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ne carries with him the good wishes and well as a union of hearts. the high respect of the militia and the oval people of Canada. In disgrace, as THE TRANSPORTATION QUESTION. arte and his faction would have him go, e has not left us. On the contrary, he There is no subject that should be of withdraws with honor. For Sir Richard more general interest to the people of

by the Montreal Star. A few days of the views and intentions of the govern ines and cartoons. The Mail and Georgian Bay canal. nature of the whole movement.

Tories restored to power at Ottawa. should despair of honest administrassful work being recognized The minister of railways made the welent government in office were to heed continued prosperity and happy des-of this great dominion.

THE BUDGET.

try, of its increasing revenue and its to show the House of Commons and whole world that the credit of Canahe mother country, and that Canada ain with the blood of her bravest s, but to give her commercial advanusly increase her trade and enable her lisplace foreign rivals in the markets his country. No one can be surprised after such a declaration of policy the Queen," or that men felt a new pride heir country which, in three short s has emerged from the darkness of t of boundless prosperity and abundant th. We trust that every reader of Telegraph will peruse carefully the et speech, a report of which will be d elsewhere, and study the figures ch it d'scloses. This is, indeed, a grow-

hen the aggregate trade of the Doon was shown to have increased \$239,025,300 in the fiscal year 1895.96 321.661,213 in the fiscal year 1898-99 de might be excused if they said that a rate of increase could not be mained, but the current year is likely to be such in advance of its immediate predy for the eight months that have ter than it was last year and there ill reach the gigantic total of \$370,000,- bulk of the trade. or more than 50 per cent. greater than

declared a short time ago that people be this year; the figure that is anticipatdo not speak the same language as ed being \$7,500,000. Surpluses have befr. Tarte are "naturally open to his sus- come so common under Liberal rule that Why open to suspicion? The we cease to look for any other result. The plication is manifest. The Sun wishes two great features of the speech were, the cost of carrying a bushel of grain to be understood, as the Mail and Empire however, the announcement that the Brit- from Chicago or Duluth to Montreal and luntly put in, that "Tarte hates Protes- ish government by legislation, would place shipping it there is only 6 cents, as comtants" and distrusts English-speaking cit- the bonds of Canada on the list of pre-On occasions the anti-British allegations invest and that the preference now given great cannot fail to be decisive with re have been put forward with special bold- to British goods in the tariff of Canada, gard to the course of trade, and the Hon ss. This was done when General Hut- which now amounts to per cent., would Mr. Blair may well look with entire con on was recalled. General Hutton was after the first of July next, be increased fidence on the outcome of his arduous ordered back to England by the imperial to 331-3 per cent. Here we have at once labors for the improvement of the St. vernment, because that government a practical illustration of the prosperity Lawrence route. nd him guilty of grave acts of insubor- of Canada under Liberal rule, and the ination and indiscretion. The real real creased consideration she is receiving, and ons were in doubt, however, for a few also of the large hearted loyalty of the avs and this circumstance was seized patriot statesmen who now control its on by the Mail and Empire to announc: affairs, a loyalty which does not consist the Liberal trade policy as an "impotent" "General Hutton has gone amid the ex- in flag waving or in speech making, but thing. We feel sure he must have done ons of the Tartes, the Bourassas, in the conferring of practical benefits on Monets, the Desmarais, the Ethiers, the people of the mother country, and ble to look at the facts. Had he referred the Dandurands, and the Lauriers; but thereby creating a union of interests as to the trade and navigation returns, which

artwright, Mr. Mulock, and Mr. Borden, Canada than the transportation question, were consenting parties to the diswith own were consenting parties of the officer because he was supposed to be too British, there can be bothing but absolute pity. They have thown themselves to be mere instruments that the hands of Tarte."

The Hon. Mr. Blair's exposition of the transportation question in the comparison of the aggregate trade of the last three years. Let a few facts from official sources suffice to make this plain. to were supposed to have been instru- the intentions of the government with gime until the last year they were ental in securing his recall, "the Lauri regard to this matter it will be widely " being among them, are pictured as read and generally accepted as a happy ing opposed to anything "too British." solution of a problem which has engaged Space is not left us to deal with the the attention of successive governments ever since confederation. This statement we showed how it had been caught ment was the more necessary because it d-handed in a shameful act of misrepre- would appear as if some members of the tation. As was then pointed out, the House of Commons were inclined to adr is being sent broadcast over the do- vocate the practical abandonment of all nion by the chief Tory whip, with that had been already done on the line inventions brought out in bold rei of the St. Lawrence and adopt an entireaided by venemous and inflammatory ly new policy, viz., the construction of the

pire is being similarly distributed by The present improved canal system was e Conservative organizations, which, to commenced by the Mackenzie government has been a larger growth, by the substan the least, is suggestive of the parti- a quarter of a century ago, its aim and tial sum of \$16,015,947, than was realized object being the completion of a 14 foot during the preceding eighteen years. The most disgusting feature of this busi- waterway from the great lakes to the sea. Surely a policy which has accomplished ver, to be told. The Any one looking at the map will see at such marvellous results cannot fairly be ories at Ottawa are boasting, with no glance that the St. Lawrence route, empt to conceal their satisfaction, that other things being equal, is in a position w have captured thousands of Liberals to command the western grain trade and current fiscal year have also been made nghout the country by their racial that the competition of New York with public, and they certainly do not help Sir aign. They chuckle and rub their Montreal for this business must always be Charles Tupper's view of the Liberal trade ds over the thought that supporters carried on under great disadvantages. It policy. Adding together the exports and the government have been gulled into is true that various circumstances, with imports, and comparing the total with the a fear that; after au, it is not a good which all business men are familiar, have last full year of Conservative adminstrato have a French Canadian premier conspired to give New York much the tion, they give this very surprising rele do not believe these assertions. They larger part of the grain trade, but this sult:ect too much upon the intelligence position of affairs cannot be maintained Full year, 1896 \$239,025,360 d sober judgment of Liberals at large. much longer, for the Eric canal is a mere Eight months, 1900 250,235,755 cannot conceive it possible that a ditch in comparison with the Canadian gle friend of the administration has canals, and even if enlarged to the same ed to see through the tricks and depth as the latter it would be much more costly because of its great length and the amount of lockage involved.

Canada if the men who have put the come announcement that this spring, as soon as the season of navigation opens, one moment the villainous appeals there will be a 14 foot channel from the ch have been made to them by the great lakes to Montreal. Something like gring journals referred to above. We great lakes to Montreal. Something like ald also feel discouraged if it were not \$60,000,000 has been expended on the canals of Canada, but now the work is done and the people of the Dominion will begin to reap the benefit of their vast nious co-operation of the two great outlay. There is little doubt that the present year will witness a very large increase in the grain trade going down the mous growth of the commerce of the to give Canadian ports the trade which the people of Newfoundland have never to involve us in great difficulties. These

now goes to New York. Huron, there is a free channel for large there seemed then to be a be a part of Canada sooner or later, bu vessels from the head of Lake Superior prospect that the union of all whether sooner or later will depend to the mouth of the Welland canal or to the provinces would be completed. But the people of that island themselves. ow in a position not only to aid Great Buffalo. The rapids are overcome by the unfortunately the most influential politi-Sault Ste. Marie canals, one of which beiongs to Canada. These canals are very then for private and personal reasons an large, have but one lock and are capable of passing a vessel of almost any size. the people to believe that if they entered There is now nothing to prevent a grain the union they would be robbed by laden vessel of 10,000 tons capacity from Canada, the poor people of Canada being passing from the head of Lake Superior to Buffalo or Port Colborne at the entrance of the Welland canal.

by the Erie canal, which can only carry barges drawing six or seven feet of water. From Port Colborne to Montreal the route is by the Welland canal, thence dreams or to reduce their estimate of their across Lake Ontario and down the St. own importance. Confederation was over-Lawrence river and the canals connected whelmingly defeated and the fishermen of with it. The Welland and St. Lawrence Newfoundland, who were little better than canals are now capable of floating a vessel the slaves of the great capitalists, fairly drawing 14 feet of water, 255 feet long went wild with joy. Monopoly had triand 40 feet wide. A vessel of this size umphed. The old system was not to be would carry an enormous cargo of grain disturbed. The great capitalists were still in comparison with the petty barges on to be allowed to accumulate enormous the Eric canal, perhaps 3,000 tons, but wealth out of the toil of the fishermen would be much smaller than the large and then go to England to spend it, leavgrain cargoes to Buffalo. The American | Since then no substantial progress has

AN "IMPOTENT POLICY."

Sir Charles Tupper has spoken lately of man, have made such a disparaging observation. He would have found that unmarvellous progress. Under the National

"Loyal people" are represented as be- House of Commons on Wednesday even- the Dominion for the first year in which g on General Hutton's side, while those ing was a masterly effort, and as it stated the Conservatives began their long re-

7	fice, yields the following result:—
7	1878
1	1896
5	900 010 000
	Increase
	Take then the past four years, during
t	three of which the Liberals have been in
3	office, and the showing is as follows:—
-	1896
i	1896 \$239,025,36 1897 257,168,86 1898 304,475,73 1899 321,661,21
2	1899
1	

Thus, within three years, 1896 being the

The figures for the eight months of the

A policy which is inert and impotent could scarcely within eight months have done better by \$11,210,395 than the much ment is one of the best reasons for assuming that he knows it to be a singularly successful and effective policy.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

The question of the union of Newfound- into the Canadian confederation. When on Lake Eric on the Canadian side. For opposition in favor of the scheme. We in favor of it. One reason is the enormous lack of such a harbor the large grain car- think there has been no time since the debt of Newfoundland which is twice as means the diverting of traffic to the Eric ish North America colonies became a Canada. While another is the state of the canal at the expense of the St. Lawrence practical one that the people of Canada French Shore question which is still un route. The present government has under have not been ready to welcome New settled, and which it Newfoundland taken to amend this state of affairs and foundland to the union, but unfortunately came a part of Canada would be certain been ready to join hands with us. The isl- reasons are certainly not decisive but they With the exception of the rapids of St. and of Newfoundland was represented at are at least important and deserve to l Mary, between Lake Superior and Lake the Quebec conference of 1864 and seriously considered. Newfoundland with

enemy of confederation, and he induced anxious to be supported by the wealthy and affluent people of Newfoundland, From Buffalo to New York the route is When a whole population can swallow a condition of political infancy that it per minion. For twenty years successive Can story like this they must be in such a haps would be wrong to disturb their

steamships on the upper lakes which bring ing Newfoundland poorer than before. the Montreal Star, will remember the sinport now receives these large vessels be- been made toward a union between Cana-

lauded National Policy did during the last | first is that Newfoundland in a measure | cartoon), took up the cry and he also be year of its operation. We fancy, having commands the Gulf of St. Lawrence and gan to prophecy. Now we have had nearthese facts in view, that Sir Charles Tup- if it were in the possession of an enemy ly four years of Liberal rule and instead per's readiness to speak reproachfully of our interests would suffer. The second is of blue ruin we have boundless prosperity the fiscal policy of the present govern- that Canada and Newfoundland own cer- and the bonds of Canada selling at a tain fisheries almost in common and that higher rate than ever they reached beisland might injure Canadian trade by fore. We have this acknowledged in relation to the students' troubles at favoring our rivals at our expense. Yet by the British government and as a while we may give weight to these rea proof of their faith in us they are about sons they are not decisive because Newfoundland is not asking for admission St. Lawrence, but there is still one ob- land to the Dominion was brought up the she does ask it will be time for us to by not only raising Canada immeasurably against the double game being played by stacle to the complete development of the other day in parliament and several move. Nor must it be forgotten that in the eyes of the world, but placing mil. the Star. For its Montreal readers the and know they were sent to Protestant business in the lack of a suitable harbor speeches were made by members of the there are reasons against union as well as lions of dollars in the pockets of the people Star announced that the Laval students clergymen in all parts of New Brunsany finance minister had such a riers on the lakes go to Buffalo and that question of the confederation of the Brit- great per head of population as that of value of Canadian securities three per provinces it had a separate edition reference.

CANADA'S CONSOLS.

The achievement of Mr. Fielding and th government in having the bonds of Can making their investments of the money held by them for estates is on of the most important concessions ever wo in connection with the affairs of the do adian governments have been trying to bring about this result, but without suc cess. Sir Charles Tupper worked on the of \$400 a year. He is advanced year by problem for several years while he was your until his salary as a third class clerk high commissioner, but never was able to solve it. The Tories who are always boasting of their great business ability and the manner in which they had raised the range from \$1,100 to \$1,400, there being credit of Canada, could never get within miles of this achievement. Now it has been accomplished by a Liberal administration. Those who are in the habit of read \$1,500 and which may reach \$1,800. If he generally known, and the edition which pire ing that thoroughly unprincipled paper, gets to be a chief clerk his salary may go ister predictions it indulged in with regard a deputy minister he will receive from to the English speaking provinces. Hav-charge against either of these ministers. to the future of this country if the Lib- \$3,200 to \$4,200. These rates of pay are cause it has a safe harbor which can be da and Newfoundland, because the peoentered at all times. But the government ple of that island, in spite of the plain Canada was to go to the dogs at once. civil servants may receive less than they ing on of late, we must be excused if we represent Canada at the opening of the of Canada proposes to make such improve- evidence to the contrary, still continue All our factories were to be closed, the are worth the great majority of them are ments at Port Colborne as will make it to believe that Canada is poor while they revenue was to fall to next to nothing paid far more than they would get for equal to Buffalo as a harbor, so that the are rich, and that it is for the benefit of and the credit of Canada was to sink as the same class of work if done for pri-St. Lawrence route may command the Canada that the union is wanted. As a low as that of the late Confederate States vate parties. One member stated in the he Canada that the union is wanted. As a low as that of the late confidence wanted in any share of the prevailing prospering any share of the debate that the average late of the prevailing prospering any share of the prevailing prospering and prevailing prospering any share of the prevailing prospering and prevailing prospering any share of the prevai bulk of the trade.

It is estimated by the minister of rail not now and never have troubled them if there had been a word of truth in it salary of the civil servants at Ottawa was the original account of the students' deminister of rail not now and never have troubled them. ways and canals that the improvements selves about the matter. There are two the story would have been quite interest- \$1,170 a year, and we are quite sure that onstration has done. ways and canals that the improvements serves about the improvements serves and two only why Canada should ing. Sir Charles Tupper, who takes his no great mercantile establishment in Can there is a further fact in this relation and their products were larger by \$17,of the large surplus of last year, or of harbor will cost not more than \$2,000,000. desire to obtain Newfoundland, and political enlightment from Mr. Dalby of still greater surplus that there will This will involve the building of a break- neither of them is particularly urgent. The the Star (for particulars see a recent Star | high as that.

placed on the English money market berates of interest that will then fall due.

THE POOR CIVIL SERVANTS.

No one has any desire to injure the civil ervants of Canada or to treat them otherwise than with the utmost fairness But when the opposition attempts to place their claims on the same footing as those of the genuine working man we are forced to look into their case for the purpose of ascertaining how they are paid and the amount of work they do as compared to men in the employment of private individuals doing similar work. The Canaadian civil servant employed at Ottawa begins as a third class clerk at the salary may reach \$1,000. When he attains the grade of second class clerk his salary is increased for the salaries in that grade more of the latter than of the former. Another step upward makes him a first class clerk with a salary beginning at circumstances of the disturbances were slipped off to Europe."—[Mail and Emup to \$2,600, and if he attains the rank of

THAT FLAG STORY.

portance of saying something to neutralto obtain legislation from parliament servative paper established in Montreal of Canada through its government. Mr. had carried their college flag, which was cent., but this seems to be a low estimate. ring to the flag as "the tri-color." A pic-Yet, taking three per cent. as the correct | ture was given of this flag, and inflammafigure, it will make a difference in our tory headlines set off the articles describ-Canadian bonds which will have to be Among other things Mr. Tarte was repreretiring those bonds now bearing high fice. This is how the Star tries to get out

"The picture itself was reproduced photographically in The Star, and we called attention to the fact that the so-called It is a happy circumstance, however, that students evidently did not belong to the daylight is flooding in upon this desperate student class, and referred to the flag rep- game, and that the people of the English resented at the head of the procession as provinces are seeing through the efforts the "tri-color." When about ten thoubeing made to gull and delude them. sand papers had been printed, the suggestion was made to us that the flag pictured might be intended for the college flag. The correction was made, and at the same time, we stated that the mob were in that case carrying a flag they had no James R. Ruel have made choice of Mr.

right to carry." A curious and suspicious feature of this known and capable business man who explanation is that it is made three weeks commands the respect and confidence of after the blunder occurred, and then in the merchants and citizens generally and reply to an exposure made very soon at- is in every way well qualified to perform terward. A still more remarkable and the duties belonging to the office of colunaccountable inconsistency in the story lector of customs. itself, is the fact that the edition which told the truth about the flag should have at Ottawa was about to commence its inrepresented the students as carrying the flag of France should have been sent out been so much as a suggestion of any ing in view the dangerous and incendiary One has gone to England to be treated campaign which the Star has been carry- for severe deafness, and the other is to cannot accept the explanation which has Paris Exposition next month. been offered by that journal; nor can we feel that a brief and tardily made state-

Montreal. It will be remembered that while the process of printing was going the mischievous falsehood destroyed? Why placing our bonds beside British consols, by Mr. Hugh Graham and Sir Charles Tup- have many thousands been sent broadamong the most favored securities, there- | per, took occasion recently to protest | cast throughout the English provinces? Fielding estimates that it will raise the the truth, while for the English speaking Considered in the light of the excuse clusion irrisistible that the Star deliberately concocted this wicked fraud, hoping that the circulation of a corrected edition favor of \$3,000,000 in the \$100,000,000 of ing the alleged insults to the British flag. in Montreal would prevent discovery? Is sented as being ready to die rather than edition, with the incendiary matter it tween now and 1910 for the purpose of hoist the Union Jack over La Patrie of contained, was specially prepared for the purpose of being made use of by those Tories who have set their hands to the task of driving Sir Wilfrid Laurier from power because he is a French-Canadian?

How has it come about that the edition

which contained the tri-color story is the

one which Mr. George Taylor, the Con-

THE COLLECTORSHIP.

The government in filling the position rendered vacant by the death of Mr.

that the farmers of Canada are not getment such as we have quoted is at all an ting any share of the prevailing prosperkeep the Star under a cloud of suspicion. period last year.

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