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AN EXPLANATION.

We very much regret the publication of a dialect article in THE REVIEW of two weeks ago dealing with the appointment of the Rev. Father Michaud as Vicar General. The County of Kent shared with pleasure the honor bestowed on a citizen respected by all, and we can assure our readers the scurrilous article in question was inserted in good faith as coming from a responsible source without our noticing its tenor or meaning. This was only possible from the fact that being in dialect the meaning was somewhat obscure. We tender to the Reverend Vicar General our fullest apologies for having been unfortunate enough to be the innocent means of making public an insult to one whom THE REVIEW and its many readers have learned to love and revere.

PROVINCIAL FINANCES.

The budget speech of Provincial Secretary Tweedie last week in the House of Assembly was a masterly summing up of the financial condition of this Province. Notwithstanding the increased grants to Education, Roads and Public Works the financial Secretary was able to show a snug balance of over \$14,000 as the net result of the past year. The estimated revenue and expenditure had both been exceeded, but in the main the figures placed before the country in last year's estimate were followed very closely in the actual result. The Provincial Secretary spoke at some length of the increased and ever increasing demand for better Educational facilities, for improvements in the roads and bridges of the different sections of the Province, which must necessitate a slight increase in the expenditure from year to year if this Province was to progress and develop. The debt of the Province had increased from year to year to meet the demand for railways, permanent bridges and public buildings, but every dollar of the expenditure had been wisely and economically made as was shown by the fact that neither the present opposition or its predecessors had opposed the principle of a single expenditure. Of the two million dollars of public debt, one-half was chargeable to railway subsidies paid out under the Railway Act of 1883 for which neither this government or its predecessors, the Mitchell or the Blair Administrations, were responsible. The Fraser government had passed that legislation in its dying days and by so doing had pledged the good faith of the Province. Yet no one to-day can find fault with the expenditure made for our Provincial railways, for none would care to go back to an era in which railway transportation was simply a dream of the future. There is nothing in the public

debt to give our people cause for worry. In extent it is not so great as the debt which the single city of St. John has voluntarily heaped upon itself. Rather would it have meant ruin to our Province if the system of constructing public works which prevailed previous to 1884 had been continued to this time. To cite an example: The northern division of the old New Brunswick Railway from Fredericton to Edmunston, a distance of about 175 miles, was built by the Province granting 10,000 acres of the finest timber lands in the Province per mile for construction. This one grant of 1,750,000 acres of timber land was and is to-day worth at least \$5 an acre which means that the Province paid in land \$7,750,000 as a grant to that one Railway or nearly four times the entire public debt of the Province. Nor was that all, for thousands and thousands of choice timber lands were recklessly sold to political favorites by the Fraser government at the absurd price of 50 cents an acre. The entry of the Blair government ended this reckless waste of public property and from that day to this not an acre of public land has been so given away or sold, excepting to bona fide settlers for agricultural purposes. We congratulate Mr. Emmerson and his government on the careful handling of the public revenues for the past three years and on the really encouraging statement of the past year's operations. All the ifs and ans of a specious pleader cannot deny facts or turn surpluses into deficits.

PROSPEROUS CANADA.

The attempt of the Hon. Geo. E. Foster to explain away the Canadian prosperity by attempting to prove that there has been an increase of values owing to the advance of prices on many lines rather than an increase of volume has been directly disprover by the experience of every class of our people, by the Bank clearings and by the increase in Railway earnings. Mr. Foster is a master hand at explanations and after spending 10 years explaining away the stagnation of Canadian industry prior to the advent of the Liberals to power, the habit has no doubt grown so strong upon him that he must explain away or perish. Mr. Foster reminds us of the story of the boy who had a terrible dream. He thought he died and in order to get to heaven he had to climb up a long ladder reaching out of sight in the clouds, and as he climbed he was to put a chalk mark on each rung of the ladder. He filled his pockets with chalk and started on the ascent, and as he toiled upward he met his father coming down the ladder. The boy asked his father why he was going in the wrong direction and the father replied that he was all out of chalk and was going down for more but feared he could never carry enough to serve him all the distance. So Mr. Foster is wending his weary way onward and upward chalking the rungs as he goes, but has now reached the spot where he meets his political father on the downward march in search of more chalk. Sir Charles tried for three years to prove there was no prosperity in Canada, but he finally run out of chalk and since then has given up the nonsensical attempt, whereupon Mr. Foster fills up his pockets and begins the attempt anew. But he can never carry chalk enough to reach the goal of his desires. The increase of values is all very well to account for some little part of the enormous increase during the past four years in the foreign trade of Canada, but it is entirely unable to account for the increase of over \$100,000,000. The increase in values applies only to

the iron and steel goods imported into and exported from Canada and would not account for over \$10,000,000 or a tenth of the entire increase in our volume of foreign trade. The fact that the Canadian Pacific Railway has increased its gross earnings no less than \$9,000,000 last year without any increase in freight rates and indeed with a decrease in the grain rates of 3 cents a bushel, is conclusive evidence that both domestic and foreign trade has increased in volume when coupled with the fact that the other Trunk lines, viz the Grand Trunk Ry and Intercolonial Ry, have shown a like increase in their freight earnings. All the figuring and explaining away of Mr. Foster will never prove to the people's satisfaction that Canada's enormous increase in prosperity since 1896 is a myth or a delusion.

And the best of it is that the prosperity is not only continuing but increasing. For the seven months of the present fiscal year the foreign trade of Canada was \$227,653,842 or an increase of over \$31,000,000 over the seven corresponding months of last year which would mean a gain of over fifty million dollars for the full year, if no unforeseen slump occurs. And every portion of this growing nation is sharing in the prosperity so that our people in every line of business feel the impetus that has been given by the business confidence inspired by the present Administration at Ottawa, and by a sensible trade policy which has conserved and enlarged our business transactions as a people. The National Policy is no longer a name to conjure with.

A MEAN ATTACK.

The attack made by the leader of the Opposition in the House of Assembly last week on the Commissioner of Agriculture for using the farmers meetings throughout the Province for party purposes is so unfair as to form its own reputation. Mr. Hazen read an anonymous letter in which the unknown writer charged that in the Institute meetings held in the County of Carleton the Hon. Mr. Labillois introduced party politics. The writer of this letter not only wrote what was knowingly false, but allowed his partisan spite to overreach his better judgment if indeed he possess such a quality. In his attack the unknown writer had evidently overlooked the fact that the Hon. Mr. Labillois has been a consistent Conservative and that he would be the last member of the Conservative to crush his fellow Conservatives. It needed not the testimony of the members from Carleton, Victoria, Northumberland, Gloucester and Westmoreland to convince the farmers of this Province of the absolute falsity of such a charge or of the mean motives which prompted the leader of the Opposition to make himself the catspaw of one of the meanest partisans in Carleton County. Yet the testimony of these members representing such widely separated portions of the Province was overwhelmingly conclusive to convince the portion of the public who have not had the privilege of attending the farmers institute meetings that the Opposition will stoop to any meanness to score a point. It is admitted by friend and foe alike that the Department of Agriculture has been conducted without any attempt at partisanship, as the numberless resolutions of the farmers themselves convincingly affirm. No word of party politics has been heard at any meeting from the Commissioner of Agriculture or from any of the lecturers, many of whom like the head of their department are Conservatives in federal politics. Mr. Hazen in reading a letter containing such a base charge was not doing justice to

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himself, for if he believed it to be true it was his duty to formulate a definite charge rather than hide behind an anonymous epistle. These Boer tactics he has no doubt copied from the federal opposition, as Sir Hibbert Tupper last session spent hours reading anonymous letters and in retailing bar-room and street corner gossip in his effort to ruin the reputation of the Hon. Clifford Sifton. It was a bitter reproach that the opposition member from Carleton County administered to his leader in adding his testimony to the two government members from that County that the Agricultural Department deserved nothing but praise. Mr. Hazen knew the insinuation he made was untrue, but it was evidently his purpose in reading the letter to stir up partisan feeling throughout the Province and prevent the agricultural policy from meeting with such general acceptance. If he could only get the farmers to forget their best interests and prefer party politics to their own concerns, his effort would be successful and the Province of New Brunswick would suffer. All these little straws thrown out by the leader of the Opposition prove what a providential escape the people of this Province had last winter from having the heavy yoke of party politics thrust on their necks in matters pertaining to local government.

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spectacle to make men wonder and angels weep.

That stalwart youth, Canada, has shown the world that she can take care of herself if necessity arises. Britain need no longer lose sleep over the unprotected state of her greatest colony. It would be easier for an enemy to get into this Dominion than to get out again.

The trouble is that now the British generals have had a sample of Canadian fighting stock, they are apt to insist on having an army of them.

The acorn of Imperial Unity has been sprinkled by the best blood of the different peoples forming the Empire, and in a night it has grown to a stalwart oak.

The relief of Ladysmith proves that Britain never counts the cost in keeping faith with her own. Any other nation would, in the face of almost insurmountable difficulties, have abandoned the gallant White and his heroes to their fate. That's why the Empire is filled with rejoicing at Buller's success. We have kept the faith.

Ladysmith, its heroic defence and gallant relief will march down the corridors of time arm in arm with Lucknow, Kars and Khartoum. It took Britain 14 years to avenge Gordon and 19 years to

avenge Colley, but interest has rolled up the score and made a huge debt when payment came to be exacted.

Canada exults even while she mourns over the graves of her heroes, for heroes never die in the sense of passing from us to be forgotten. The names of Chappel, Withers and Johnston are enshrined in the hearts and memories of New Brunswickers.

The noble tribute of W. W. Wells, M. P. P., for Westmorland in the House of Assembly on Thursday last to young Chappel, the first of the Canadian Contingent to die on African soil, will enshrine the dead hero in words of gold on the records of this Province. We cannot bring back the loved ones to their mourning relatives, but we can temper their grief by sharing it with them and by our assurance that the sacrifice has not been in vain.

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