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PREMIER EMMERSON'S VIEWS

was a practical step which meant good will and real attachment, transcending the mere force of words. When the Conservatives can show that they have done anything for the mether country that is a little spirit over the results of the mether country that is a little spirit over the results.

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SIR MACKENZIE BOWELL

proof that the ex-premier has altered his s with the men who are at the leaders, would no doubt regard it as a ider the sun ever covered itself with ony as did that section of the against Sir Mackenzie Bewell in 1893. held by either Liberals or the great body of Conservatives throughout Canada reas evidencing a disposition to forgive and forget if the discarded chieftain were to again exter the party who knifed him. servatives would very naturally remove the stain cast upon their leaders by iness for offices of public trust and oper-

not been inclined to condone the treachery of his seven colleagues in 1896. It is of the Drummond county purchase as "a refore, to his antipathy to the men who lead the Conservative party and his ion in public life. The two aspects ent and antithetic. Those zie's mind and motives say, howervative solely for the purpose olding a lash over the backs of Mr. Foser and his assoiciates, awaiting a fitting pportunity to let it fall. This view has ome features of probability; but it does ot present the injured gentleman in a articularly lofty light. On the other and, he may be cherishing large hope f a restoration to the leadership himself. matters perhaps very little what hi eal purpose may be, and it were idle to eculate on the subject. What the untry will chiefly see in the matter is e happy and cohesive relations of the ho are boasting of their sure re rty the Conservatives are not how in any serious danger of finding elves in a majority in the next par

EVADING THE ISSUE.

For a party which professes confidence

da with reference to sending a contingent lustrating this superior capacity for rifices upon them. to South Africa. The premier takes a statesmanship, some of the Ontario Tory There are many caestions which they them. Yet they are, we regret to con statesmanlike view of the subject and expapers opened out in an attack upon the ought to answer; but two or three will fess it, coming more and more into evi poses the meanness and folly of those French Canadian people and endeavored serve to indicate the line of inquiry. For dence, and ervatives who are not only seeking to demonstrate to the world that Quebec example, Sir. Charles talks at great length sink even lower than they now issue for the purpose of influencing the a better thing for the empire, to say commit himself and his party to the res- and slander which comes daily from the electors of Canada against the governnothing of their own country, than to toration of the national policy if the opplatforms and press of the Dominion opman in Canada has done as much to idea which, it seems, impossible to insert awaken the imperial spirit in this domin- into certain heads without a surgical opawaken the imperial spirit in this domininto certain heads without a surgical option and to draw closer the lines between cration. One would suppose also that makes it one of his strongest indictments and undertakings before they have been Canada and the mother country as Sir politicians who have so much to say against the Liberal party. Would he care matured. As grave and responsible min-Wilfrid Laurier. His preferential policy about loyalty would have manifested a to nail the opposition down to a pledge isters of the crown, having a proper redid more to unite Canada to the mother little more of that personal loyalty which to reduce the annual outgo to what it was gard for the trust committed to country in bonds of sympathy than all holds a cabinet together. It is rather in 1896? If 40, would be state explicitly they must proceed deliberately and decorfollowers for the past thirty years. It about the fall of the Bowell ministry by

regarded as a check and a disappoint day last and spoke in favor of the a landslide of public opinion to put him victory in these local affairs, the dederal but by the result of the consideration of federal questions. The record of the government will be before the people, who will have to ask themselves the serious watives in general, and particularly their served by maintaining the present condition of affairs, or by running back that weakness, eggravated by intrigue. If leasant conditions he will vote for the

WHAT WOULD THEY THEY

Montague and Wallace

recall of Mesars. Tupper, Foster, Heggart,

The extent to which the Conservative party lives in the past is well illustrated and Mr. Foster. These two gentlemen are ates as a distinct barrier to their chances the head and front of the party today, and each has been doing a great deal of hament. Their speeches are printed in papers, so that we are kept well informed Mr. Foster since the initial act of mutiny, as to the views and arguments they have nor has he had anything to do with the to present. These utterances, in so far "traitors." The worf is Sir as they affect the Conservative party, are zie's. He has not in any way all set to the same key. They relate enidentified himself with the election strug-tirely to the pest. There is not a word about the future; not a syllable in relahe resigned the premiership, although a tion to an alternative policy. Sir Charles strong effort was made to draw him into has a great many reminiscences to relate; the Brockville fight. Yet, Sir Mackenzie but he is silent as to the course he would pursue if Canada were to try the experiment of again entrusting him with the reins of power. Mr. Foster indulges in a great many euphonious platitudes that are all right from the rhetorical standpoint; but he has nothing to say of a practical nature as indicating the course his graceful transaction." Having regard, party would take in the event of the Liberals being replaced.

The people of Canada may be excused for displaying some little interest in this matter. They very naturally want to know the precise line of action which the Tories would take if administrative control again passed into their hands. Since Sir Charles claims that the Conservative alone have the genius for governme

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ew weeks ago the war in South Africa elections are not far away, and the thing dut es, it is alv ays open to an opposition

portunity of restoring it were afforded position. him? Mr. Foster, too, criticizes the ex- One word more. The government canjust what items he would cut down or outly until a decision is reached, or the was a practical step which meant good their intrigues, going about the country tariff now in operation is denounced as of the functions of a government was would do with this tariff—whether they constant communication with the Home would retain it or net? We will not take up a dozen other questions respecting keep silence, the opposition and their which the opposition find fault, but just press were shouting frantically from the government control of railways, are restorment the opposition and rails, but just press were condemning the ministers for an early general election, the people have inactivity and even accusing them of ina right to know just what the conserva- difference. It is to the credit of the adtives would do in the event of a change of government. Mr. George McInerney told to act with dignity and calmness under the people of Moncton the other night how many and marvellous were the things which Sir Charles Tupper had done in the past-although it sounded rather tame as compared with the story which Sir

THE FUNCTIONS OF AN OPPO-

les Tupper, for example, may say what he

The legitimate functions of the oppos terests and welfare of the country, and for such action they are open to crit cism. The opposition remain passive un il the government does something, and then they come forward with their com- sistent. With regard to its story, which campaigning since the last session of par- ments. Invariably they find fault. If the government turns to the right they that Mr. Tarte is opposed to a second extenso by the leading Conservative say it would have been better to have turned to the left; if the government does this day say it should have done that, They take the negative or the affirmative view just as the government takes one or the other. They are at all times and on all questions "agin the government." We have grown so accustomed to this that few people stop to think how absurd it is, or to realize that it is part of a game which is neither edifying ner useful. There is a world of difference between honest criticism and that which is intended to hinder or annoy.

wrong is conceded by every thinking Conservative; yet who ever learns from Sir Chares Tupper's speeches or Mr. Foster's that the Liberal ministers at Ottawa have, since the day they assumed office done a single right thing or promoted solitary useful measure? For the government these gentlemen have nothing but condemnation, bitter and sweeping, and their one cry from every platform is to 'turn the rascals out!" More than that, f half that these leaders of the opposition in sober earnest, then they regard Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues as a set of unprincipled scoundrels. And right Tupper and Mr. Foster in their campaign

It is a proverb that all oppositions regard all governments as extravagant and corupt. Certainly these words have beome so hackneved in Canada as to have lost the significance which should attach to them. It is to be expected that Sir together another matter when they attack of 35,000 men is 841 besides 14 machin of the ministers as individuals. That is carrying the game too far. Unless they Buller is also in the way of being speed have the most indubitable proofs of per- ily reinforced, as the fifth division is b onal coruption they should regard the good name of a minister whom they hap- the division reached Cape Town last Fri ousy that they would their own.

from questions of federal government. A that precious genius would work. The fully 'sr effectively he may discharge his attempted to cross the Tugela river at was seized upon by Sir Charles Tupper, is important. Both he and Mr. Foster 'ritic, if he is mean enough to resort to very remarkable that this attack should seem to be giving their time wholly to, such tactic's, to cast doubt upon his moa desperate attempt made to prove that campaigning—they have not exacting and tives. He cannot meet that sort of critical and efficient weapons arrived. A few he and his party were the only loyalists arduous departments to carry on as have cism, Jy more than a truly honest man in the country; the only persons who the ministers at Ottawa—and this recent go about with ready and convincing might have brought success to the British ments of the Conservative press could be entrusted with power during a quest for information could repeably be process of his honesty. And that is what forces instead of failure. on the action of the government of Cana- crisis in imperial affairs. By way of il- acceded to without entailing serious sac- makes such tactics contemptible. A fair

to make political capital out of the matwas seething with disloyalty. One would
ter, but are raising the race and religious suppose that Canadians could hardly do
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the national policy. Would he care to determinedly against the mud throwing

Charles tells himself—but it would have the the ministers "toiled all day and probeen much more to the point if he had duced nothing." That was because of Mr. stated, clearly and definitely, just what Tarte, says that truthful journal, for Mr. his leader would pledge himself to do in Tarte, wants the imperial government to second contingent." This false statement kon the fifth div there would be a better understanding and own Ottawa despatch. In other despatchappreciation of the political game as it is tells of the vigorous work that is bebeing played from day to day. Sir Char- ing done by the government and the mil- details for the regiments now in South atta department to forward the business Africa makes up a total of 15,000 men, likes, and he cannot be called to account of sending a second Canadian contingent. all of whom will reach South Africa beinfantry and artillery, which order is to be filled in ten days. A Toronto detion are to criticise. The government spatch to the same paper says that military men there are enthusiastic over the ion of the government to send a secwar. The Sun should endeavor to make its information appear a little more conoriginally appeared in the Ottawa Citizen, contingent, that minister has wired to ded the volunteers from the Yeomenry

on the position of the government in reference to the second contingent. I fully ference to the second agree with my colleagues. (Signed.)

Most newspapers would feel ashamed be thus detected in a wilful dalsehood, but the Sun will not be affected in the least That the government is not always Its mission is to misrepresent the settlement hers individually and it will continue to de so until the end of its career.

The force which General say is to be accepted as being put forward of infantry, numbering 17,500 men: two regiments of cavalry numbering 1.000 men; seven batteries of artillery. there lies the chief sin of Sir Charles guns. These items added together would make up a total of about 20,000 men and river. Of these guns thirty-seven are seven field guns, General Buller has Charles and his lieutenants will say that enough artillery to justify him in again the general policy of the government is advancing. His position would be im corrupt. That is bad enough, especially proved if he had more guns, but thirtyin keeping with a custom. But it is al-allowance of field guns to an army corp the integrity, the motives and the loyalty guns, but a smaller amount may serve ginning to arrive. The first battalion of pen to be opposing with the same jeal- day, and a large part of the division should reach South Africa during the presen It is easy to imply a bad motive. Every week. The long expected howitzer bat

tatement did not convey much informafrom it that the supply of big guns possessed by the Boers is quite limited.

Their largest are four 15.5 centimetre Curesots, or 6-inch guns, capable of carriage. Next in size are eight 12.0 howitzers, are 4.7 inch guns, and carry a 45 pound Boers have 24, of which 8 are Krupps and 16 Creusots. Thus it appears that the Boers have altogether only 36 guns of the sizes from a 12-pounder up. This is not a large supply of artillery, indeed some of Great Britain's first class cruisers carry heavier metal. The Powerful and carry heavier metal.

where the Sun is careful to contradict its Friday, Saturday and Sunday last not one of them has yet reached the front. This division with some extra troops and fast steamships it should reach Cape Town by the 20th of next month. Twelve regulars that will be sent to South Africa from foreign stations or will go direct to the front. These numbers added together make up a total of 45,000, but this is only a part of the reinforcements that are to ial contingents. These last cannot be es the British army in South Africa will be reinforced to the extent of about 60,000 by the first or second week in February.

The British empire. The greatness of the expeditionary forces sent shows that Great Britain is alive to the situation and that she shall succeed thoroughly and finally, as far as the Boer is concerned, within a In other words the British army at the few months: seat of war will be doubled or more than | From what little I have seen and form

> outh Africa. We had hoped that ofter much patriotic talk the Sun would have sent a representative to fight for Britain's

s probable that the old proverb will hold good that as the days begins to lengthen the cold begins to strengthen. Certainly winter weather has been conspicuous by

horses, is tractible and can be kept good condition on a comparatively small amount of inferior fodder.



organs. It is the Doctors do not rec

and reaches all parts of the body. He will

Boer Prisoners at Cape Town Interviewed by the Telegraph's Corre-

right act.) press were shouting frantically from the housetops, condemning the ministers for inactivity and even accosing them of indifference. It is to the credit of the administration that they had the good sense to act with dignity and calmages under such trying calls upon their patience.

SUN MISREPRESENTATION.

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The Sun resterday informed its readers the the ministers "foiled all day and produced nothing." That was because of Mr. Tarte, says that truthful journal, for Mr. Tarte, wants the imperial government to pay all the cost of the second contingent.

"The result," says the Sun, "is a paralysis in the work of preparation for the second contingent." This false statement in possible to the result, in small type over that readers the fifth division among its preparation for the second contingent." This false statement is put in small type over that readers the fifth division among its preparation for the second contingent. The result, "small type over that readers the fifth division among its preparation for the second contingent." This false statement is put in small type over that readers the fifth division among its prior where the result in their deadly work. I am suffering from a slight attack of dyspepsia, and an beginning to put on flesh. Both complaints, however, are easily remedied on a campaign on government rations. Still, so far the war correspondence business has been the windsor, Montreal; or the Queen's, Toronto, with free transportation anywhere to anywhere, and a large and prosperous community near at hand to give you assistance in making yourself happy. In this surfeit of kindness you have merely to notice the salient points useful to your correspondence. The community and the military people do the rest.

Gets His License and Rations.

Upon the productions of my credentials to the press censor at Cape Town, there was no difficulty in the issue of my license as correspondent and instructions granted from a light attack of dyspepsia, and metric pounds in their dearly work. I am

cavalry, the volunteer infantry regiments and ultimata, this present campaign is to which are to be formed, the additionacture this festering sore in the geograwhich are to be formed, the additional artillery, the mounted volunteers that are to be enlisted, and the second colonial contingents. These last cannot be estimated at less than 15,000 men, so that the British empire. The greatness of the

seat of war will be doubled or more than doubled in strength. This does not look as if there was likely to be any lack of men.

We regret to observe that Col. Markham's paper, the Sun, does not take kindly to the suggestion that he should go to still to partake every day of strawberrie ember day, to see the golden African sun-light burning down on the reddish-yellow-rock and sand of hill and valley, kopje and mountain, with only a dwarfed tree here and there and the brown, dry knoo shortest day of the year, and it grass to break the monotonous glare that

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for it. If he is proven to be wrong, or at fault in any way, he cannot be made to suffer a penalty. He is out of power and has nothing to lose in that regard. His etory. It says that the government is chances are all on one side. On the other about to send out three field batteries of this division are now on the way, and the entire division ought to be in South Afone or railway reminds us that are first or railway reminds are railway railway railway railway railway railway railway railw responsible head of the government, and government has given a firm in that city seventh division, numbering 10,000 men ble, for more than half of the population of Cape Colony sympathize with the Boers' for the people. battalions of militia will be allowed to volunteer for foreign service and this will add another 10,000 to the total for these battalions will either take the place or the feeling is there. For over a cer has that antagonism to the English o

seems to keep on and on from sunrise to

But what an ideal country for Boer warfare. Kopje—a small hill of rocks and warfare. Kopje—a small hill of rocks and boulders and scrub grass—after kopje, great and little, precipitous and terrace? Larise here, there and everywhere offering positions of defence and retreat that the Boer has not been slow to take advan tage of. On the threshold of Boerland I can see that even with 100,000 men this