturers, contractors, and 'others, are financially interested in legislation and ad 'ministration, and it is a sound public principle that 'they shall not be parties to any gift to Minister or 'member of Parliament." Dur Toronto contemporary says that ministers aft for long service often find themselves poor, in debit M too old to make a new start in the world. In the pointon of the Star, the right remedy for this state of affairs is the system of pensions proposed by MI, Fielding in 1965. This plan was accepted by the grow ernment and by parliament, and was law for a year. The influence within the cabinet, which reversed the influence by the state a small salary with pension was much better than a large salary. May Fielding was obliged to give way, and while he is now personally provided for in a manner which places in moder obligation to a large number of eleding mersonalis profession and inserve would otherwise seek another ware obligation to a large number of plant due obligation to a large number of stars. If this expectation shall have the effect of partiament which places in the teachers who would otherwise seek another ware to begin at the age of stars. If this expectation shall have the effect of partiament betwe obligation to a large number of partiament betwe obligation to a large number of partiament betwe and the service profession and arge number of partiament betwe obligation to a large number of partiament betwe and have no profession and large number of partiament betwe obligation to a large number of partiament betwe and have no partis besond the service of lending more par

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Mr. Aylesworth's doctrine concerning of "tune time to renew as a so." In the meantime Sir Toronto. The says:---"That this Presbytery according the second of the second ture does not commend itself to the Presbytery of Toronto. This body at a recent meeting passed two resolutions. One says:--"That this Presbytery does Caron, who some a sine and a some and a sine and a sine and a some and a some and a some and a some a some of the solution of the contributor to the testimonial "United States as tending to corrupt morals, have been "justified by the Minister of Justice as classic, and "justified by the Bible."

business will be no discrimination among ministers, where as the testimonial which comes to one leaves the other as poor as they were before, and with a certain "lating the former factory inspector out of office." If the Tribune will make inquiry of any person interested There is much to be said for the contention that ministers should receive neither pension nor gift. But has between the two the pension offers many public ad yantages. WHY MR. PUGSLEY? was ineffective by reason of age, it was a charitable error. But something had to be done if the factory act was to have any value.



reflection on their honesty

There is much to be said for the contention that

The Public Accounts Committee of the House of Commons has passed a resolution declaring it to be improper that the Government of Canada should pay \$9,465 a year to a middleman company for lighting buildings which by the regular charges of local electrical ises could be lighted for \$5,040 a year. The Accounts Committee, like all committees of Parliament, is controlled by the party in the majority which just now is the Liberal party. From under-standable causes the majority does not care to do or say anything calculated to hurt the ministry it supports. The case of this lighting business, however, was too glaring to avoid or to hush up; and there has come from the committing a monoment of the sum already expended. from the committee a pronouncement that is a condem-nation of the Government, and a direct condemnation of the Department of Public Works, whose minister is Pugsley. The situation will serve to cause new der why Mr. Pugsley should be where he is. man of no firm political convictions, he has worn the colors of both parties. He was invited into federal politics from the provincial public life of New Brunscolors of both partles. He was invited into federal politicis from the provincial public life of New Bruns, which was not elevated by his success in it and which he quitted just before the people showed evidence of having become tired of his presence there in. His choles for a position in the federal administration was not generally acclaimed. Some wondered at f. Some could account for it only on the ground at the set in the

It is nearly three years since the Quebec Bridge, which cost the Dominion over \$7,000,000, fell down. The government is paying for the new bridge, and at this period has learned that the structure should be a cantilever. It is announced that a call for tenders will happen before long. Meanwhile the department has given up the habit of estimating the probable cost. The last guess of the minister was \$10,000,000 in addi-tion to the sum already exceeded.

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**Cold Weather Checks Rise of** Water in Upper St. John----Countryman Loses \$70 at Capital. And by his faith affliction's gloon arts the word

Fredericton, N. B., May 5.—A man immed Sydney Miller, belonging to averhill, lost a wallet containing \$70 thile about the city doing business ate yesterday afternoon. Mr. Miller called at an uptown ma-hine shop and later on he visited an uptown barber shop and had a shave. When he went to pay for his shave he money was gone. The matter vas reported to the police, who had he barber who shaved Mr. Miller earched but not the slightest clue was found to connect that young man with the matter, and he was honor-bly acquitted. The police are as-lisms.

death he ne'er ably acquitted. The police are as-situal. The cold weather of the last few days and fall of water is beginning to make matters look serious for driv-ing of the Fath-brighter world till thine own, hy mortal garb holy joy where snalt grieve no -Darius Cobb. ers may ne'er the lost to l, with blessing of the Father's love, dear one in the brighter world dian angel still thine own ceive thee in thy holy joy where ou snalt grieve no



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