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We took occasion the other day to dissubstantial vindication could be had of cuss an alleged anti-English brochure, which was said to have been issued in the

ination. Like many other plots, it was place. Such a repulse in a military brought about, so long as they can get the just a trifle too clever. Our readers can sense, means nothing, except that the de- very strict account for their suppression isa. The Hessians were mercenaries of doubtless recall from their own exper- fence was too strong for the attack. To other's throats. They probably reason that such a terrible disaster could not ience in life instances where very deep treat it as in any way imand crafty people have been beaten, not by paring the military prestige of hurt them, since their party is out and therefore would not suffer; while, on the other hand, anything which created trouble was almost certain to injure the too clever friends of the opposition find five months in reducing Plevna, they were themselves on the question of Canadian repulsed with heavy loss in many

CANADIAN PROSPERITY.

our foreign trade during the four years

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years of Conservative rule, that is be-

tween 1878 and 1896, the aggregate trade

of the country increased by a little over \$66,000,090; so that our external com-

merce has grown in three years and five

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case of Esau selling his birthright for a us hope so. mess of pottage. L'Evenement, another of Laberal administration of something

ince \$129,000,000. The term is getting to be somewhat hackneyed; but this is cer-tainly a "growing time" in Canada it necessary," it asks, "for the French- helping the Boers are true. We would it necessary," it asks, "for the French-Canadians to play the role of slaves in order to prove their loyalty to England, and to merit the delightful friendship of the English in Canada? Must we be donument the delightful friends the Fenians are announced to the table table to the table to the table table to the table table to the table tabl months some \$33,000,000 more than dur- claim a victory when her army suffers ing the preceding eighteen years. This defeat?"

is something to be proud of. No more the fiscal and commercial policy of the ly displayed. In Toronto a most furious Laurier government. It affords at once onslaught was made for weeks on the long time since we had a Fenian invasion, Last year Major Rasch, a member of were running about the country predictprovince of Quebec during the campaign of 1896, and to point out the extreme im-probability of the whole yarn. Nothing has since occurred to modify that con-their displacement, and emphasizes the to be threatened with a Fenian attack, while Manitoba was the last. The only Fenian raid that was not wholly ridicul-ous was that against Fort Erie on the 31st May, 1866 These men went openly from the city of Buffalo with the object of attacking, and a considerable propor-tion of the people of that city saw them off and wished them good luck. That, however, is something that could not be repeated. The people of the United shoulder their muskets and fight French-Canadians. The plotters may fool the people into believing either that the government is too British or that it is anti-British; but to prove that it is both too British and anti-British is a task beyond their powers. The plot defeats itself. It's only effect is to show the conspirators as men bent upon mischief, willing to de stroy the peace of the community and to however, is something that could not be repeated. The people of the United States have acquired new views of their duties towards us since that time, and no future speaker of the House of Represen-tatives is likely to imitate the example of Schuyler Colfax, who extended the privileges of that house to the Fenian breed quarrels between decent people for the purpose of getting into office. We advise these over-clever gentlemen to set their wits at work on another plot. This one has gone to pieces. privileges of that house to the Fenian the war ships, and that it is a great task to get them out of those ships. THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA. eader. There is a monument in Toronto to the brave young sons of Canada who All the correspondents who are at the We trust that these statements are not on the part of General Buller towards Ladysmith. There is no doubt that he unsuccessful attack on the enemy's position on the north side of the Tugela River

over the government will be called to a ploy Hessians to fight her battles in Amer of the news by reason of which the public the lowest type. Their prince sold them were kept in suspense and filled with to the British government at so much anxiety needlessly. No one desires that a head, like so many cattle, and they inand crafty people have been beaten, not by paring the military prestige of counter-plotting, but by plain honesty and the British army is to the last counter-plotting, but by plain honces, and the plane and t the army, but that is a very different of Great Britain suffered incalculable in aid to the British forces in South Africa. assaults, but we are not aware that the lowing no news to leak out in regard to sians, for they were very poor soldiers. thing from suppressing everything and al- jury from the employment of the Hes The course taken by the government prestige of the Russian soldier was in any the soldiers at the front. This strict and they were guilty of deeds that dis is such as will commend itself to the way diminished by these failures. So it censorship is generally credited to Lord graced the nation that employed them. sound common sense and patriotism of will be with the British army; the re-the people. The tricksters have gone from pulse at the Tugela River will merely be-Every school boy knows how the Hes-

APORTANT.WOTICE. APORTANT.WOTICE. A PORTANT.WOTICE. A PORTANT.WOTICE. A PORTANT.WOTICE. CANADIAN PROSPERITY. The continued growth of Canadian manage growth of Canadian armed which are said to be inferior to ment of Sir Wilfrid Laurier as the Hes-

mess of pottage. L'Evenement, another Conservative paper, makes a fierce attack It is difficult to say with certainty to the continent. The following extract one of his letters to the Duke of Gratton those of the leading military nations of sian baronet has been responsible for. In from a special London cable to the New Junius cites his grace as a notable illustra-York Herald deals with this matter:- tion of the fact that the character of some

the English in Canada? Must we be guided in our thoughts by our mistress (England), espouse all her quarrels, just or unjust, furnish targets for her enemies' guns, applaud her damnable acts and pro-claim a victory when her army suffers defeat?" The game might be successful if the other side had not been already so plain-ly displayed. In Toronto a most furious

prudence and enterprise displayed analyzed the more clearly it stands out their successors. as an invention, and rather a clumsy one

Will this rate of progress continue? at that. It is utterly lacking in those To this important question we are imnts which characterize the artistic pelled to answer cautiously. It would. lie. It bears the marks of haste and is manifestly the work of some Tory perhaps, be too much to expect that such rapid and unprecedented advancement amateur who was thinking only of the immediate effects, rather than the establish- will be maintained for a considerable period of years. The history of the world's ment of a permanent reproach upon the commerce has always exhibited the phe-Liberal party.

nomenon of a series of waves, and the One thing in particular was noticeable trade of Canada is not likely to prove an about the story as it first appeared. The exception to the rule. No one can say brochure was put forward as an anonymwhat disturbance, for example, will be ous publication-a thing which no one seemed to know anything about. No in- caused by the war now in progress. If formation was given as to where it had the present money stringency continues been circulated, by whom, to what extent, there will inevitably be a serious check or in whose particular interest. It was to enterprise in many forms. But if we simply said to have been "discovered" by a Tory newspaper in Quebec, and as the years, keeping the total at its present heighth, it would be a most remarkable quotations from it answered the purposes heighth, it would be a most remarkable Ladysmith. There is no doubt that he achievement. And there are reasons for has been largely reinforced since his first by the opposition the article first pubstimulus of methods adopted by the preslished in the Montreal Star was telegraphed to all the lesser Conservative papers. It is with what happened to the story when it reached the Sun office that we products of the farm and dairy. There ent government we are securing a better

Everyone knows how a story grows as it passes from mouth to mouth. It is said this makes for enterprise at both ends. declaring: "There's a man in there who killed his uncle." So it was with this Quebec fabrication. Whatever little em-bellishments were needed for eastern purbellishments were needed for eastern pur-poses were readily supplied by the re-sourceful editor of the Sun. Commenting 000 below those of 1883, and in 1895 they poses were readily supplied by the reon the story he said :-

on the story he said:--"Mr. Tarte organized the Grit cam-paign of 1896 in the Province of Quebec. He managed the business with great suc-cess, and boasts that he will do still bet-ter next time. Our despatch from Quebec gives quotations from one of Mr. Tarte's empaign publications. It is easy to understand that a political organizer and manager who appealed to his country-men against Sir Charles Tupper, because Sir Charles was true to the Empire, should now stand in the way of the loyal people of Canada." The point in this extract is the introduc

The point in this extract is the introduc The old story of the digger falling inte tion of Mr. Tarte's name. The despatch in question as published in an adjoining the pit which he has carefully prepared mn of the Sun did not so much as for another is being beautifully illustrated mention Mr. Tarte's name. Why then in the Conservative party. It was supdid the Sun refer to the brochure as "one posed that the war in South Africa would of Mr. Tarte's campaign publications?" Neither the Montreal Star nor the Courier du Canada, of Quebec, had even hinted that Mr. Tarte had any connec-tion whatever with the "discovered" document; but what these unscrupulous papers had not the audacity to say the Sue grupping with that cheving medications."

papers had not the audacity to say the Sun supplies with that cheerful mendacity which always characterizes its treatment of matters in which the reputation of a of a contingent. The government was of a contingent. And a second a contingent. And a second a contingent of a contingent. And a second a supposed to have aothing lefore it but a supposed to have aothing lefore it but a choice of two evils. If the contingent

warfare. If statements are to be put choice of two evils. If the contingent forward as facts which have their founda- were sent the plan was to denounce Sir tion solely in the brain of a man who de-sires to bring about racial dissension, car-ing nothing for the consequences, then the situation is indeed serious. If this whole miserable story from Quebec were true —although it is clearly a lie—we hold that it would be the better part of the true area true to any to be represented as a traitor to the emnothing about it. But that is perhaps too pire, and English speaking people were be hoped for from men of feeble to be alarmed by the ery of French dem-

were to hold our own for the next few front are expecting an early more

is now, moreover, a general sense of con-fidence in the stability of our tariff, and men and enough transport animals to carry the supplies of ten thousand troops that a crowd collected one day around a this makes for enterprise at both ends. independently of the railway General Bul-man who had hurt his ankle. As the num- While the Conservatives were in office ler ought to be able to execute a turning man who had hurt his ankle. As the num-ber of people multiplied about the injured man, those on the outskirts heard differ. While the Conservatives were in office there was uncertainty. They ware not only tinkering with the tariff at every of Ladysmith. He could hold the larger man, those on the outskirts heard differ-ent accounts of what had happened; but at last those in the outer ring were loudly declaring: "There's a man in there who executing a flank movement to the right bring about if the opportunity were afforded them. Many people, both at home or to the left as seemed most feasible Such a movement could be made with per and abroad, believed these stories, and, fect safety with the force at his com mand which must be larger by severa thousand men than that of the Boers, and if executed in connection with a move ment on the part of the Ladysmith gar

rison might result in the capture of a con siderable part of the Boer army. The fact that the Boers have been able to prevent the British from crossing the Tugel River at a point which they have been fortifying for weeks proves nothing except that the British general was injudicious in making his attack at that particular

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But when fighting began, he skedaddle and ran And made for the Marshal's hack.

We do not expect that any person of

the General O'Neill pattern will venture across the Canadian border, and if there is any member of the Clan na Gael who is decidedly encouraging. Kimberley 18 thinks that the people of Canada will be reported to have plenty of food so that deterred from sending troops to assist its relief is not a matter of urgency. Lady-Great Britain in South Africa by Fenian smith has two menths provisions, or threats of invasion he must be a remarkenough to last until the end of February, ably verdant individual. As a matter of but long before that it will have been fact the last Canadian contingent has been relieved. The Beers are beginning to feel increased in numbers since these Fenian the stress of the campaign and all is not! threats began to appear in print. It will prosperous with them by any means. be observed by our Ottawa despatch that They have now in the field every man the second Canadian contingent instead of being made up of Artillery and Mount- and every gun that they can command and their resources cannot increase. The ed Rifles, as at first intended, will consist of Cavalry, Artillery and Mounted beginning of the end with them cannot he far of

Rifles. This will increase the number of the contingent to about 1,200. The list of officers, which we publish today, includes three natives of this province, Sir Charles Tupper, in the account of his career which he has furnished to the and Lieut. Good, of Woodstock.

Parliamentary Companion, claims to be of Hessian descent, and the character of The British War Office authorities have the campaign which he and his followers so far relaxed their censorship rules as to is waging against the government may be give the British people a daily summary of accepted as a proof that this claim, at what is going on at the different points in least, is well founded. The people of Can-South Africa where the British and the ada, at least such of them as are of Loy-Boers are face to face. This is something alist descent, know something about the or which every person will be grateful, Hessians. It was one of the misfortunes although it is surely no more than is due to the British people who are supporting of Great Britain that during the war of this war so heartily. When the war is, the American Revolution she had to em-,

A HESSIAN CAMPAIGN.

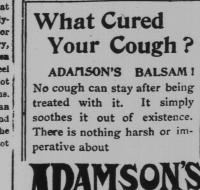
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wary, just five weeks benes.

A FATAL FALL.

to the brave young sons of Canada who fell in the skirnish at Ridgeway during the first Fenian raid against Ontario. If such a raid should be repeated in that quarter of Canada we think it will be likely to go hard with the raiders. The last Fenian raid against the province of Quebec was repulsed by a few Canadian militia headed by a news-paper man, the late Brown Chamberlain. The Fenian leader was General O'Neill, one of those paladins who are ready to bullets whistling about their ears. Gen-eral O'Neill, instead of carrying his army to Montreal, as he had promised, ignomin-tured by a United States marshal who Patrick Hickey, a resident of Fairsille, in the employ of Messrs. B. Mooney iously fied across the border, and was captured by a United States marshal who hustled him into his hack and drove him to prison. This unheroic transaction was sung of on every variety stage in the United States and Canada in the now almost forgotten verses:—
Bold General O'Neill, so brave did he feel,
That he swore he would never go back;
But when fighting began, he skedaddied
were disclosed, the British ordnance authorities, instead of attempting to improve these excellent guns, discontinued their use and the old muzzle loaders were restored to favor. Futile attempts were made to enable them to do as good work as the breech loaders, but the effort had to be given up, after years had been wasted and enormous sums spent on guns
that are now wholly useless. With such arcord for incomptence it is possible.
After the inquest the semains were the many setting to improve these excellent guns, discontinued their traylor, (foreman), Edward Cover, George Duffy, John Ganeng, Chas. Fisher and Robert Hennessey, adjourned te George Duffy house, Unien Point, where an inquiry was held. Several witnesses are now wholly useless. With such are now wholly useless. With such are now wholly useless. With such are now wholly useless.

that are now wholly useless. With such After the inquest the semains were arecord for incompetence it is possible to taken in charge by Undertaker P. Kitzpat arecord for incompetence it is possible to believe almost any statement in regard to official neglect of the arms of the British army. The news that has come from the front during the last few days, slight as it is,





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