like the Montreal Gazette, they are not in favour of it, and have written against it, and many members of parliament who speak for it do so because it is the war cry of the party for the moment.

But I believe that on the railway question the verdict of the people of this constituency and the verdict of the people of Canada ought to be in favour of deal could be said and a great deal was

some even of us, the doctor, notwith-standing, to the contrary. But there are other things besides the Grand Trunk Pacific; there are thany other things. The government is not supported or defeated on one particular thing, gentlemen. There are other things come into it. Among the things that must be considered by all thoughtful more by my way with a supported or the support of the s thoughtful men, by men who consider the past, present and future of the counone thing they must consider is the manner in which the

GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN CON-

Has it been conducted well or badly What have been the results of Liberal government? Have we had prosperous times or dull times? Have the affairs of the country been well administered dishonestly administered. I quite

to the matter of the surplus. When the government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier came into power in 1896, the first year, there was the thing that happened so often under Conservative rule, there was a deficit. What happened next? The revenue commenced to increase right away; commencing with \$1,722,712 in 1897-98 the surplus grew to about \$16,-000,000 in 1903-04. The total net surplus for the eight years was \$57,880,-091, averaging for each year \$7,235,011. Now how does that compare with the Conservative rule? In 18 years of Conservative administration the average surplus annually was \$554,539. How does that compare with the average under Liberal rule? And remember that this big surplus came, although through British preference, which doubled our purchases from and doubled our sales to the mother country, there were reduced duties on many lines of goods. There was increased expenditure, of course, but there was the money to spend, and that expenditure was met without increased taxation, which was decided novelty in the country up to that time. This expenditure was increased because of the great improvements on the Intercolonial Railway, the public works, marine and fisheries, customs, the opening of the Yukon terrisubsidizing of steamers from which St. John has benefited, and in other

Dr. Daniel did not make any point, as far as I remember; but in other addresses that have been made in this constituency we have heard about the

TREMENDOUS EXTRAVAGANCE and great expenditures of the Laurier government. Do the Conservatives in the House of Commons vote to cut down the expenditure? Instead of asking for conduct. He said in the House of Commons: We ask, as we have done in the exthing that is wasteful or extrava-Public Accounts Committee is the body that investigates these things. I ven-ture to say that never in the history of this Dominion was there such a farce as the meetings of the Public Accounts Committee during the present session. We could not get honourable members of the opposition to attend. They used to come and introduce a motion that somebody be summoned; they would give notice that they intended to move to inquire into something, but when the they would not be there, or they had not called the witness, or something else would happen, and really the thing became laughable in the end. The Public Accounts Committee adjourned, and there was practically no inquiry into the public accounts of the past year's meaning 1903). Why? Not because honourable gentlemen opposite were not able, not because they were too generus to avoid an inquiry into the exper diture of the government; but solely because they found there was no ground for attacking the expenditure." That it will be done; that the conservative party will again for some time at least be given charge of the affairs defining government. (Cries of Bredges are working here now, and for the past year.") Why, asked Dr. Stockton, doesn't Canada build all the railway and to my mind is sufficient answer to many of those statements of expenditure and

Now, let me give you a few figures. pired in the last eight years, the elector- | didn't it say so in the agreement? Why

Grand Trunk Pacifis has no land subsi- Look at the growth of Canada's trade. ate ought to sustain the administration dy. The Canadian Pacific were given two sections of railway built by the govern-\$172,000,000; in 1896 it had grown to velopment of the country has gone that the majority of those in the court worth a great many millions. \$239,000,000; in 1903 the increase was to a head with marvellous rapidity. Freight rates on the Grand Trunk can \$467,000,000. In the 18 years of Conservative rule the increase was \$66,000, of thousands of people of the best type fig Railway there was no such provision in its agreement. Rights are given to other companies to run over the Grand Trunk Pacific and no similar rights were

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We was \$0,000,000,000.

We have taken up land in the west and the progress made is without parallel in the percentage of growth was 107.43, the history of the country. Agriculture and fisheries have been aided, with splendid it necessary for

at this time. The country is not ripe for it. It was not ripe for it last year, and very little progress has been made figures tell a contrary story. The bank yet in that direction. Mr. McLean, of Toronto, and a few members were in favour of it, but the great mass on both sides of politics, Liberals and Conserva-tives, were opposed to government ownership, and as it is now it is not even taken up seriously by the Conservative leaders. Here and there, take papers of \$304,000 and a reduction of postage

If there is one thing more than an-

government, and more than that, said. Many of us might remember the while I am not any more than my friend, Dr. Daniel, a prophet or the son of a prophet, I believe that will be the of a prophet, I believe that will be the Dr. Silas Alward, assailed the tories, hip Dr. Liberals and Conservatives. The great verdict of the people, and that the Grand Trunk Pacific is an assured fact, and it will be built in the lifetime of and thigh, and especially when he described how the country was being ruinissue, the G. T. P., greatly concerned St. ed, the debt was piling up and there was John and New Brunswick, and should nothing but destruction before us. Well, he was right; the debt was piled up. In 1896, the year when we were delivered O'Brien's statement of Foster's defeat, from misrule, the public debt was \$258,- he said Mr. O'Brien had forgotten to 000,000; that is, an increase of \$118,000, say Foster was now with the opposi-000 in 18 years of conservative rule, tion. Mr. O'Brien said that Sir Wilfrid

Here is what the London Times said:

of the eldest of her daughters."

The London Graphic said: "It is no

in its worst form is rampant in a large portion of the Canadian civil service." referred to the wording of the section which obliges the unrouted freight oriresolute and drastic purification can re-deem public life in Canada from the the Grand Trunk Railway, with termpast, Conservative members to point to | taint of corruption, the like of which | inals at Portland, which would use such

The London Echo: "No country can prosper where public departments are in league with fraudulent contractors, and where ministers are onen to offer."

Test, and when he raised his voice the other day." Continuing, Dr. Stockton said where is the penalty for taking this freight to Portland?

Dr. Stockton took up the interview. and where ministers are open to offers." The St. James Gazette said: "The existence of an organized system of corruption among public officials in Canada Stockton stated there was no necessity

nent has been colossal."

And to think that it will be asked that the men who have been guilty of the acts charged in the English press, and proved—to think that it would be proposed to have those men sent back. proposed to think that it would be proposed to have those men sent back to Ottawa again to take charge of the affairs of the country! I decline to be minion government. (Cries of "Dredges minion government.)

Trunk Pacific and no similar rights were given on the Canadian Pacific.

Dr. Daniel was very strongly in favour of the St. John river valley route. Who san say what will be the route of the line? Nobody knows. (Applause.) I am very glad you applauded that, because those of you who heard Mr. Emmerson speak the other night will remember he said there is a possibility of it coming down that way. As for the government ownership, is it not waste of time to go over that? It is largely an academic question. It will not be settled by the people of Canada at this time. The country is not ripe your suffrages. I am glad to be associated with Mr. McKeown, a man who has proved himself in every way worthy of St. John. I have been a resident of the city all my life, and my record in public affairs is before you for inspec-tion. Whatever interests I have are here bound up in the welfare and prosperity of St. John. Should you choose present position. (Applause.) So the me to be one of your representatives, I shall endeavor to the best of my ability to earnestly and zealously labor for the other which the liberal party when in opposition used to discuss, and on which liberal party when in opposition used to discuss, and on which liberal party when in country at large and the province of seven years.

New Brunswick and the city of St. John Before pro more especially. (Loud and long ap-

DR. STOCKTON.

Dr. A. A. Stockton was received with command attention. Referring to Mr. one in 18 years of conservative rule, averaging six and a half millions a year. How under liberal rule? In 1904 the debt is \$257,412,000. Not a dollar has been added to the public debt of Canada during the whole period of liberal management. (Cheers.) On the contrary, there is some reduction. The debt per head under conservative rule was \$50.96, under liberal rule the debt per head is \$47.97. The average rate of customs taxation in 1896 was 18.26 per cent.; under liberal rule in 1903 it was 15.88 per cent. Under the customs tariff people last year would have paid five and a half million dollars more than they did pay if they had been under conservative administration.

When the noerals put forth their poncy tion. Mr. O'Brien said that Sir Wilfrid Laurier sent troops to South Africa.

This would not have been done but for the Conservatives and the trend of public opinion. As to Mr. Northrup's state-ment in the house, Dr. Stockton said Mr. Borden repudiated it. Dr. Stockton said means ruin or prosperity for St. John. He didn't look upon this as a mere political contest, and declared that independent Liberals all through Canada are joining the Conservatives by the dozen to defeat the G. T. P. project. Mr. Emmers not been done but for the Conservatives when the conservatives hurled anathemas upon it, just as Dr. Stockton to-day criticized the railway policy. But there is one way only by which to judge public one to the G. T. P. Scheme, which he said means ruin or prosperity for St. John. He didn't look upon this as a mere political contest, and declared that independent Liberals last took power Canada was unknown as a commercial the Conservatives were not good citizens, ment in 1896. During the years since or dishonestly administered. I quite agree with the gentlemen who say that the government does not always make good times of itself; but the government has a good deal to do with good times. The affairs of the country, properly managed, have a close connection with good times, and that is the reason with good management, and with proper attention to their duties the government of Canada has helped along the affairs of the country so that prosperity reigns everywhere. We have had good times everywhere, and the prospects are that the good times will continue. (Cheers.)

I want to draw your attention first to to the matter of the surplus. When the The very Mr. Davis referred to had a splendid contract with the tory government that went out and apparently he has made a good contract with the government that came in. When conservatives talk of political scandals it would strike one that the best one could do is to say little or nothing on the subject. Everyone who remembers politics ten, twelve or fifteen years ago, will remember the numerous political scandals. We all know Sir Hector Langevin was compelled to leave the government because of what occurred. We remember the scandals of the bridges, the docks, the dredging and all that; the scandal of the time the scandal of the time time time to the ton pany as no interest. The government also provides interest, he said, on the cost of improvements for forty years, and expects the company to recoup this. Referring to the prairie section, he said that Canada pays interest for seven years on 75 per cent of the cost, which cannot exceed \$13,000 per mile, and the same on the mountain section no matter that the same on the mountain section no matter that the same on the mountain section no matter that the same on the mountain section no matter that the same of the company can default these, and the government is bound hand and foot for 50 years. For the western division the government is constitutional rights. Sir Wilfrid Laurier did that, merely taking occasion to point to the constitutional rights of the government takes the risk of acting outside of its strictly constitutional rights of the government. Yet Dr. Stockton. In what the company some interest. The government also mering at the men in khaki who were miner on the cost of the cost, which cannot exceed \$13,000 per mile, and the subject that Canada pays interest for seven with me at the Opera House on Monday night. (Hear, hear.) Dr. Stockton. In which is shering the cost of the cost of the men in khaki who were miner and exceed \$13,000 per mile, and the government is bound and for the company in the cost of timber limits; and it would take most of the hour which I am permitted if I undertook to deal with them. But I want to draw your attention to the fact get back this guarantee on completion that they were so bad that Canadians of the western division without waiting blushed more than once for their country because of the hideousness of those

scandals, and I would be surprised indeed if, having a knowledge of how things were done in the past, the conservatives could again for a long time be put back into power.

We may feel it in this country these be put back into power.

We may feel it in this country, those of us who are supposed to be partisans, and perhaps not too well disposed on either side to say complimentary things it is not a question between the government and opposition as to whether either side to say complimentary things about the other; but the people of Great Britain, in the mother land, who had no prejudice as between liberal and conservative, who had no particular regard for the liberals as a party if they did wrong, or for the conservatives if they did wrong. What did they say about conservative management, about the men who ran this country in those days? Here is what the London Times said: Here is what the London Times said:
"Here in the mother country there can be only one feeling, that of deep regret for the wrong done to the fair fame of the eldest of her daughters"

government. At the end of the lease, said he, the G. T. P. company has the power to retain its branch lines, keeping what it wants and letting the government. ernment have at its own price what it doesn't want. He dealt upon the eflonger possible to doubt that corruption feets of the contract upon St. John, and ginating on the line to go to Canadian ports, stating that the Grand Trunk Railway agents would overbalance all such wording by ingenuity, for it was we have not seen in our country for influence, not the Grand Trunk Pacific hundreds of years."

The Birmingham Gazette said: "The raseals out of office defraud the public with "What do you think of Mr. rascals out of office defrated the public in order to bribe rascals in office, and rascals in office prostitute themselves, sacrifice their honor and forsake their trust in order to keep on good terms with the rascals out of office."

The Lorder Folse "The Continuing of Mr. Blair?" "If Mr. Blair," said Dr. Stockton "ever did a noble deed he did it when he resigned from the seat in protest, and when he raised his voice the other day." Continuing, Dr. Stockton

Dr. Stockton took up the interview by the Globe with Mr. Wainwright, who said St. John must provide facilities if St. John wants any G. T. P. freight. Dr. has been conclusively proved, and like everything else on the American continent has been colossal."

of Mr. Wainwright making such a statement if the company intended building facilities at St. John. Laurier had said

the expense of these unnecessary millions when Mr. Blair says the I. C. R. could be made suitable?

HON. H. A. MCKEOWN.

Sheriff Ritchie then called on Hon. II. A. McKeown. As Mr. McKeown advanced to the front of the platform, he room were supporters of the liberal ticket. When the cheering ceased Mr.

Mr. Sheriff and Gentlemen,-The observations made by Dr. Stockton render it necessary for me to devote consider able time to a consideration of the G. P. contract, which he has so severely criticised. I agree with him that the circumstances of this election are of great importance to this constituency. The whole Dominion, liberals and conservatives alike, are charmed with and seized of the idea that fortunately the advancement of the country makes a new transcontinental railway necessary Fortunately for us, the country has be come extremely prosperous, and a new railway a necessity

Canada is now progressing as much in one year as in ten under the conservative regime. (Applause.) How long, under conservative rule, would it have Under the rule of that party it would have taken

NOT SEVEN, BUT SEVENTY

present position. (Applause.) So the consideration of this railway question is eral party during its rule of the past Before proceeding to the question, &

wish to institute briefly a comparison You know the record of the past seven years. All through those seven years the liberal policy has been strongly opposed by the conservatives. When the liberals started on their rule, Sir Chas Tupper looked forward to the career of tory leaders made a pronouncement upon it. But the liberals had faith in their country and the conditions which should prevail. It is, of course, correct that governments do not create trade but they do create conditions which make for prosperity or ruin. You well know the record of the conservative party during its eighteen years in power When the liberals put forth their policy the conservatives hurled anathemas

WITHHOLDS CREDIT FROM THE

PREMIER for sending the soldiers to South Africa. I would have thought that this would talk upon. Let me tell him a little his tory. Was the South African war th nies have rallied to the aid of the moth erland? No. South Africa was a greatinstance of colonial loyalty, but it was not the first. In the eighties there were troublous times in Egypt. Alexandric was bombarded by Beresford, whil Wolseley marched his troops up th Nile. All the European nations showed thinly veiled hostility to Britain. That vas a time of danger. It looked as i Britain would be arrayed against ha of Europe. What happened? Sir Chas Tupper and the great conservative party were in power in Canada. When the troops marched up the Nile were they lone? By no means. All the colonie to-day talk of loyalty. Shame on them Canadian voyageurs fought with Wolse ley, but wonderful to relate, the gov ernment refused to send soldiers or to take the initiative. This, in spite the fact that the matter was brought up in parliament. Yet Dr. Stockton sneers at Laurier. Shame, I say. (Loud cheering for Laurier.)

I tell you, gentlemen, loyalty does not consist in finding fault. Who is the more loyal British subject—the man in power, who takes action in cases of this ort, or he who when in power refuses to do such things and afterwards finds fault with his successor? Let me remind you that it remained for the liberal gov ernment to give the preference to Great

I. P. a gift enterprise. Is that the language of a temperate, reasonable man? Certainly it is not the language of a man of business. Our conservative friends as represented by Dr. Stockton this afternoon find fault with the contract. I must deal with the objections, or some of them, briefly, and in my own way, not as anyone shall say. Let me plunge instantly into the question of paramount importance which is arou ing the people of this city: Is the freight carried by the G. T. P. to go to a for I take it, is where the difficulty occu Bear in mind, gentlemen, that the rail way from New Brunswick to Winnipeg is to be constructed and paid for by fl government. It is then to be lease Two branches of the railway question present themselves for discussion. These are, first, the inancial side of the matter, and secondly, whether or not the bringing of the freight to the Maritime of Canada.

Now, Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, I believe that after all that has transbelieve that after all that has trans-

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