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A CHANCE FOR GRIT "WORKERS. A CORRESPONDENT of the Montreal the number of faithful supporters seeking reward at his hands, ought to be grateful. \$100 in value can pass the border, and

DEPARTMENTAL CONTINGEN. THE Globe having found that neither curning silence nor audacious denial can save the Government from our proof of extravagance has come to the rescue in an article of over two columns. Treating at once the double indictment as to

avoid by confining this reply to those Sign to the Ministerial expenses which are not reduced by law to routine—contingencies.

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nies that the incidental outlays of the departments differ from their regular outlays in relation to the will or conscience of the Ministers. The brutal terms in which it discharges its vehemence in the case do not alter the fact that the law has determined a settled practice which takes from the freedom of the Cabinet officer, as to the expenses of his departmental staff, while it leaves him unrestrained as to the outlays for extra clerical service, "telegraphing," travelling expenses," "subscriptions" to, and advertising in, newspapers, &c. Contingencies, as these and all such incidental subjects of outlay are, and the extent to which they may be admitted into the business of the department, constitute, we must insist, in the teeth of our contemporary's coarse domineering, a question of conscience. They are in general a very index of Ministerial extensions, a question of conscience. They are in general a very index of Ministerial extensions of the constitution of the North-

may, while we has may, while we have travagance.

The Mounted Police of the North-West and the acquisition of Prince Edward's Island are mentioned by the Globe as excuses for the excesses committed by the present Administration under the head of "contingencies." Those additions to the volume of the public service are simply additions to the regular business, to the routine duties provided by law; and are not necessarily related in any wise to the irregular business, the departmental incidents referred to here. Foreign as they are to the subject, unless shown specially to be otherwise, they are dismissed as introduced simply to mislead.

The Special pleader of the Government

what opportunity for any effectual reforms could the present Government have had be tween July 1, 1873, and June 30, 1874."

The passage just cited is an actual cry of peccars? Having gained power in November, 1873, the present Cabinet had eight months of an "opportunity for "any effectual reform" "between July 1, 1873, and June 304h, 1874." and yet, according to this virtual confession of its mouthpiece, made none! On the contrary, representing "a Reform Party "having nothing to reform," it devoted its energies during that period by outcorrupting "the corruptionists" to an extent which increased the contingencies \$45,000—25 per cent! And the eight months of opportunity employed that have secred as excellent purpose in enabling the Globe to turn around and show that the excesses of the contingencies during the following year, as compared with those of that year, were \$13,341 less!

The year of transition—that ended June, 1874—shows an addition to contingencies from the previous year of \$43,000. The Government awashbuckler declares vehemently that that great excess was caused by the "corruptionists" in four months of the year, rather that by the "purists" in eight! But the purists having had the matter in their own hands all the following year, how does it happen that they had not correct the extravagance by reducing the contraction of the purists having had the matter in their own hands all the following year, how does it happen that they had not correct the extravagance by reducing the contraction of the purists having had the matter in their own hands all the following year, how does it happen that they had not correct the extravagance by reducing the contraction of the purists having had not correct the extravagance by reducing the contraction of the purists having had not correct the extravagance by reducing the contraction of the purists having had not correct the extravagance by reducing the contraction of the purists having had not serve the purists having had the matter in their opportunities.

When the Globe cites the extravagance of its friends in 1874 to show their comparative economy in 1875, ignoring the fact that they were still \$29,000 in excess of 1873, it is simply impudent: but in stating that the contingencies of the late Government present "successive years of increase," the above table declares it to be false. "The tide of an "nual increase," says the Government oracle, "was turned into one of restrements," and in so saying might have spoken truly if there had been in the case either the tide or the retreach must be considered.

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salaries paid and fallen nearly two Year ended June 30th, 1871. Year ended
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The above expenditures for 1871, 1872

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donald was in power, with 1874-5, the first whole year that Mr. Mackennie was in power."

Inaamuch as our articles set down "the "year ended the 30th of June 1872" by a clerical error as 1872-3, and made no reference whatever to the relation of Sir John Macdowald to the one year or of Mr. Mackenie to the other, the paraphrase put upon it is a gratuity which, though coming from an "honest critic," is not "strictly and literally true." Unless, however, 1871-2 be characterized by special circumstance of the "corruptionist" during that year should not be held perfectly good in its condemnation of corresponding expenditures in any other not exceptional year, by the monopolisers of all the virtues.

The blustering clap-trap with which the Globe attempts to save the presence of the Ministry to economy from the damage of our article on Contingencies, employs the clerical error as to the year thus:

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