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"Canada's best service to the British Empire is to p eserve in harmony a Canada." -- Montunited real Herald.

"We are for a united Empire, but we are also for a united (anada." -- Toronto Globe.

The silly attempt of the Montreal Star to misrepresent the loyalty of the French-Canadian people, is the poorest evidence of its own patriotism that even that reckless journal has ever produced.

Doesn't it strike our tory fire eaters as a trifle ridiculous that in the 18 years of Conservative rule from 1878 to 1896 there was not a single offer of assistance made to the mother land in any of her wars, and yet to-day the offer of a Canadian contingent of 1000. men by the Laurier Administration is regarded by them as entirely inadequate:

traducers of himself and his compatriots.

The Toronto Globe represents truly the sentiment of the Canadian people in the noble protest it has made against the virulent and unpatriotic campaign now being waged by Conservatives against years of power. the French-speaking people of Canada, which we re-print in this issue. We would especially call our readers attention to the closing paragraph with its broadspirited sentiment of Canadian unity-a nation within an empire.

"We are for fulfilling all our ob ligations to the Empire in no grudging spirit, but with good No one ever accused Mr. Foster of that our obligations are ascertained and our duty being done, weighing the justice of the cause, knowing that British Ministers are but men, and fallible like our own. better left undone. His speech at ism, to the war spirit, to every war its logical conclusion that the Transvaal would indicate that at tion only a few fastenings or plates the lust of gold. We are for a united Empire, but we are also for porary political advantage, stand un er su picion because they do in denunciation of the govern- Boers realize the hopelessness of facilities to the people of Kent, he tesy of the very railway which not not not the views or speak the ment's expenditure, but entirely continuing the struggle. At sneeringly replied he was only they so bitterly assailed. The in-

pride in the British Empire is grounded not in its might or in its wealth, in the number of its subjects or in the extent of its territory, but in the justice and freedom which the flag protects; and for the honor of the British name we shall to the utmost extent of our power endeavor to maintain in this country justice to the minority, and to keep it at all times "a land where, girt by friend or foe, a man may speak the thing he

THE CONSERVATIVE MEET ING.

The Conservative rally at Kingston on the 19th inst, while well attended, was not a startling success in the enthusiasm evoked by the galaxy of political stars there assembled. The desire of our own member to show the proper courtesies to the bigger "guns" of Conservatism was overpowered by the self-consciousness of duty neglected in the past, and Mr. McInerney, after promising to be brief, made a lengthy speech in his effort to draw the herring across the trail. In fact that gentleman consumed so much time in denunciation of the Liberal party and its broken promises that he neglected to explain why Kent County since it got in opposition was enabled by the generosity or business intelligence of the Laurier Administration to obtain the public wharves and improvements which for so many years it demanded in vain from the Conser vative government through our present member. We were in hopes that at least Kent's member would give the people of this County an explanation for his action in opposing the extension of the I. C. Ry. to Montreal when that government's action was so thoroughly in the interest of all the north shore counties. Even land felt the necessity of explaining his own action in this regard, The French speaking citizens of and in a laboured argument tried Canada can afford to pass over in to prove that his opposition was to contemptuous silence the jingoism | the plan chosen rather than to the of the Conservative leaders whose extension itself. We thought Mr. politics are so much stronger than Powell had never appeared to such their patriotism that they, in an poor advantage as when trying to imperial crisis, would prove their convince the audience that the loyalty by endeavouring to foment | Minister of Railways had put the race and religious hatred between country to needless expense in the the various sections of the Cana- extension of the peoples railway dian people. The Empire realizes into the City of Montreal. If our that it owes more to the practical memory serves us, this new fit of loyalty of Canada's brilliant economy on the part of Foster, French-Canadian Premier than to Powell, McInerney et als has been a lifetime of lip services from the developed since they voted enthusiastically that the peoples money should be wasted in the Harris Land Job, the Curran Bridge steal, the Langevin Block scheme and the hundred and one boodling operations of which the Conservative government was guilty, particularly in its latter ance people. He says, "I would

Mr. Foster was as logical as usual and as usual proved the correctness of his conclusions by starting with promises or assumptions entirely untrue. It is always pleasant to hear Mr. Foster's criticism of men of action much as one listens to the murmuring of the wind on a sultry day in summer. what has been done by others were out.

a single argument was produced to show how the people of Kent or of Canada could benefit in the slightest by placing the Conservatives back in power; not an explanation was offered for the unforgotten treachery to crown and country by the "nest of traitors." Does Mr. Foster think the disgraceful record of the past has been forgotten by the people because he has been pleased to wipe it from the tablets of his memory? beat true to the Empire. The people of Kent require some thing more than graceful oratory, they demand some substantial reasons for voting against a government which for the past three years has given an honest, progressive and entirely successful administration of public affairs. For three years Canada has felt the benefit of better times than the people of the Dominion have ever known and the people realize that this prosperity has been at least assisted if not indeed produced by the present government. Our people were pleased to

listen to Mr. Bergeron, M. P., for Beauharnois, P. Q., who posed as the light comedian of the quartette. His denunciation of the Hon. Mr. Tarte was however not very favourably received, as that gentleman has shown a grasp of his department and of the improvements needed along the New Brunswick coast that was wanting in his Conservative predecessors. For the first time in many years Kent has been able to obtain much needed harbour and wharf improvements, and for this she has to thank the broad-minded energy of the Hon. Mr. Tarte. Our people prefer actions to words and think most highly of those state'smen who recognize in a practical way the needs of this section. Mr. Powell, M. P., tor Westmor- Our Acadian friends will prefer to follow Mr. Tarte whom they have tried rather than accept the judgment of Mr. Bergeron who has never shown any practical interest

in their welfare. To sum up-The speeches a Kingston while excellent as oratorical efforts or samples of debating society excellence, were but the rehash of the empty criticism which for months past has graced the columns of the Montreal Star and the St. John Sun. As one of the audience remarked at the close, the speeches forcibly reminded him of what was usually given to Indian beggars-scraps of dried bread and stale meats.

We have discovered at last where Mr. George E. Foster stands on the prohibition question. By his own statement he will do nothing until he tests the tempersimply wait and see what the temperance people would do, whether or not they had sand enough in them to punish the party who deceived them. Before I set I would test them.' We wonder how many more years Mr. Foster needs to test them; he tested them so long that he was chased out of Kings County by the prohibitionists who found he had measure, heaped up and running being guilty of any act that could used them merely as a stepping over. But when once we can say make for the benefit of the Pro- stone to his own advancement. vince of New Brunswick or for the Again he wants the temperance we shall insist on Canada having Dominion of Canada Like Ten- people to put him in power, but a voice in the question of peace or nyson's "Brook," the ex-Finance he won't even make promises to war; not counting the cost or the Minister babbles pleasantly on for- be a better boy when he gets number of England's foes, but ever in his demonstration that there But that game is played

language of the majority. Our failed to show a single item of Glencoe the British victory while that expenditure not warranted or | conclusive, was marked with very productive of good results. Not severe loss, especially of officers.

> The enrolling of the Canadian contingent of 1000 men is about completed and the difficulty encountered by the recruiting officiers has been rather who to reject among the gallant lads offering for service. The prompt response of our Canadian youth to the call for volunteers is the best answer to those who have ever doubted that the nation's heart

This Transvaal trouble is one of the best object lessons the world has had of the unity and strength of the British Empire. Heretofore Britain's strength has been estimated by her war chest the navy and the standing army. These are but the nucleus to which from this time must be added the enormous resources in men and money of the younger nations of the empire. The possibilities of Britain's future strength can scarcely be measured, for Canada, Australia and Africa are only now beginning to develop and each has undeveloped resources greater than the greatest nation of Europe.

THE KENT NORTHERN RY

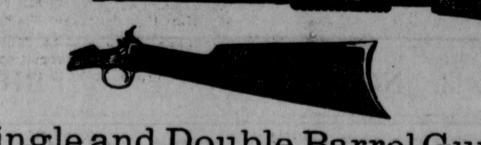
made by Messrs. Powell and Ber-

geron, M. P.'s on the Kent Nor-

hostile criticism by those of their

audience who were acquainted

with the facts of the case. For the benefit of those to whom the history of the building of this road is not an open book, it might be well to explain a few facts to show how entirely misplaced was the criticism of these Conservative stalwarts. In the first place, the Kent Northern Ry. unlike other branch lines in this Province and throughout Canada, was built without a subsidy from the Dominion Govt. Where other rail ways received from \$3 200 to \$6000 a mile for every single mile of their construction, Kent's influence with the Conservative gov ernment was only sufficient to get a promise of the rails and fasteners which might be needed for the road. How that promise was carried out, our present M P and his friends are fully aware. After months of persistent effort, enough old rails were obtained from Sir Charles Tupper, the then Minister of Railways, to commence with, but it took nearly five years after that to wring from that gentleman and his colleagues sufficient rails to cover the 27 miles of its construction. And what kind o rails were given even so unwillingly! More than six varieties embracing all the kinds, weights and varieties of old iron rails known to engineers from the time of Stephenson, the originator of railways. To show to what extent the Company were thwarted in their efforts to get what the Conservative government had promised, it is only necessary to say that many of the rails had to be taken from the P. E. I Ry., shipped to Pt. du Chene and over the I. C. Ry. to Kent Junction the expense of the Company. Sin Charles Tupper was cabled to England by F. A. Girouard, M. P., for Kent, in an effort to save this shameful outrage to the have not to thank the Conserva-County of Kent, but to no avail, tive party for much, and certainly and not even the freight over the not for the Kent Northern Ry. We are utterly opposed to jingo- Kingston meant when carried to The latest reports from the I. C. R. was remitted. In addi- which will compare favourably waged in the lust of dominion and Laurier Government had been last hard fighting had commenced and not a single spike was sup- vince, despite the criticism of successful; that its performances and, if the accounts which have plied by the Conservative govern | Messrs. Powell and Bergeron. were for the benefit of Canada, reached us are authentic, the ment in fulfillment of their promyield one inch to any movement but that Mr. Foster was disap- British troops have demonstrated ise. In fact when Sir Charles not behindhand in their kinel 1cinspired by race or religious pre- pointed because the government their marked superiority. At the Tupper was remonstrated with by ception of strangers, and neither judice; we will not, for any tem- had not introduced free trade and same time the skirmishers have an influential delegation from this Mr. Foster nor Mr. Bergeron would so produced a financial crisis in the shown that the losses on both County for his indecent treatment have been able to get to the meetcitizens bullied, insulted or held country's business. He was strong sides will be heavy before the of the effort to supply railway ing if it had not been for the cour-



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unevenness of the K. N. Ry. toold iron rails given grudgingly and after years of supplication by Sir Charles Tupper, the generous leader of the Opposition. No wonder Mr. McInerney tried to turn the nasty comments on this road into a humorous vein, for he knows full well that the boast of Conservative generosity (?) is best exemplified by the case of the railway under criticism by his indiscreet friends. The people of Kent realize full well that they with any branch road in this Pro-

The people of our County are

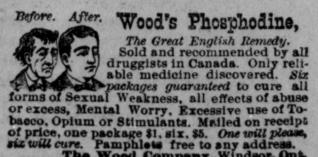
old iron rails used in its construct hours for these gentlemen, but this courteous act seemed lost on them, As can be imagined the gift as they not only neglected to was really only a burden in dis- thank the officials of the road for guise, for it was soon found im- their thoughtfulness, but took adpossible to run a road on all sizes vantage of their opportunity to inand weights of rails, and the light sult the Company. The next time 35 pound rails taken from the these gentlemen come to Kent narrow guage railway in P. E. I they will notice a great improveproved utterly useless. In the ment in the Kent Northern Ry., end the Company had to replace for the Conservatives are not in these and the main reason for the power to-day and the Liberal government has from the time of its day is the presence of some of the inception to power, shown a desire to promote the efficiency ef each and all of its feeders, and recognizes that the Kent Northern Ry. is certainly not the least important of these.

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