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AN INGENIOUS POLICY.

t a disadvantage They are in a minorty. On a straight party division they something over forty votes short, ds against them-in a word, to give conoffice they are not in power-"

The senate is their hope. In that house here is still a considerable Tory majorness to aid their allies in the commons. use the senate for the purpose of guise of apparent propriety. There ist be a plausible reason for interfere, and this is how the Mail and Emire states the case for the party:-

people have not ordered, and which in all probability they do not want. The senate ferred the Drummond and Yukon hemes; it also laid aside the gerrymander osed last year. In each case it right. The people had not asked for

One's admiration for the use of the delicate and inoffensive word "defer" is exrded. Liberals have already found to eir cost and chagrin that the senate ity in that chamber are prepared to use at power unscrupulously. We are con-

scheme to paralyze the Liberals, he loses which they won the judgment of so many his breath in contemplating the audacity which could set it so boldly forward as a which they won the judgment of so many of the electors in years gone by.

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Fir John A. Macdonald and Sir Charles bravoes attacked him. They tried to hoot heard by constant interruptions, after party and are now seeking to strengthen of being right and the attempt did not trade policy which once charmed the parliament, with its factions and rival succeed. They then resorted to the use Canadian people, when presented by men and is quite a misnomer to call the memory of language such as perhaps was never be- of strong personality and dazzling presonality and dazzling p of that party Conservatives. Revolu- fore heard in any legislature, the use of tige, and have taken up this miserable senate, freed wholly from control by any utterly regardless of the decencies of de- paign drawing near. They seem to be acte party, respecting which Sir Charles bate, but of their own reputations. Sir ing under the conviction that they can per has made some of his longest and | Charles Tupper called Mr. Smith a cow- arouse a prejudice in the minds of the vociferous speeches, it would seem and a liar at least twenty times and people against a French-Canadian premhat they lie awake at night hatching Sir John A. Macdonald backed up Tuplier, and that on the crest of popular feelnew and startling departures there per and wound up by saying "That fellow ing thus created they will be carried into 1. It is apparent, however, that their Smith is the biggest liar I ever met." We do not think that we are likely, pensate the country for what would fol-

even in these degenerate days, to hear low. We should no longer have a united hit upon measures calculated to over-ome their present disability. There is a hadove expressions which were then used government than the present. The cost by the leader of the opposition and his would be too great. Conservative victory As matters stand the Conservatives are principal lieutenant, Even Mr. Nicholas at the expense of the peace and well Flood Davin would hesitate to call an being of the people would be a national honorable member a liar and a coward, calamity. and Mr. Davin may be said to represent in his own proper person the worst ng to a party that had come to look element in the House of Commons. Yet these words were used by Sir Charles-Tupper in the House of Commons twenty-two years ago to a gentleman whom he afterwards took to his bosom and with whom he worked for years in the greatest political harmony. We are of the opinion that if Mr. Charlton will take the trouble to read over the debates he will find reasons for changing his opinion as to the goodness of the parliamentary manners of the earlier days. Then, as now, the Tory party rendered desperate by their exclusion from power were ready to commit any breach of the rules of parliament which they thought would serve their purpose or inure to their political ad-

A DESPAIRING PARTY.

The Conservative party is at the present introduced at a time when the Dominion was passing through a period of unprecetering of manufactures in the market, to the serious detriment and discouragement ous to be considered seriously. Yet it of our own producers. Sir Leonard Tilley came forward with his proposition to increase the scale of duties to a degree that would shut out foreign made goods, and at the same time stimulate the industries of Canada. He declared that the balance of trade against us was the cause of the prevailing depression and pointous that this is an ugly charge to make; ed to the experience of England and the nut we mean it, and can easily supply the United States in vindication of that

realize that a high tariff could not turn National Policy and the defeat of his against us mounted upward year by year

and not even the breath of scandal can be fairly urged against any one of them. In this regard the strength of the Liberal ause must be felt by those who are on

and is undeniably head and shoulders over Liberal administration. He lives very activity and dash of twenty, or even five institutions. always been, a man of honor and truth | night and day to step into his shoes, not coadjutors add to the anxieties of the in a homely form the House of Commons

Under these circumstances, is it any 215 delegates. have abandoned the traditions of the office. But such a result would not com-

BRITISH INFANTRY.

It is well that we have the testimony likely to be prejudiced in favor of anythe Czar, the Russian military attache, who wars it was universally admitted by military writers that the British infantry was the best in Europe. That was the What other army but the British could sular war, more than a score of victories

their high standing in the armies of are still as valuable as they ever were in the make-up of a soldier. The British infantry is still the best in Europe and those nations who have watched the operations of the present war carefully are aware of this fact and will not fail to

RULE BY THE PEOPLE.

The opponents of the government are deploring the danger to popular rule They are wailing over the assumption by the government of the right to bring be-Conservative friends in 1896 the balance fore parliament measures which "have Great Britain and the United States facts or to misrepresent them. not been asked for by the people." The where other things are equal. Let us take against us mounted upward year by year until it had reached the collosal figure of chief Tory organ declares: "Popular rule a single illustration for the purpose of section of the collosal name of the collosal name of the purpose of the section of the section of the purpose of the section o would find that within the past three struggle. The government at Ottawa is vears and a half, under a lowered scale of evidently determined to destroy it." It and its equivalent \$1 in the United States, Tupper was criticizing the preferential duties and a preferential tariff, the balsees things on the horizon far worse than and that the general duty is 30 per cent. tariff brought in by the Liberals. It would duties and a preferential tarm, the bar and that the general duty is 30 per cent.

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The cost of the British article with the credit side of the account. This experiauthority under the sun; for the senate ence cuts away the very foundation of the establishment of an oligarchy in American article \$1.30. Is not that a very well to shake public confidence in the National Policy, and to that extent | Canada. Just what has given rise to this | preference that would be likely to affect | the preferential tariff; for that policy was However much one may be charmed by leaves the defenders of high protection condition of hysteria is not clear, but as the course of trade in these days of sharp the most practical step ever taken by without the plausible arguments with which they won the judgment of so many connection with the tact that Sir Charles wise is not speaking candidly; he is talk-

record of the Liberal party in people. When they sat on the treasury

was calm and firm in the consciousness and unpatriotic? They are bereft of the legislation. It is a conceivable thing that political interests, may overstep the to the commons bills which it is thought end it unquestionably has the power to defeat such measures. But what has happened in Canada is that the majority in gestion of the Tory press is based on the ssumption that they are willing to further prostitute their high office in that

PREFERENTIAL TRADE.

The present government never struck a harder blow at the Tories of Canada than of a foreign military expert who is not when they resolved to give Great Britain a preference in the customs tariff. Althing British with regard to the efficiency | though the measure was not adopted with of the British infantry. In a telegram to any view to party advantage it had the immediate effect of placing the Tories in was captured with the Boers, says: "I am that interesting situation that is some perfectly amazed at the energy in action | times vulgarly described as "a hole." The and the endurance of the British in- Liberals have done the very thing for fantry." At the close of the Napoleonic Great Britain that the Tories said they would never do, and the Tories had left undone the thing that they ought have done if their professions of loyalty were testimony of General Sir William F. to be regarded as of any value. It brought Napier, the historian of the Peninsular out in the clearest light the awful disprowar, of General Foy and many other portion that exists between Tory promises French military commanders and the and Tory performances, between Tory proproof of the matter lay on the surface. fessions and Tory acts. As long as lip loyalty would serve the Tories were in the show a record such as that of the Penin- foreground. When the time came for the rear and sulked in their tents. Now The cause which gave the British in- they feel that they have let the golden fantry their great superiority was their epportunity pass and their efforts dogged courage which refused to yield or are directed to a futile atto recognize defeat. It was thought by tempt to prove that the preferential tariff some that the changed conditions of warfare due to the use of modern weapons no value. That such a ridiculous view might neutralize to some extent the qualities which gave the British infantry the state of despair to which the Tories have been reduced by their misfortunes and evil deeds. Out of power and in a state of utter collapse they are obliged to use argument too childish to be worthy energy and capacity to endure privations of serious refutation and to make state. Canada. In that case, according to his ments which are without the slightest foundation in fact.

The preference given by Canada to British goods amounts to 25 per cent. of the duty enacted on the goods of foreign na tions. The Tories say that this preference is of no value and rnat it has had no effect on the trade between Great Britain and Canada. Is this a reasonable statement for the leaders of a great party to make? A preference of 25 per cent. of no value. In many cases a difference of not more than five per cent. m'ght determine the course of trade and a difference five times as great as that ought to be quite

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OPPOSITION OBSTRUCTION. One of Mr. Foster's complaints against the government has been that their friends for the purpose of wasting time and obtions being, according to Mr. Foster, unthis fashion he put a number of questions as those of which he complained. Indeed daring, and this is how he stated as case: he had sentenced in such severe terms. It would perhaps be a waste of words for in. The honorable gentleman said it was in operation for two years. Suppose it pects consistency from Mr. Foster, his 1898 and 1899 there was an average imown showing, he was wantonly wasting the time of the house and obstructing

SIR CHARLES' UNFAIRNESS.

decisive as regards competition between devise, they seek to either belittle the pose an article to cost 4s. 2d. in England | night in parliament, when Sir Charles

business men than politicians so that the Tories to be opposed to England. This d'sposition, however, does not afford a valid excuse for the misleading figures Britain, as the following comparison which Sir Charles presented to parliament this was a bold position to take, inasmuch as the facts are within everybody's reach; but Sir Charles is nothing if he is not States have remained practically station-"During those three years of depression, look at the above table and fail to see ly repetitions of questions which had been previously asked and answered and which had sentenced in such severe terms. It \$34,276,249. The preferential tariff came spicuously over all the others? Is if not 076, a decrease of no less than \$1,285,173 what has been the result in the succeed ing years? Here are the figures of in ports from England as taken from the

see what has been the full effect of the

States have made even greater advance

which Great Britain does not and can record is very much in favor of Great

Great Britain United States

41,139,695

38,988,027

35.809.940 44,448,410 49,373,472 a fair assumption that our preference to in England for our products? We need have long ago told the story of the imof Canadian goods in that market from duced the new tariff in 1897, and the obof trade with England has been a great success, Sir Charles Tupper, to the con trary notwithstanding

A BRITISH STEAMER SUNK BY A BAROUE.

The Dunstaffnage Reports Sending the Verona to the Bottom.

London, March 19.-The British steam er Verona, of Glasgow, Captain Hutchin-son, from Buenos Ayres, February 19th, for Hamburg, was sunk on March 6, in for Hamburg, was sunk on March o, in collision with the British barque Dun-staffnage, Captain Forbes, from Philadel-phia, February 9, for Hiogo, and two of bunstarhage nad her stem broken below the water line and sustained other injur-ies. Her forepeak filled with water, but the bulkhead kept the holds tight and she proceeded to Barbados for repairs.

Death of a Public Man.

Seattle, Wash., March 19.-Herman E. but as we shall know at another time, our increased purchases in the American mar-his brother. His body will be sent to his