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THE OPPOSITION IN PARLIAMENT.

Few people, we venture to think, realize the work and worth of a conscientious and energetic Opposition in the Dominion House of Commons, and yet it needs but a moment's consideration to show what and essential part it plays in the government of the country, and how very badly off we should be without it. The and how very badly off we should be without it. The and the very badly off we should be a products of the growth of Canada's trade. One significant changes of the growth of canada's trade to the development of the worth of canada's trade to the development of the worth of canada's trade the sports of animal products exceeded the exports of animal pro

were: Great Britain, \$129,500,000; the United States, etion of non-partisan resolutions which enunples of action and administration, provoke cussion, and though the tendency of a governor to shunt them off for the time being, and press, and, being generally kept free from party ruls, press, and, being generally kept free from party ruls, press, and, being generally kept free from party ruls, press, and, being generally kept free from party ruls, press, and, being generally kept free from party ruls, press, and, being generally kept free from party ruls, press, and, being generally kept free from party ruls, press, and, being generally kept free from party ruls, press, and the arability of instituting a purchasing system to replace the absurd and costly methods by which the departments procured their supplies. It was deprecated and depreciated by the ministers at the time, being freek and Latin, French and mathematics, history and physics, and the rather fixed racial habit of falling is love and marrying receives little support from these fixed pressed and depreciated by the ministers at the time, but within a few years the principle of the resolution has been embodied in several departments, and with excellent results. In this way the questions of patages and the arrived or engaged. The notion that there is some incompatibility between a little Greek and Latin, French and mathematics, history and physics, and the rather fixed racial habit of falling is love and marrying receives little support from these fixed racial habit of falling is love and marrying receives little support from these fixed racial habit of falling is love and marrying receives little support from these form the settle support from the settle support from these fixed racial habit of falling is love and marrying receives little support from these fixed racial habit of falling is love and marrying receives little support from these fixed racial habit of falling is love and marrying receives little support from these fixed racial habit of falling is love and marrying receives little support from these fixed racial habit of falling is love and marrying receives little support from these fixed racial habit of falling is love and marrying receives little support from these

To this committee are referred the public accounts and the Auditor General's report, and they have the right of calling for every contract and voucher of the year's expenditure for the purpose of careful examination. They are empowered to summon witnesses and examine under out, in connection with every item. The records show that no supporter of the Government has for years called for any examination of any item of public expenditure but for the Opposition not a single item would have now been examined not, a single abuse uncovered not a kenzie's time as Premier of the Dominion, elections here

that no supporter of the Government has for years called before any examination of any time of public well and the state of the public moints. I characteristic has been examinated in a single time would have been examinated in the single show another than a single time would have may been examinated in the single show that what the Opposition has unovered has been done in constant that the Opposition has unovered has been done in constant that the public expenditures. The work of the Opposition and that alone has given his work of the Opposition and that alone has given the country the only simpses it has had, or could have had into the methods of the Government, and has provided the main check on extrasagance and maladiministration like this been wanting it is difficult to conceive the length to which the methods of the Government, and has provided the main check on extrasagance and maladiministration like which have failen. For there is inducible public to take its piace and even partly to jestforth this necessary work.

The hody of influence which makes for secrecy and fishe against publicity is immense and powerful. The Government courts no publicity, it discourages it. The army of officials has no desire to give tongue; their offices and salaries are within the gift of Government courts no publicity, it discourages it. The army of officials has no desire to give tongue; their offices and salaries are within the gift of Government courts no publicity, it discourages it. The army of officials has no desire to give tongue; their offices and salaries are within the gift of Government courts no publicity, it discourages it. The army of officials has no desire to give tongue; their offices and they content themselves with doing the work allowed the moderated of the donors. Anyway the solution of the donors. Anyway the solution of the content themselves with distinct of the content of the conten

ion, and it possesses many men of rare ability and adustry. It has done its work in the past well and conscientiously, and we look for the record to be ally maintained and even surpassed. A little better eam work, with some part allotted to each, a little more ondensation, a little less duplication, and a completer coordination of effort to the one main object in view all complet, the to be done. There is a great field for ur guess if they do not achieve great results.

THE GROWTH OF CANADA'S TRADE.

The report of the Department of Trade and Cor merce just issued contains some interesting statistic of the growth of Canada's trade. One significant change

ence to non-party legislation, in which no decues 305 reached last year the nigh-water mark of their purchases of such products since Confederation, the figure being record of Parliament as revealed in Hansard shows \$10,629,614, which is \$7,000,000 more than the figure that an able and painstaking Opposition leaves an impression on legislation which is very marked and salure pression on legislation which is very marked and salure pression on legislation which is very marked and salure pression of their purchases of Cana-

the discussions bring out a great variety of views and break wealth of information, are widely noticed in the less and, being generally kept free from party ruls, to Cupid's attacks as the clinging, sheltered, home-less and provide a greateful contrast to contrast thought and provide a greateful contrast to contrast thought and provide a greateful contrast to contrast the stress of the clinging of the contrast to contrast the stress of the clinging of the contrast to contrast the clinging of the the cline cline cline cline clinical cline cline cline clinical cline cline cline clin

progress and woman's emancipation on the matrimonial state, the family, the future of humanity must, like the the basis for after action in legislation and additional materials.

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But it is in the area of critical examination and exposure of the weak points in financial and administrative work that the Opposition finds its chief work and its lighest justification. The Public Accounts Committee in theory a body of members appoints Committee in theory a body of members appoints Committee.

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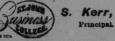
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