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A department which chooses to pay \$5 per cent, over the market price for electric light that it wants and \$600 per cent, over the market price for a wharf that it does not want, is quite expensive to the country. The 600 per cent, rake-off may be accepted as the campaign tariff, and \$5 per cent, the intermediate rate. While the birthrate of France continues to decline, "Why, Johnny," exclaimed an anxious mother, "what is that long mark on the back of your head?"

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Mr. C. J. Doherty, the able and eloquent member for the St. Ann's district of Montreal, is giving valuable assistance to Mr. Borden on his Ontario tour. As The Standard observed yesterday he is a popular and pleasing speaker, and will no doubt contribute his share to the success of the campaign. Mr. Doherty has been judge, but he is still in his prime, and may fairly expect to take an active and prominent position in the future public life of the Dominion. But he is modest and has met the suggestion that he is some sort of joint leader of the party, by declaring that he has no other ambition than to fight in the ranks with the opposition members for the Ontario districts which he is visiting. Nevertheless the government journals by a common inspiration are discovering that Mr. Doherty's appearance with Mr. Borden is an attack on the position and prestige of Mr. Poster.

There are a good many members of parliament who at some time have spoken at the same meeting with Mr. Borden. A good many more will do so in the future. If it were supposed that every man who spoke in company with the leader was on that account an nointed above his fellows, the choice of speakers would be difficult. For instance, Sir Wilfrid Laurier would hesitate to go on the stump in Manitobn with Mr. Madonald of Pictou, if this was to be taken as the effacement of Mr. Fielding, or Sir Fred Borden. But it has never been thought necessary for a party leader to have only one companion on speaking tours and always the same one.

But there is no reason for the opponents or detractors of Mr. Foster to expect that he has been broken down by sickness or been suppressed by their attacks upon him. North Toronto only a few months ago gave an answer to a canvass of defamation, and it is an answer in

which Canada joins.

The Conservative party has room for all the fighting men available. There is no rivalry and no effacement. Mr. Doherty has the best wishes of Mr. Foster and Mr. Foster's friends. The great work of restoring honest and capable government to Canada demands the best that all the best men can give.

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THE REAL KNOCKERS.

The Pugsley organs have only one answer to give when reference is made to the unfounded statements and professor, is chief justice. The judge from The Netherlands is a lawyer and a statesman, the representative from South America is also a statesman and is said to be the most distinguished jurist that his continent has produced. Judge Gray of the United States, and Chief Justice Fitzpatrick of Canada, are picked jurists from produced. Judge Gray of the United States, and Chief Justice Fitzpatrick of Canada, are picked jurists from produced. Judge Gray of the United States, and Chief Justice Fitzpatrick of Canada, are picked jurists from produced. Judge Gray of the United States, and Chief Justice Fitzpatrick of Canada, are picked jurists from produced. Judge Gray of the United States, and Chief Justice Fitzpatrick of Canada, are picked jurists from produced. Judge Gray of the United States, and Chief Justice Fitzpatrick of Canada, are picked jurists from produced. Judge Gray of the United States, and Chief Justice Fitzpatrick of Canada, are picked jurists from produced. Judge Gray of the United States, and Chief Justice Fitzpatrick of Canada, are picked jurists from produced. Judge Gray of the United States, and the produced. Judge Gray of the United States, picked jurists from produced. Judge Gray of the United States, picked jurists from produced. Judge Gray of the United States, picked jurists from produced. Judge Gray of the United States, picked jurists from produced. Judge Gray of the United States, picked jurists from produced. Judge Gray of the United States, picked jurists from produced. Judge Gray of the United States, picked jurist that his

raise promises of the minister and missing produced. Judge Gray of the United States, and Chief specting the development of this port. Those who recall or expose these bogus announcements, unfulfilled engagements, and delusive pledges, are called "knockers." The suggestion is that the person or journal objecting to the policy and practice of deceit and false pretence, is not in favor of progress.

Who are the "knockers?" There is none worse than the man who goes about with splendid promises than the man who goes about with splendid promises than the knows he cannot perform, predicting desired events which he knows will not come to pass, and making glowing statements which he knows to be untrue.

MR. AYLESWORTH AGAIN CONDEMNED.

When a minister of the crown came to St. John with the authoritative pledge that he would in two years have a transcontinental railway connecting with a line of ten thousand ton steamships at Courtenay Bay, and then allowed the time to pass without dredging a yard, or driving a stick of piling, or accomplishing a single item of the programme, he was the worst kind of a "knocker."

When the same minister caused a railway manafac to hold out hope that his railway would soon be demanding terminal facilities at Sand Point, both men knowing perfectly well that nothing of the kind was going to happen, they were "knockers." When it is solemnly given out that the Transcontinental trains will be running before next winter from Levis to Moncton, and railway men all know that no such thing is contemplated, the process of deception is the worst kind of "knocking."

Some politicians wonder why the people of St. John are sometimes incredulous when they are promised large things. One reason is that the people of St. John have heard so many lies of this kind. The people would like to believe. They are naturally sanguine and hopeful. But the community has been so "knocked" by political adventurers, who have sought power and office on false pretences, that they find their credulity unequal to current demands. It is time this miserable system of fraud were brought to an end. A public man may not always be able to do all that he expects. Great allowance is made for failure to accomplish things that a man had some reasonable expectation of performing. But people get sick and weary of statements and predictions which are not seriously meant, and which follow others like them that have been found to be faise. They would not mind it so accomplish things that a man had some reasonable expectation of performing. But people get sick and weary of statements and predictions which are not seriously meant, and which follow others like them that have been found to be faise. They would not mind it so under the maker of the promise would appolg

The best friend of the city is he who believes in its future and works for its improvement, who does not knowingly create false hopes, and does not allow others to do so if he can prevent it. The best statement to make is a true statement. The best prediction is one that can be verified, and the right promise to make is one that the maker intends to keep. If the people of St. John were honeatly told what they might expect in the matter of harbor improvements, they would have greater confidence in their own future, and much more in the minister who deals with these matters. It would not then be necessary for the Minister of Public Works to set his organs to work complaining of "knockers."

This city and port have a right to look for growth and progress. St. John must be the chief Canadian winter outlet for the vast produce of the ever growing west. The industrial and commercial future of the commentative joined in a resolution declaring that the department had been unjustly paying this excessive and receive justice from others. It is right to expect and work for such development. It is neither right immediately and work for such development. It is neither right in the mark of the commentation of the commenta

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Still, still we climb to the snowy steeps,
Ah, God, can we pay the price?—
But now, sheer over the darksome deeps
Is blooming the edelweiss.
How fair the blossom, a fallen star Which gleams on the savage height, But the rainbow's end is still leagues away,
And Life has its endless night.

On, on till our breath is like to fail,
On, on, through the biting cold,
On, on, unheeding the Alpine gale,
Our end is the pot of gold.
Dark drops of blood on the mountain
track,
Each rock is a pointed blade,
And grief bears hard on our burdened
back.

back, And never a friend can aid.

And never a Friend can and.

One morn we find in the rugged way An avalanche, mountains high, Alas, our staff has dropped clear away.

Hope vanished, we stop—and die. The gold gleams bright at the shining bow,

We weep o'er our shattered plan, But strength has come in the climb, and lo!

We lay ourself down—a Man.

Paraphrases.

(Walt Whitman.)

This dust was once a man
Of rarest traits;
Gentle, plain, resolute,
Under whose cautious hand,
Against the foulest crime
Of any land or time,
Was saved the Union of these
States.

-Joseph A. Torrey.

Roseveltisms.

"The first essential in any civilization is that the man and the woman shall be father and mother of healthy children, so that the race shall increase and not decrease."

"The man who for any cause for which he is himself accountable has failed to support himself and those for whom he is responsible ought to feel that he has fallen lamentably short in his prime duty."

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