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measure, be borne by the minister.

For instance, when Sir Louis Davies

became Minister of Marine and Fish-

eries at the accession of the Laurier

ministry in 1896, he made practically

no changes in the personnel of his de-

tained as under his predecessors. His

Brodeur, have adhered to this policy,

Though in the matter of new appoint

ments they probably favored their po-

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THE BRANCH LINES

By unanimous vote the Nova Scotia Legislature has passed a resolution and powerless, except in intrigue. favoring the absorption by the federal government of the Intercolonial branch Then, or very shortly, began another lines in Nova Scotia and their operation exemplification of the danger of too as part of the government railway sysmuch rope. A strong opposition to the premier development in the govtem. The advantages of this unification of Nova Scotia's railway systems. ernment party, an opposition which deit cluding cheaper transportation, economy in management and larger veloped into bitter attacks upon Mr. Parent by Senators Choquette and opportunities for improvement and de-Legris and others, then into libel suits, culminating in the revolt of three velopment, were discussed at length by members of the government, Messrs. several speakers, including Premier Gouin, Turgeon and Wier. For a few Murray, who expressed the belief that weeks the rival camps fought bitterly, the scheme was founded on a sound refusing all efforts at conciliation until, business basis. Particularly he pointed by a compromise, Premier Parent was out that under this system the railway allowed to reconstruct his government extension the province so sorely need to meet the legislature and win from it ed in various directions would be a vote of confidence: then he resigned made much more easily possible. Unand Hon, Lomer Gouin, the leader of der present conditions in order to get needed railways built the provincial the revolt, reigned in his stead. That covernment was compelled, he said, it was in March. 1905. Mr. Gouin is a man of ability, rive enormous grants to private comuence and great personal popularity anies. Under the conditions which against whom no personal charges are this resolution contemplated he bepossible. He has given Quebec good lieved it would pay the provincial go government, as the recently ann ernment to abandon all relations with surplus of over half a million for the railway promoters and build railroads current year indicates. Also he was itself, handing them over to the L C ble to hold his party together and t

R. for operation. out an end to the factional strife The endorsement of the Nova Scotla government and legislature to this which was threatening its stability During 1905 and '06, the ministry con proposition brings a plan of vast imtinued without a change and the pro pertance to the Maritime Provinces cess of government moved smoothly considerable step nearer accomplish Then Bourassa bobbed up with ap ment. It is to the credit of the late handful of bomb-shells and trouble be New Brunswick government that i gan again. Taking issue with the gov brought the scheme within the range of practical politics by the appointment ernment chiefly on its educationa policy, from a Catholic standpoint, Mr. of that commission whose investigation Bourassa found time to deal freely of the New Brunswick branch lines not with charges against some of Mr. only presented conclusive argument in favor of their absorption by the I. C. Gouin's colleagues, notably Hon. Ade R. from a provincial standpoint, but ard Turgeon and Hon. Mr. Prevost also showed that the scheme would in-As a partial result of these Mr. Prevolve no increase in the public debt, as vost resigned from the government and Mr. Turgeon resigned his seat, the roads, even under their present ownership were paying their way. It challenging Mr. Bourassa to meet him is sincerply to be hoped that the new n his constituency. Mr. Bourassa. government of New Brunswick will ing above all things a first class fighttake up this matter where its predeing man, accepted the challenge, resigning his seat in the House of Com cessors left it and devote vigorous efmons to oppose Mr. Turgeon in Belle fort to the further advancement of the chasse. After an exciting contest Mr. policy. While the plan, as ably presented by Mr. Emmerson during the present session has many friends in Bourassa was badly beaten, the result naturally being hailed as vindication parliament, it has also many opponfor Mr. Turgeon and destruction for his ents. To counteract their opposit opponent. But though Mr. Bourassa s temporarily out of politics his friends and to overcome the natural inertia declare he is by no means extinct no of a government overburdened with discouraged, but is working and planwork, proof must be presented and continually pressed, not only of the advantage of the enterprise, but also of the desire of these provinces for its early accomplishment.

rut. And Mr. Brodeur, during the brief term of office, largely taken up the old officials were retained that Commission has found ground for se-vere censure, not only of official effiby this assistance the Quebec Conservaminister in a similar attempt. But, the old officials were retained that the 245 in 1906 and \$6,011 in 1907. And these over, are beginning to realize that militives, who, when left to themselves in tary glory, and national expansion, 1904, hauled down their flag without while pleasant to consider in the abvere not mere bookkeeping profits on's report, the government is in dyspeptic and languid. shot, are organizing for an active efparticularly that for 1907. On the confar better position to accomplish the stract, are very costly things, not only clency but of official honesty. fort in every constituency-so that the not had time to set about radical retrary, many perman reforms demanded in the public interin blood but in cold cash. One of the ent betterments for In its report, a summary of which Gouin government must be prepared forms. That he appreciated the need for the road were paid for out of revenue est, and the attitude of Sir Wilfrid Chester. "I was discouraged, blue, felt leading journals, the Toyo Keizai of was published yesterday, the Commisto meet a very formidable mixed force reform is evident from the fact that a and what might fairly have been Tokto, has figured, for the information Laurier and Mr. Brodeur leaves no too poorly to bother with medicine. when it next appeals to the people. sion singles out the Marine and Militia. year ago he employed a firm of Amecounted as a part of that revenue-the com for doubt that they will speedily of its readers, that the national enter-Departments for particular blame, not rican experts to reorganize the acprise, culminating in the recent war, coal royalties-were not included. Had take advantage of the new power and counting system in his department and only for cumbersome and incapable orthese been added to the profits last which has forced Japan to a proud uthority they hold to increase not only MMIGRATION ganization, but also for such reckless that within the past few months he year, the surplus would have been over the efficiency of the public service but and digest like a growing child. I used place in the vanguard of the Powers, extravagance in the way of managehad accepted the resignation of his To those who would deny to the Lib their own reputation and prestige. \$9.000. has imposed upon the Japanese people ment and expenditure as can deputy-minister and had started in-With the railway so satisfactorily the heaviest rate of taxation in ral government credit for the great acounted for on the basis that officials the vestigation into the methods of other ncrease in immigration during the past established on a paying vasis the need A PLANTATION HYMN. world. The estimated expenditure for have made use of their position to officials. And that the government as a ten years, we commend the announc ofr a conclusion to supervise its opthe current fiscal year is 616,000,000 yen, profit heavily by means of whole had become convinced of the need dis ment that Canada's restrictive immieration has vanished. What should be (From the Atlanta Constitution. (about \$308,000,000), which means an counts and other methods of graft. No of a change is proved by the annual expenditure of 12.65 yen per done now is to enlarge the authority of gration regulations have had the ef criticism whatever is offered regarding ou better be givin' of yo' all ter d ntment of the Commission whose lect of decreasing the number of Britthe manager of the Central, making capita, or, according to this journal, the Interior, the Post Office, and other report the opposition has seized upon him responsible to the Commissioner sh arrivals for the month of January De sun gwine down-gwine down! departments reorganized under Liberal an average annual burden on the head so avidly. Had the government been and February, compared with those of Public Works. Mr. Hunter has done De folks won't know you w'en you of every family amounting to one-fifth rule confident of the honesty and efficiency excellent work in his present capacity months last year, to the extent of 2,185 It is significant also, in view of the of his average income. A comparison knock at de do' .of the service: had it desired to conceal souls. The further amendments to the nt. in Japan is made with and is well qualified to fill the larger De sun gwine down-gwine down! of 20 per ce various and frequent allegations reto condone any misdoing or to oppose Immigration Act, that Mr. Oliver, Minposition. A commission to assist and Better be a-workin' garding the evils of political manage-England, 8.9; France, 12.2; Germany, reform, is it likely such a Commission ister of the Interior, is introducing will direct him is, for the present at least Whilst de day is de day; dren and parents' use." ment of the public service, that the 7.9; America, 8.2; Italy, 20.3; Austria would have been appointed? The very probably have the effect of still further in these other countries it is essary. Hon. Mr. Morrisey will De sun gwine down, severest censure has been earned by fact that three independent and able thinning the volume of immigration An' you'll never fin' de way! shown that the earning capacity of we are sure, not mind the slight extra those departments presided over by and fearless men were empowered to When the country needed immigrants each family head is from three to five work involved in placing the road. present such a report is the strongest councils or commissi indeper Von hetter stan' an' Heson the Liberal government brought them the Minister. The Militia department. s greater. The Toyo Keizai points under his department when he conproof of the government's desire and determination to make the service all hear de gospill cryin; by putting a brake upon its color out, further, that in Great Britain, with for instance, is presided siders the saving to be made. over by a De sun gwine down-gwine down! ten times the trade of Japan, total taxcouncil in which the Minister is only nachinery, the influx is arthat it should be. You won't have wings fer flyin' w'en ---rested. Under Corservative rule there one of /six. And the management of ation is only 150 per cent. more: in oo. 25c. at all dealers. The gist of the whole matter is that RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT was no effective machinery and pracde time is come ter fly-France, where the trade is seven times lighthouses, which comes in for strong the government, suspecting irregulari-De sun gwine down-gwine down ! tically no immigration. idemnation and suspicion, is in the greater, taxation is only 200 per cent ties, or worse, took the most effective Characteristic of present opposition Better be a-workin hands of an independent board, of which more. Persons who have studied the method of getting at the truth. As the methods is the attempt to convict the Whilst de light is in de day: the Minister of Marine is not a memsituation think that the effects of this result of the investigation now con government as a friend of graft and De sun gwine down, IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST ber. taxation are not felt so much now as cluded its suspicions have been verian enemy of reform on the ground of An' you'll never fin' de way they will be, because at present there fied and opportunity has been provided its disapproval of Mr. Foster's proposa Newspapers supporting the new pro Whether the effect of this report, to give a new spoonholder. is a little forced prosperity due to for drastic reforms. Had a general TRANSMUTATION. to take the power of public purchase vincial government are pointing in olitically shall be favorable or unfavhouse-cleaning of the various depart-Japan's loan policy, but it is believed from the hands of the government and orable to the government depends proof of its efficiency to Mr. Hazen's re daughter. that the real pinch will come when the ments beer made when the Liberals give it to an independent commission Elizabeth Whiling in the April Cenported determination to appoint a largely upon the action the government palances of Japan's foreifn loans, now took office, or at any time since, the holding office for life. In discussing tury.) Royal Comimssion to delve amid the takes upon it. The Commission has kept abroad, have been exhausted. Mr. Foster's resolution both Sir Wil government would have laid itself open placed before the Ministers information financial records of past years for the The Japanese are an intensely patrifrid and Mr. Fielding made unmistakee, dear, I burn upon this April hill to accusation of viciously applying the purpose of finding out whether past which otherwise, in the press of their otic people, but it takes a different and The letters I have treasured for so spoils system. With the Civil Service ably clear their conviction that under overnments have handled the public onerous work, they could not have long. more stable kind of patriotism than his plan there would be far more dan Commission's report in its possession usiness prudently and honestly; to obtained. Unquestionably this inforthat which sends a man cheering to The day runs over with the blueger of disbonesty than under the preit is now in a position to enter upon the and out if there has been mismanagemation warrants an immediate and death, to enable him year after year birds' song; work of reorganization and reform vigsent system which makes the Ministers ment or malfeasance in connection with thorough investigation into the machthe buoyant wind blows delicately in cold blood to give to his country oneresponsible for all expenditure to par orously and drastically, to weed out enterprises directed or financed by inery and personnel of the censured liament, and parliament to the people chill. fifth of his income. After a few years sternly the incompetent and disloyal those governments. In this connection departments. It must be borne in wisting the clean, bright flames that of the burden we doubt if Japan will and dishonest men who have brought who furnish the money. With an auto the construction and operation of the mind that the Commission's strictures have their will retain all of that militant aggressivethis reproach upon the service and who Central Railway is referred to, with a have enabled Conservative politicians are general. In few instances do they cratic commission disbursing the fund ess which is today making it a sort of On our hearts' record, whirling for there could be no check on the exsuggestion of political malice, as a to turn Liberal leniency and desire for point to any official for definite blame penditure and no remedy in case of a breath "enfant terrible" among the nations. notable exception being Mr. J. W. matter particularly needing investiga-Gray wraiths of paper whereupon fair play into a weapon for Liberal imprudence or dishonesty. ----Borden, accountant of the Militia Detion. Gear - an excin In theory a benevolent autocracy death injury. partment, brother of the opposition Without venturing to question Preeature of the Puritan POLITICS IN QUEBEC may be an admirable form of govern Waver the words that shake my leader, Mr. R. L. Borden, who is quoted as an instance of civil servants drawmier Hazen's right to spend his time - extra heavy Balan spirit still. ment; but, for better or for worse, we The report, apparently well founded. and the public money in research of this Wheel, and Roller are wedded to responsible government. lerein I prove me worthy of you that the Quebec provincial elections SUSPICION AND FACT Bearings, enkind, we may be permitted to express ing pay in excess of their worth. The and under this system experience that trust. are to be held in May, will serve to application of the criticism to definite the belief that the people of New able a child to shown that reduction of responsibility A couple of instances of Conserva-Leaving our letters not to mold and cases is left almost wholly to the Minfocus public attention for the next few Brunswick who have chosen him as the do the entire is fraught with danger. For instance tive methods and their results during dustr isters. And the Ministers should lose vashing. Gear weeks upon that politically troubled manager of the provincial business are both of the departments of the civil the recent examination before the Nor, after me, ravished by alien eyes no time in completing the work the province. For the past four years Queis enclosed in more concerned, at this time, with service which have come under recent Public Accounts Committee, of Mr. J. Commission has begun; in fixing the But changing them through fire and metal cap bec has had an intricate history, full what he is going to do than with what censure are administered, partially a G. Turriff, M. P., who has been one of the spring's blame where it belongs and ir tional incidents and strange there's no his various predecessors have done. It is more to the public interest, for inleast, by independent commissions Swift alchemy into fair, growing the chief objects of opposition slander charging and punishing the officals chance of child. rumors. With practically no opposi-Where the people have no control they things, of late, serve graphically to show how who are responsible for the conditions ren getting fir stance, that the Central Railway, so tion party to contend against the lose interest; and when men in place gov. So have the heart's frustration trivial has been the, actual foundation long as it remains the property of the under censure. erning party have been driven to fight of authority are freed from public conof Conservative suspicion and how That these are almost wholly relics made me wise. viciously among themselves; man province, should be operated progres-sively and economically and honestly, trol they often lose, even with the best thcroughly their case against the gov- of the old Conservative regime is evi-ernment in the matter of the sale of dent from the well-known personnel of against man, faction against faction; of intentions, a proper sense of the APRIL. personal ambition and personal spite public interests, and of their responsithan that the frequent charges of exwestern timber land was exploded. the denounced departments and from travagance and mismanagement in the taking the place of political issues as After securing from Mr. Turriff, durbility thereto. Gottfried Hult, in the April Century.) the fact that the Commission states exexcuse for argument. Though the govpast should be proved or disproved. Whether the Central was honestly With the chain of responsibility runing his cross-examination under-oath, That time the prairie still lay bleak plicitly that the few good men they ernment has apparently held its own ning, as it should in a democracy, from the statement that he had never confound are almost altogether in the lowand frore spite of its internal troubles, built or not, whether at all times it has the people through the central governsulted with Mr. Burrows nor any other | er ranks and of comparatively recent sauntered forth; like some old pal it seems from the outside impossible been honestly and prudently managed ing body to every public official, the prospective purchasers with respect to appointment. impest people themselves are responsible for that it should not have been consideror not, it must be admitted that, since timber tenders, and that he had had no Mr. Brodeur's speech, as reported That waits new writing for the old weakened. The frequent ministhe late government took the road over every public act; and in the long run association with or interest in any of yesterday, indicates that the governsuppressed. terial changes, particularly, are not from the private ownership under which this system gives the people governthe transactions in question, a Con-Such seemed the dreary fields I wanhealthy as we have learned in New ment is fully alive to its responsibiliit was failing into decay and placed it ment just as good as they desire and servative member produced with a ties and that in the immediate future dered o'er-Brunswick of late. And new influences. under a commission, its affairs have "Favorite" Churn is worked by hand, or deserve. worn, age-yellowed parchment, little triumphant flourish, a document, beara house cleaning will begin which will notably that which finds its leadership been revolutionized. Under the direction ing Mr. Turriff's signature as witness, place the service, inside and out, on a more, foot, or both. Roller Bearings mean in Mr. Bourassa, have forced them. of Senator King and Mr. George Mc-Fragments of words whose though transferring to Mr. Burrows the in-terest of one W. H. Nolan in a new, a more responsible, a more effiquick, easy churning. RIVER MAIL SERVICE Avity, who, by the way, gave their serselves into public consideration. Alcould not be guessed; cient and more honest basis. would think that Premier Built for strength. 8 sizes vices gratis, and the management of certain limit won by the latter. IMPROVED And not a single spear of grass In addition to the criticism of the effi-Gouin and his ministry need not hope to churn from 1/2 to 30 Hunter, the road has been vastly Clearly, he intimated, here was concluattest ciency of the service the Commission for a repetition of the clean sweep of improved in every respect and has sive evidence of the unreliability of the The establishment of a daily ma That here would yet be lavished gallous of cream. recommends several important changes ction and should look carefully been placed on a self-sustaining basis. service between Westfield and Gage witness-clear proof that, contrary to new lore. in the system of appointment and pro-Write for booklet of to their weapons and their armor The last two years have shown opertown, oromocto and Upper Gageoday upon the selfsame fields I stroll. his sworn testimony, he was intimately motion, and an increase in the salaries, these "Household Necesating surpluses and nothing more than associated with the men whose tenders a continuance of similar management it was his official duty to adjudicate Oromocto, and Upper Gagefore entering upon what promises to be town. The selfsame? Nay; the mighty velparticularly to the higher officials sities" if your dealer a real fight. bridge will be heartily welcomed by lam hath been Salaries should begin, it says, at \$700 the residents of those thriving com-The last provincial election in Queis needed to enable the road within a upon. But the triumph ceased abruptly Illuminated with its summer green. does not handle them. instead of \$500, and no efficient deputy | munities, who have been directing their bec was held on Nov. 25, 1904, the year of so, to pay for its capital inter- when Mr. Turriff quietly pointed out DAVID MAXWELL & SONS As long as spring is spring and soul is l minister should be paid less than \$5,000. energies in this direction for years St. Mary's Ont

est as well as for its operating ex- that the date of this document was For the present officials it recommends without success. For the new system, egislature being dissolved by Preniet Parent the day following the great Lib. several months after he had resigned immediate increases of 15 per cent. for penses. To accomplish things like this-to oral victory in the federal contest on Nov. 4. Professedly in protest agains operate public utilities successfully; to carry on the public affairs honestly and this "trickery," but probably influwith wisdom; to stimulate and assis enced largely by the hopelessness o provincial development, agricultural, their cause, the Conservative opposi educational, industrial-this is the real tion, led by Mr. E. J. Flynn, refused to take any part in the fight. Though a business of the government. And by its conduction of this business the peonumber of Conservatives refused to be cound by this none too courageous polple will judge Premier Hazen and his ministry. Nothing that could be unicy and contested several constitu encies, the party as a whole abstained earthed to the discredit of former gov ernments would excuse failure on the rom any participation. The result naturally was a walkover for the gov part of this government. Possibily it is hoped that a fishing crnment, which elected 60 of its supmission of the kind proposed might porters. Only six Conservatives and six independent Liberals were elected. discover something that would make been refused admissison. forming an opposition inconsiderable political capital for Mr. Hazen's friends. The public will hardly regard

this chance as sufficient excuse for the expenditure of their money and for the diversion of the government's attention from business matters-particular ly on the part of a government elected upon a non-partisan platform and pledged to govern without regard to party politics.

LIBERALS AND THE CIVIL

SERVICE

The denial which followed hard on the heels of the Conservative rumor that Hon. Mr. Brodeur was to resign as a result of the Civil Service Com mission's report reflecting discredit up-on officials of his department, was hardly necessary. Nothing in the report touches the Minister except in so far as he may be held responsible for the inefficiency and dishonesty of men under his control. It is not intimated and no same person suspects that if there has been graft, the Minister has shared in it. Such sharing, involving frank complicity in crime could only be possible where Minister and officials were intimately and sympathetically acquainted and could trust each other-a condition which certainly does not exist in the marine depart-For it is remarkable that in this department, which has been singled out for particular censure, every official of any standing, with the exception of the head of one small branch, is a Conservative, appointed to office before the Liberals came into power in 1896. And in many instances these men have allowed their politics to influence the performance of their duties. One, at least, whose inefficiency has drawn censure on the de partment more than once, spends part of his time, The Montreal Herald says, carrying tales about others, perhaps equally inefficient, to Conservative mbers and, as would seem, to members of this commission. It is clear that any fraudulent understanding between Minister and officials is impossible under these conditions. Yet all for which Mr. Brodeur can fairly be blamed is for continuing these conditions, for retaining and trusting these officials whom, politically at least, he

had reason to distrust.

servative appointees. In the Militia department Sir Frederick, Borden in-the main followed the same policy. In the Interior and Post Diffice departwhole official system-which stands to ning in preparation for active partici-And even for this the blame should most useless system been transformed day precisely as it stood under Co pation in the coming provincial caminto an efficient and profitable transrest upon his predecessors rather than upon him. Sir Louis Davies, disbeservative rule-in arms against him, paign. its, on the other hand, Mr. Sifton portation agency. The freight tonnage clamoring for and easily obtaining op-And wherever Bourassa goes you and Mr. Mulock made sweeping lieving in the spoils system, continued has grown from 5,201 in 1903 to 43,476 in position aid in its resistance to changes, putting in all the important can count on no sham fight. He enters ---the Marine department precisely as the 1907; the passenger traffic from 3,674 positions men whom they could perthis contest as an independent Liberal, Conservative government left it. Mr. to 14,297 in the same time. In place of has been denounced in the House and sonally trust and upon whose sympa-COST OF GLORY. and will likely draw considerably from Prefontaine, genial and easy-going, ala deficit of nearly \$14,000 in 1904 and of out for his praiseworthy effort. And contract it again. thetic co-operation they could. depend. the regular Liberal vote. Encouraged lowed affairs to run along in the same The Japanese, the flush of victory nearly \$6,000 in 1905, the last two years the same fate would have met any The symptoms are common-turn And it was in those departments where have shown substantial surpluses-\$2,-

from the Interior Department and had deserving men, receiving under \$1,500, ceased to be a Dominion official. A few moments later the same quesoner won from Mr. Turriff the ad- er, it suggests increases of 25 and 20 nission that once he had expelled from | per cent. his office a bidder who had insolently undoubtedly justified by the rapidly in- the Postmaster General the claims of insisted on being present while the creasing cost of living—due, says the creasing cost of living—due, says the service. Previously the mails had been service. Previously the mails had been jubilantly proceeding to intimate that erishing and demoralizing system of carried during the summer months by he expulsion was purposed to prevent protection"-and by the recent evidence the Star Line steamers, but even under the detection of Mr. Turriff in improper of the impossibility of retaining good the best conditions only comparatively methods of fixing things to favor his men at the present rate of payment. A superannuation system is also recomriends, when he learned that the successful tenderer in this instance had mended. been the very man who had apparently een suspicious of Mr. Turriff and had In its concluding declaration that "the service should be entirely free from political favoritism or patronage; And so it was throughout the in that appointments should only be made quiry. All the Conservatice suspiby merit after competitive examinacions proved false and foundationless and in the end the whole case fell to

tions; and that for that purpose a permanent commission of three offithe ground with the traditional dull. cials should be created to deal with the question of service examinations and with power to make an annual in spection of each department," the Con CIVIL SERVICE REFORM. mission has undoubtedly located the The report of the Commission ap-

root of all the evil they have found. pointed by Sir Wilfrid Leurier to in- The patronage system, illogical and estigate the Dominion Civil Service unjustifiable upon grounds of public and to inform the government regard- interest, is outworn in Canada. Enging the efficiency of the existing sysland has shaken it off. The United tem and the adequacy of present sched- States is grappling with it energeticalules of payment will serve to precipi- ly and with considerable success tate a reform which thinking men on Canada the system has wrought itself both sides of politics have been long so closely into our whole politica convinced was both necessary and instructure that change will be difficul But the reform must come some time

Under the patronage system as prac- and this report provides excellent opticed by all Canadian governments a portunity for a beginning. great unwieldy machine has grown up, composed of men of varied, politics and THE CENTRAL RAILWAY varying degrees of capacity, or other

vise. Though the minister of the day Newspapers in the Premier's confidis held responsible for the work of the department under his control, in most ence are obviously attempting to pave the way for the appointment of friends astances the permanent officials who of the new government to fat official positions in connection with the Cenhandle all the routine business are men with whom he is not even acquainted tral Railway. Persistent misrepresentmen often antagonistic to him politicalations of the financial condition of th ly. Naturally this conduces to a stiffroad, slighting references to the presess and inelasticity of mechanism commissioners, impressive which makes it extremely difficult for marks about the need for good mana minister to come closely into touch agement, undoubtedly are calculated to prepare the public mind for a new deal with anything but extraordinary items of public business, impossible to do in connection with this historic railmore than to direct general policy. way-a deal by which Mr. Hazen's friends are to profit as richly as pos-The execution of dctails is, perforce, left largely to subordinates, whose mistakes and misdeeds must, in

The Central Railway needs nothing today but a continuance of its present progressive and prudent managemen to place it very shortly in a position not only to pay its running expenses but also to pay interest on its bonded indebtedness and to show a surplus over all. The Commission appointed by partment. The chief officials were rethe late government has done its work so well that there is practically no successors, Mr. Prefontaine and Mr. more work to do for the present, other than routine administration, to ensure a steady improvement in the road's financial condition. During, the past litical friends, the important positions two years the road has been reorgan. have been left in the hands of Conized, almost rebuilt; the equipment has been greatly, though not yet sufficiently, improved, and a bankrupt and al-

which will be of great conveni ice and advantage, residents along the river and 12% per cent above that amount. owe something to Col. H. H. McLean, In the West, where expenses are great- who a short time aga took up the matggests increases of 25 and 20 ter and has recently made several trips These recommendations are to Ottawa, where he has presented to service. Previously the mails had been few of the offices received a daily mail. Under the new arrangement practically every office on the main river will get

Campbell was settled on Friday by the a daily service both winter and sumdefendant paying damages and the mer. Colonel McLean has also been incosts of the action. Campbell had been strumental in securing a cally service in the restaurant getting something to by stages for all offices between Wickeat and became abusive. The proprietam and Hatfield's Paint. Eventually ess turned him out and locked the the electors of Queens and Sunbury door; he thereupon vented his spite on will come to appreciate, the advantage the door and did considerable damage. of having an active and energetic re-Hence the action. resentative working in their behalf. Augus Ramsay went into the Chinaman's laundry next the River View ---

Hotel on Fridty and as the result of REFORM MADE POSSIBLE an altercation, one of the Chinamen swore out a warrant for Ramsay's ar-Conservative politicians and the news rest on the charge of assault. The case apers which echo their opinions are was taken up Saturday, but was adleased to picture the Liberal governjourned until yesterday at 2 p. m., ent as astounded and dismayed by Ramsay and Ald. Adams each going the "shocking revelations" of civil ser-\$25 bail for the defendant's appearance.

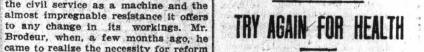
vice iniquity and inefficiency, conveni-The complainant was in court Saturently forgetful of the fact that the day, tenderly nursing an injured cheek, ernment appointed the Commission on the strength of which he bases his which has investigated the service, and chose as its members men who could The curling club will hold its final e depended upon to ascertain the real

necting of the season on Thursday conditions and to describe there in exevening in the rink room. Prizes will plicit and emphatic terms. In selecting prsented and the season wound up Messrs. Courtenay, Fyshe and Bazin n regular order. the government gave unmistakable evi-On Wednesday night the residence of

lence of knowledge that the service Capt. R. R. MacLean was burned to needed reform and of determination to the ground and his youngest son, reform it. Had a whitewashing repor Frank, had a close escape, being nearceen desired men could easily have ly suffocated when aroused. Capt. een found for that purpose. But Mr. facLean had recently expended a con-Courtenay had been deputy minister of siderable sum on his house and his loss finance for many years and after his neets with much sympathy. retirement had freely and trenchantly

J. Kerr Loggie, acting manager of criticised the existing system; Mr. the W. S. Loggie Co., Ltd., received a Fyshe was an eminent banker and a telegram on Wednesday from Capt. R. nerciless foe of slackness and dishon A. McLean of the Baden Powell, anesty; Mr. Bazin's proclivity for calling councing the total loss of this schooner spades spades was well known-whoin St. Mary's Bay, Nfid. The wire statever selected these had no desire for d that after losing her sails the Baanything but a frank and exact reveden Powell was driven ashore and will ation of existing conditions. prove a total loss. All the crew was And now that the desired revelation landed safely. The vessel was bound has been furnished the government is from . Barbados to St. John's, Nfid., provided with the opportunity and the with a cargo of molasses. The crew excuse—as it could have been in no at that time was at Trepassey, Nfid.

other way-to enter upon a process of Governor Tweedle went to Frederic radical and drastic change, both in me on on Tuesday. hods and personnel, of the depart-Chief of Police O. B. Lawson has rements which have been found wanting. turned from a trip to Maine. Few realize the enormous strength



I ask not why earth, sky, and all be-

tween, Have not been tossed aside, a crum,

NEWS OF CHATHAM

OHATHAM. N. B., March 31 .- The

case of Nellie Treadwell, proprietress

of a restaurant on Cunard street, next

O Brean's harber shop against Ernest

pled scroll.

and secured the services of a firm of The Dongerous Weakness expert accountants from the United States to overhaul the bookkeeping That Follows Should Be system of his department and sugges medial measures, soon found his

Cured Now.

One of the oldest physicians after losely studying spring tiredness, says the it seems to seek out the same victims the reform. For months the Minister | year after year, and if the disorder is once contracted, one is very prone

against your food-ache in back and armed with the Civil Service Commis- limbs-nervous and often melancholy-

THE POLIT AXE "Cease Worl Hampton +.+ Kingston "Friend P. Arms--Jobbery H Already +-+ The rewards and puni

dental to the provincial beginning to show them Two examples of the sy talked about in the par ston and Hampton, and to say that the people o not at all pleased while of Hampton are amu tions that have arisen. In Hampton the supe roads was William Gil who knew the business ing, and if any one do can point to the splend tween the station and the best evidence of his Gilliland had been ins public works departme necessary repairs to the Hampton as soon as th mitted. The planking the flooring of the bridge cipal work. He ordered the materia March had it upon the gan work. This was more than of the then opposition They hurried to Mr. Sp ber-elect with the tale was repairing the bridg was powerless. The R ment had not resigned : intendent was simply c orders. But the day came wh son government did re Hazen submitted his c governor. That was Fri and the new executive the oath of office unt following, the 24th. Mr. Sproul became imp lowers were pushing his land working on the l getting that he was only tive less than a forth sworn in and with no a ever to instruct road s

in their duties, he sat de

William Gilliland, Hamp

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the following letter:

Dear Sir-I am inform work is being done on ferry bridge. As the former gove "I had all the symptoms," writed today and we will be h Mrs. Eva E. Clarkson, well known in for all outlays from this to know under what working is being carrie But I tried again for health-I used Dr. contract or day's work? Hamilton's Pills. The very sight of the work and who is Also from this time you food used to turn me sick, now I eat any further liability in to feel bloodless and starved-now I roads or bridges withou am well nourished and gaining in flesh ing with the members My face was haggard, dull eyes, dark Trusting to hear from circles-now I am animated, have pink I remain, yours, e cheeks, bright clear eyes. A feeling of buoyancy and good spirits that displac-P. S.-If there is a cor ed that awful tired, drowsy, melancholy like to see it or have a fits that came on, and always with splitting headaches too. I hope my let-Mr. Gilliland has been ter will induce others to use Dr. Hamservice for some time. ilton's Pills-such a good honest tonic his instructions came should be in every home, both for chilt commissioner, and notw change in government h You have a woman's work to do in that the public works de life -- you have only a woman's delicate control of the roads an organism to do it with. You'll be vasthe continued his work. y assisted with Dr. Hamilton's Pills Mr. Sproul had made because they are good for women just friends said. He thought as they are good for men and children ficials would do as he advised him to try the tem of recommending JUST FOR TWO OF THEM. tendent Gilliland be ord covering the bridge. He d "I have a birthday surprise for your day after John Morrise tother," said Mr. Kidder, winking at chief commissioner he his marriageable daughter, "I'm going lowing telegram: "A new spoonholder?" queried the FRFEDERICTO Wm. Gilliland, Hampton, "Yes: a new parlor sofa." Cease work on Hampto And then William quit. CHILD CAN DO THE FAMILY WASE "Puritan Kingston people knew a in the spring there was a Reacting Washing Machine Farle **Churning Made Easy**

on the Long bridge at for somebody. They ha enough to do the work i cal parties. The presen int. Henry Earle, had a repairs from time to tim illy conceded that he work as well as any of t But this was a special members of the Kingste felt that such a job would reward for the man wh charge of the bridges u roads and had been lai th: new road law came was the man slated for th a right to it, said his frier What was their surpr shad of a local man tak the work F. C Bogart of peared on the scene with and began to tear thin First of all he demande nient jack screws from S "Government" jack Earle. "This is the firs heard of the government superintendents with i never hal any." But Bogast went to work yet. No coubt very get a letter from Mr. ing if he is loing the wo or by day's work or ho

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There are a great many ers in that section in the party who have always sistent support and they c stand why a man who a resident for a short ti naturalized but this wi was a delegate to the I tion in St. John a litt ago should have got the j Was it an election prom