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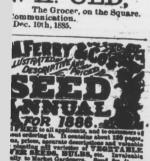
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FRIDAY, JAN. 15TH, 1886.

THE "BIG BOOM."

The Star assumes that THE SIGNAL is opposed to any and every system of waterworks. It has no right to do so. THE SIGNAL is not opposed to a good placed before the public, and the interests of the people are carefully protected. We are in favor of any feasible ruption contained in that speech, had scheme that is properly developed; but made up his mind that unstinted abuse we have been opposed to a vote on an and terrible threats would be hurled at all legs and arms and no body.

osed by-law will be

We believe we state the case reasonably when we say that the greater part of the public estate. was not up to expectation.

THE SIGNAL is an organ of progress; illusory. We know by dear experience callow days we flung up the hat and shouted ourselves hourse over "bonuses" and "improvements;" and we have since had to see that the money was almost entirely thrown away. We have now become more chary about advocating or voting on any scheme for public improvement-it must be clear to us that it is no wiff cat scheme, and that roat and fasting benefits will be as certain as any public enterprise can be before we go in for it.

THE STONAL will not be found behind when any thoroughly thought out scheme for the real benefit of the town is brought forward. But it must be for the public advantage; it must be submitted in detail : the interests of the taxpayers must be hedged around carefully to protect them from loss ;-in short we must enter upon public expenditures with the put inte our private affiaire.

Of course the Star must try and make a political fling at THE StONAL. It insinuates that THE SIGNAL opposes the waterworks scheme because Mr. Butler, its sponsor, is a Conservative. This rubbish may please a few moss-back Tories, who foum at the mouth at the very name of THE SIGNAL, and it is just in accordance with the aneak characte this matter. There has been no party apirit evinced by us. The Ster can see party politics in the very date line of The Storal. We treated the "big boom" all along as a buncombe one, and we now know that there is no one who is a line of the Kewatin Transfer of the steril representation. He has been one of the Sam. Caldbeck, councillors. Fellow Conservatives,—At this critical time it is necessary that we should be united. I think the majority should rule, and as one who has always taken an active part in his humble way in the conservative in we now know that there is no one who is

The Mail on the 8th inst., declared that more at sea as to its future than its the Kewatin Lumber Co. obtained their premoter. Let us see how soon a by- limit on the 2nd of March, 1874, from law will be prepared and submitted; and the Mackensie Government. In the the made will resemble the wonderful 20, will be found an order in council scheme dangled before the eyes of the

That the cry of "party politics" is a silly one can easily be seen when we in the "several islands included in that state that one of Mr. Butler's Conserva- part of the Lake of the Woods lying to far to prove that they are elated at deavor to bury their dark acts of comtive colleagues at the council board, who the North of the narrows of said lake." owns a handsome block of stores, and Mr. Mackensie, who assumed office in whose taxes amount to many times those November, 1873, was of course in opof Mr. Butler and the editor of the position in the February preceding, were written the cabalistic words, "Jonabrated Brucefield speech. The public star combined, voted against the water- when the Kewatin Lumber Co. was works scheme on similar grounds to given their valuable limit. those put forth in THE SIGNAL. This

voting for.

\$75,000 towards it.

M. C. CAMERON AND THE TORY PLUNDERERS.

We observe that the splendid speed recently delivered at Brucefield by M. U. Cameron, M.P., has aroused "hornet's nest" of Tories. We believe scheme of waterworks, if it be properly that Mr. Cameron, before he made the extraordinary disclosures of Tory mismanagement, extravagance and coranyone who raises the curtain that hides

The vote recently recorded is no fair their plunder from the public gaze And and plucky member for West Huron out, "You're a liar." The vote recently recorded is no last the matter. Mr. Cameron has not been disappointed will not purge the blue books of the Half the voters did not know what they in his expectations of a downpour of were voting for. We doubt, indeed, if any venom and malignant wrath upon his head. Almost every issue of the che scheme as outlined by Mr. Butler—

Mail contains some brazen denials, or in fact we doubt if that gentleman knows still more brazen falsehoods, in order today what the precise aim of the pro- that the Government and its purchased supporters may escape the odium attach-ed to the dividing among political hacks

of those who voted for waterworks did Mr. Cameron, we are prepared to say, not do so on the merits of the scheme has made no charge that the blue books promulgated by Mr. Butler and his assistants. Col. Ross represented the majority, we believe, when he said he ments furnished by the Government. He would vote for waterworks, esserving condemns them from their own returns the right to vote against it when the real —and these proofs are happily open to question came up if the plan developed the country. The Tories can now see the full force of the quotation :

"Oh that mine adversary had written a book." but that progress must be real not The Mail has so far referred to but

less, because untrue.
1. THOMAS BIRKETT of Ottawa. miles of the limits in the "disputed territory," and yet this same Thomas Birkett's name appears in the sessional papers for 1885, No. 53, as the permittee paid the government \$250 for dues on timber out in the disputed territory ! Here is book and page for the transacton, and it is useless to deny it.

2. DAVIDBLAIN, of Toronto, declines Ontario. In a letter published in the Globe of the 9th inst., David Blain gives Mr. Cameron's charge a "blunt denial," same care and enquiry that we would and yet, singularly enough, David Blain's name appears in the department of the Interior as an applicant for 50 square miles of timber limits in the "disputed territory;" and this same David Blain is credited by the Government, as appears by the sessional papers for 1885, No. 53, withhaving paid the government \$332.12, as dues for timber out in the disputed territory ! Mr. Blain bolted from the Liberal party a few years ago, and ran into the Tory stable, where he has fed at Wray, reeve harles A. Howe, department of his reeve; Henry looney, Edward Bosman of the editor of the Star; but it isn't a well-filled crib as the reward of his

passed on the 17th February, 1873, nine months before Mr. Mackensie assumed office, granting the company the timber

tising and printing in connection with ment was \$5,200 for aiding to consoliheme for the newspapers, win or lose; services." His share of the leot was but we want to be assured that the "big actually \$6,850.24. Nefarious is" too boom' is a reality and not a sham before moderate a word to describe these we urge the people to vote \$50,000 or peculations made under the garb of public service.

of the persons implicated, to wriggle out of the charges made in Mr. Cameron's now celebrated speech. The facts are contained in the blue books, and title and page of the book can be given for each and all of them. We have taken the four denials of the Mail, and shown that the mere assertion of that journal, or of its correspondents, does not alter the facts. The charges made by Mr. Came be supported." on cannot be disproved, and anyone who honesty to look into the government imperfect and embryonic plan—a scheme him. The Tories are never merciful to documents will find the charges sustainscandalous record of Tory venality and corruption contained therein.

The Tories are still smarting from the castigation given them by Mr. Cameron; and we are free to admit that it was administered with no gloved hand. But these charges cannot be got rid of by a mere denial; nor can the responsibility be dodged by abusing Mr. Cameron. There is no way of escape left for them. The books and the page sustaining the charges are at hand, and are open to public investigation.

"JONATHAN HAS A VOTE."

The Tory papers of the county are beginning to blew about having a majority of reeves in the county council. Last week the Exeter Times published a domain and public treasury, and we will prediction was made that when all the now show that these denials are worth. municipalities were heard from the Conservatives would be in a majority of 1. THOMAS BIRKETT of Ottawa, three. We suppose our town contemand copied in the Mail, endeavors to and also brag over the fact, notevade the charge that he got 50 square withitanding that, anterior to the elections, it and all other Tory papers deprecated the introduction of party politics into municipal matters. In this respect they much resemble John Perdue, of 50 square miles of such limits, and in president of the Conservative association that blue book, at page 2, with having of the township of Morris, who appeared at the nomination in that township and made a speech frowning down the introduction of party politics into mnni cipal elections, and then went home and mailed a copy of the following curto be classed among the plunderers of cular to every Tory voter in the town-

CONSERVATIVES

According to notice previously giver, meeting of the Conservative Association of Morris was held in the town hall 22nd ult., which was very largely attended by members from each sub-division. After the transaction of some y important business, it was moved and carried unanimously that this meeting form itself into a committee of t 9 whole to select their reeves and councillors the ensuing year, and that said com the bind themselves to support those who may be chosen.

The following gentlemen had the unanimous vote of the meeting: William

an active part in his humble way, in prometing the Liberal Concervative cause, I ask your assistance in returning our men, and trust you will use your influence in their favor and finally record your votes for them on the first Monday in January. All of which I respectfully submit.

JOHN PREDUE, president,

acties were resorted to in every munici pality in the county where there was a contest, and the manner in which the practical business man, and although full ness of Mr. Cameron's charge that time the Reform electors of Huron awoke any part of the plunder.

JOHN A. MACDONNELL.

Perhaps one of the most notorious Tory heelers in Canada is John A. Mac-Empire Club.

For years past he has been doing dirty occasion announced that the duty of the Conservatives should be to uphold their or in the wrong; and the more they

John A. Macdonnell is also the man has the intelligence, industry and who, when in a maudlin state a few years ago, on the floor of the House in Ottawa, interrupted an hon, gentleman who ed. Abuse and villification of the able was addressing the speaker, by calling

John A. Macdonnell in 1884 became prominent as the hero of an extertionate bill of charges against the Dominion Government concerning the passing of titles for certain properties situate, lying and being in the cities of Hamilton and St. Thomas and in the town of Chatham.

The matter was brought to the knowledge of the House by W. Muloch, M.P. for North York, and during the debate upon it Sir Richard Cartwright expressed the following opinion :-

"Has the hon. gentleman nothing to say in relation to this? All I can say is, that according to the statements by my hon. friend, this person—(John A. Maedonnell)—I will not call him a gentleman—has committed a deliberate fraud.
To the statement made by my hon. friend, that \$50 were charged for an

Hon, Edward Blake spoke as follows ncerning the same piece of rascality : "These bills are not honest bills, the taxation by the officer was not an hon-est taxation, and the protection of the rights of the Crown by the person who was appointed to protect them was not an honest protection. This is the state of the case: Neither the officer the of the case: Neither the officer the Crown employed served it fathfully in presenting such bills as these; nor did the officer who was appointed to protect its rights protect them faithfully; ner the judicial officer, who was either ignorant of his duty, or discharged it in a shameful manner; and it does look to me as if this was an arrangement in some shame or other to remunerate a centlashape or other to remunerate a gentle nan who for some years was the peliti cal agent of a political party in Ontario. These remarks, made in the House of

Commons passed unchallenged. In fact two of John A. Macdonnell's political chiefs substantially agreed with them. The Minister of Marine said ;

"I saw the bills were pretty large, but on enquiry, I was told and learned that they had gone through all the regular forms, and there was no avoiding their This was not the fact : the Minister

was misled. The bills had not gone through even the form of a regular tax On the same occasion Sir Hector Lan

gevin, shooked at the exorbitant de mands made by this "party back," and at the scandalcus negligence of the department in paying him, said :

"I saw that the instructions of the ed, and certainly my intention is to call again the intention of the Minister of Justice to this discussion, and to the facts that have been brought out by the hon, gentlemen on the other side, so that he may investigate the matter and see what course he has to take in order to have these accounts thoroughly over-

From that day to this nothing further has been heard of the action of the Government on the everhauling of John A. Macdonnell's account, and it is quite likely it would have rested in the dark oblivion of that forgetfulness in which Tories are gloating over the results goes our present incapable Tory rulers enhaving thus stolen a march on their Re- mission and omission, had it not been form fellow electors. On the back of that the member for West Huron cast a the circular from which we have quoted glare upon the gloom in his now celebelieve that the hundreds of circulars the Tory heeler have been thoroughly 4. WALLACE GRAHAM. The which President Perdue sent through exerhauled, as promised by Sir Hector gentleman never takes his political Ottawa correspondent of the Mail a few Morris township before election day, in the session of 1884, and if John A. notions from The Signal, but he is a days ago called in question the correct-bore legends equally pointed. It is high Macdonnell, has been forced to disgorge of energy and push, is not anxious to Wallace Graham, the law partner of C. to the fact that the Tories have intro- Macdonnell is a foulmouthed fellow,

THE HURON SIGNAL vote away his money and that of the H. Tupper, son of Sir Charles Tupper duced politics into municipal matters, but all his vituperation and blackguardpublic until he sees clearly what he is and Tory M.P. for Picton, obtained from and when they do awake, we want to ing and all his blatant denials will not the Government \$4,159; and yet the see them poll to the last vote in Brussels, affect the case, unless in the meantime THE SIGNAL has money to make and Auditor-General's report for 1884, part Colborne, Grey, Hullett and Turnberry, he has surrendered to the Government not to lose by the submission of the by- 2, page 279, shows that Mr. Wallace and it will be a long time before a Tory his ill-gotten sp-ils. When a common law. We will get a share of the adver- Graham's demand, against the Govern- reeve will ever again sit for one of these thief is placed in the dock, no matter municipalities. When a Reform voter is how strong the evidence may be against the matter, and that will be enough to detected the Dominion Statutes, and the page asked to vote for a Tory candidate here used to vote for a Tory candidate here are used to vote for a Tory candidate here asked to vote for a Tory candidate here him, he invariably pleads "not guilty," after let him remember that "Jonathan and holds a harsh opinion of the witnesses for the presecution. Under these circumstances we are not surprised that a man charged with fraud, gnashes his teeth and snarls at those who expose his dishonest actions.

donnell, who for some time occupied the Mail, or any the position of secretary to that now de:

Why John A. Macdonnell neglected to funct deadbeat institution, the United pay the Hamilton registrar for the fees due to the registrar by him in connection with the Hamilton property—and which fees were all duly collected from the Court of the Court work for the Tory party, and on one which fees were all duly collected from the Government by the said John A Macdonnell. As a matter of fact, he leaders "whether they were in the right did not pay the fees; he was sued by the registrar for them ; a judgment was were in the wrong, the more should they the bailiff's hands, to levy for the obtained; an execution was placed in amount; and the execution was returned marked, "no goods."

And this is the person the Tories are trying to robe with the attributes of a martyr. The course of Macdonnell and the Government is scandalous in the extreme; a rascality has been perpetrat ed on the people of the country, and it is right that it should be exposed. If M. C. Cameron has as good grounds for the charges against the forty patriots whom he scathingly denounced at Wingham on Thursday of last week, they will probably figure in the future history of this country as the "Forty Thieves."

"JONATHAN has a vote." If you don' believe it ask Mr. Perdue, of Morris.

An "Anxious Enquiry" as to when laboring, men will get a chance of a jub on the waterworks contract is referred to the editor of the Star, who claims to know all about it.

THE Star says THE SIGNAL "carefully refrained from discussing the (waterworks) scheme on its merita." There was no merit in that scheme to discuss. A CORRESPONDENT of the Star upintos

tionally gives the Big Boom and boomer away badly when he writes :-A small committee of preminent practical business men of both parties should be appointed to act with the council committee, under the rule that "we don't employ carpenters to shoe our horses." All possible information should be procured from a competent engineer, and the best and most feasible plans submitted to the electors.

THE SIGNAL has been particularly fortunate in securing excellent correspondents, who are able to give graphic descriptions of men, places and things they come across in their travels. Capt. Parson's Central America letter was a good one; there is plenty of information, and not a little humor, in our Edmonton letter this week; and our Australian letter in this issue, is, like all Mr. McConnell's sketches, an excellent pecimen of descriptive-writing

The Sayings of the Brethren-Wise

NOT A QUESTION OF RACE. The Montreel Post (a hitherto Inde

endent Conservative journal), thus con sely puts the issue from the Quebe tandpoint:—
"No, the country is not safe because

Riel is in his grave; it will be safe only any particular parties or any particular when the mean who brought the rebellion about by their misgovernment will have this disaster, to hold them to very strict about by their misgovernment will have been hurled from power and chastened for their sins against the country and the people. The organs and partisans of the Government cannot deceive an entire people. These have eyes to see and ears to hear; and they will not remain deaf or blind to the cries of the northwest—and some of them took oppressed population of the Northwest. up arms.

The cause of the misfortune of the half- As regards the half-breeds it may well seeds and Indians was not annihilated on the scaffold at Regina."

That position is perfectly sound. Riel

was not the cause of the rebellion-he was merely the instrument. The Gov-ernment was the cause, and now that the instrument has been punished, jus-tice demands that the cause has deep results and property for nothing? How does it come that there the instrument has been punished, justice demands that the cause be punished also. In Quebeo Province every Eag. Simply because we can defend our rights lish speaking independent journal, save the Montreal Star, is more of less in opposition to the present Ottawa Administration, whereas a few weeks ago, the only journal of that class which could be as augmented of Liberal leaving was be so suspected of Liberal leaning was the Montreal Witness. It will thus be seen that the anti-Ministerial campaign is a popular and not a race movement —[Peterborough Examiner,

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THE PROPLE OF CANADA, Plaintiffs,

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Responsible for a rebellion, costing 200 lives and \$8,000,000. THE DREENCE Hapsed one Rehel

A Good Point Well Pot

One of the questions that the subsidized partion of the Tory press never touches is this: "If the halfbreeds and touches is this: It the naintreous and Indians had no provocation, how can the rebellion be accounted for?" Sir Richard Cartwright put that point well in his recent speech in the county of

Simove:No, gentlemen, I have said up to this time we have not had a fair opportunity of enquiring into the matter; but, nevertheless, it is a most grave ter; but, nevertheless, it is a most grave and serious thing. We in Canada for The Goderich Tories met on Saturday nearly a whole century have made it our night for "important" business, as the The Mail has so far referred to but last week the Exeter Times published a four out of the nearly one hundred charges of nefarious traffic in the public different reeves were set forth, and a honest and scandalous fraud."

The Mail has so far referred to but Last week the Exeter Times published a arbitration that never took place, if night for "important" business, as the boast—and a very proud boast at was—that by reason of the superior justice and charges of nefarious traffic in the public different reeves were set forth, and a honest and scandalous fraud." fairness with which we had dealt with our Indian population, we had wholly averted in Canada any Indian uprising, any of those bloody and terrible wars, which in other countries, especially in the United States, have wrought such woe and injury to the frontier popula-tion. Now, you will bear in mind that neither do Indian savages nor do white men ever take up arms without some serious impelling causes. You may rest saured that whenever men feel selves sufficiently aggrieved to put their lives in jeopardy, and run the risk of their families and themselves being sub-jected to all the extremities of war, there must have been some very serious motive to induce them to run such risks. Looking over some of those journals which have treated of the cause of this war, I see that if they are to be believed. these men, for no cause whatever, for no assignable reason, chose to rush into rebellion—to assail our troops, to fight for weeks and months, and fically may say, once for all, that I am no be liever myself in the theory of spontaneous combustion - (applause and laughter) and I do not believe any in surance company of repute would be very likely to pay your policy if you could advance no better proof of the origin of the fire than that it was natucontemporably opinions.

contemporably opinion tion being given, chose, as I may say, to go mad—chose to stand in arms against the Government, and to expose themaclves, as they must have known to be-ing certamly crushed out by the superior power of the Dominion—I caunot ac-cept that as a sufficient explanation. On the contrary, I advise you to examine carefully into the evidence to be submitted to you, and if we find that

Government have been responsible for this disaster, to hold them to very strict

he asked, as Sir Richard asks, how di they come to risk their homes, their ives, their all, if they had no grievances? It won't do to say that Riel

THE Star would have the people believe that everybody opposed by THE SIGNAL is certain to be 'elected. Johnston and Porter don't think so.