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OUR OTTAWA LETTER

OTTAWA, March 21.-The Opposition and their friends do not require much material out of which to make a scandal, even though it should only survive long enough to pass through the newspapers and then be exploded. On Wednesday last Mr. Haggart asked the Public Accounts Committee to send for Mr. P. S. Archibald, and to this Mr. Blair objected. Mr. Haggart appealed to the Committee, and the Committee sustained the objection of the Minister of Railways. Mr. Haggart then made a dramatic threat to bring the matter before the House, apparently wishing innocent outsiders to believe that the cause of truth was being muzzled.

Within an hour afterward, it was announced on the bulletin board of the local Conservative paper that Mr. Rlair had, in the most high handed manner, given orders that no employe of the Intercolonial should be allowed to give evidence about the accounts. The correspondents of Conservatine papers embellished this story with other details drawn from their im agination, and the country was called up on to witness the way in which Mr. Blair desired to prevent the exposure of crook ed bookkeeping in connection with the Intercolonial. All sorts of strong terms were used in denouncing the alleged proceedings.

What are the facts? Mr. P. S. Archibald was the Chief Engineer of the Inter colonial up to 1897, when he was dismissed, after a judicial investigation, for active partisanship in issuing passes by the hundreds during the campaign of 1896 Since his removal Mr. Archibald has constituted himself the special coach of the Opposition in relation to Intercolonial affairs and during each session he spends a good deal of time at Ottawa in this capacity He has been brought here at public expense, and kept here day after day for the purpose of giving testimony against the Minister and those who are associated with him in the administration of the rail

Mr. Archibald knows nothing about ac counts. He has not been connected with the railway for five years, and could not possibly give any testimony of value in relation to the matters being inquired into by the Committee. He has been here so many times that the Committee could not see any defensible reason for bringing him up again at large expense to give evi dence about things quite outside of his knowledge. It would no doubt be a very nice thing for Mr. Archibald to spend three or four weeks at Ottawa at public cost; but really anything he might have to say would be of no more service to the country than the testimony of any other sore-head.

The Public Accounts Committee took up the questson of the purchase of ties by the Intercolonial yesterday. The Conservatives have been suspecting that the large order for ties last year and the year before had something to do with the elections, and they were particularly concerned about those bought from Mr. Frank Curran, of Bathurst. Mr. Pottinger was put on the stand, and he declared in the most positive way that he and the Chief Engineer were wholly responsible for the purchases, and that the Minister had had nothing to do with the matter. He had given the orders because he belie Id it to be in the public interest to do 80.

Mr. Pottinger's evidence was a great disappointment to the Opposition. They had fully counted on making some thing out of these tie purchases, but the General Manager was so clear and positive in

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nothing to go upon. As a matter of fact, all this talk which is current in Conservative newspapers about the cooking of accounts at Moncton is in the last degree absurd. There has been no change in the system since 1896, and the same men are keeping the accounts to-day who kept them in Mr. Haggart's time. They are men who were appointed by the Conservatives, and who could easily be brought to Ottawa to prove the faesity of the stories which are being told about the bookkeeping.

It is perhaps natural, however, that suspicion should be the chief stock in-trade of the Opposition. In fact, it has long been accepted as a proverb that all Oppositions believe all Governments to be corrupt, and this view will be shared by the genuine partisan without any regard whatever to facts. If the Apostle Paul were in the Government to-day there is not a Conservative paper in the land but would be insinuating all sorts of crimes and mis demeanors against him. It seems to be an essential part of the game of politics that one side should slander the other; but the calm-minded and onlooking public take very little stock in such tactics.

Proceedings in the House have developed nothing of special interest during the week. A large number of private bills have been advanced through various stages, and probably enough of these will have been passed by next week to give the Senators something to do when they resume work on Tuesday next. On Government days the time has been wholly taken up with the consideration of the Public Works estimates, and notwithstanding all the tricky schemes of the Conservatives they have not been able once to trip up Mr. Tarte. His ready wit and grasp of the matters under review have rendered all their attacks harm-

The budget is announced for Monday. It may possibly indicate a somewhat larger addition to the public debt last year than at any time since 1896; but the average for the six years of Liberal rule will still be less than one third of what it was doing the 13 years of Conservative administration. For the year beginning 1st July next the Minister may possibly announce a curtailment of the expenditure, which, in view of the steady growth of the revenue, ought to enable him to predict a large surplus for 1903. It is not believed that any tariff changes will be

The trade of the country is keeping up in a really remarkable way. A year ago Mr. Fielding spoke of the crest of the wave having probably been reached; but the official figures indicate that he erred on the side of caution. For the eight months ending 28th February the aggregate trade of the country reached the large figure of \$275,947,856, or an increase of \$17,500,000 over the corresponding period last year. The larger increase was in imports, and this of course. has had a helpful effect upon the public revenue, gonde, Que., Valve. For the eight months the excess of exports over imports was \$10,000,000, wnich may be regarded as a very encouraging result.

When Sir Leonard Tilley introduced the National Policy in 1879 he explained hat the chief object in view was to les-

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his statements that they were left with sen imports and increase exports, whereby a large balance of trade in favor of Canada would be brought about. In practice this result was not achieved. On the contrary, the balance of trade against us arose year by year, until it exceeded \$200,000,000 before the Conservatives were relieved from responsibility by the country. It is quite possible to exaggerate the value of the balance of trade; but whatever there may be in such a result the Dominion will now receive under the fiscal policy of the present Administra-

> At Wednesday's sitting of the House Dr. Russell, of Halifax, brought up the subject of securing uniformity of the laws relating to property and civil rights in Ontario, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and a very interesting and instructive debate followed. The subject was regarded by both sides as one of great importance, but a majority of the speakers seemed to think that the initiative would have to be taken by the Provinces direct ly affected. The subject was discussed up to the dinner hour and was then dropped; but it will probably come up again.

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CANADA.

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Ont., Harrow.

75,059-Arthur A. Francis, Bergamo, Itala, Ore concentrating apparatus. 75,060-John W. Graat, Thurso, Que.,

Non-refillable bottle. 75,063 -- Messrs. Black & Worrall, Halifax, N. S., Fruit Sizer.

UNITED STATES. 694,466-Geo. C. Ferguson, Frederic-

ton, N. B., Cork Extractor. 694,502-Joseph Tremblay, Ste. Cune-

694,950-James Drover, St. John's, Nfld., Spool Cabinent. Write for a copy of "The Inventor's

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ARE AGAIN UNDER REVIEW.

OTTAWA, March 13 .- When the public accounts committee met to-day the Intercolonial accounts were again under re-

The auditor general was again on the stand as witness. He presented the vouch ers in regard to 1,237 tons of coal which the account.

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appropriation. It should not have been

included in the suspense account. Mr. D. Pottinger, general manager of the Intercolonial, was the next witness. Examined by Mr. Barker, he said that in 1900 he had provided for 800,000 ties to Company, as well as the unfailing loyalty be purchased for the Intercolonial. There of service upon which he could always were tenders for 335,000. When these were delivered he arranged with those who were supplying ties to the Intercolonial siderate, honourable, and straight-forward that he would take about all that they could take out during the winter. This tract with him in the ondinary course of was on account of the scarcity of ties for | business, and he was regarded in every the past two years. What he asked for direction with high personal esteem. The in the first case was hemlock, cedar, personal element is not without its influtamarac and princess pine, but as they ence in susiness, and Mr. David Jardine's were scarce some spruce was purchased. charming personality has been a valuable The result of his order given in Novem- asset enjoyed by the Cunard Company ber or December in 1900 was that 1,250, over a very long period of time. His were nearly one-half million ties used in the year. In one year he used as many as 650,000. He gave the running order on his responsibility and did not expect that he would have received so many ties. The price of ties was increasing and the people had better employments, which added to the price, of the ties purchased 185,000 at 25 9 10th cents were bought from Frank Curran. Charles McManus was inspector of the ties. A charge was made against McManus that he passed ties which were too short and in some cases fir and poplar had been accepted. In May last Mr. Price, general superintendent commenced to look into the charges. In September the matter was transferred to Mr. Russell, the manager, who was look. ing into it until the snow came on the ground and the investigation would be pursued in the spring. Mr. McManus was removed from tie inspector after the charge was made. The track inspectors in some cases designated sections for men to do the inspection and while it was discovered that some poplar and fir ties had been received and also that some were short, it was not

In answer to Mr. Emmerson, Mr. Potinger said that Mr. Curran, who got the contract for 185,000 ties; was manager for Mr. F. W. Sumner. Mr. Sumner was a Conservative. He (Pottinger) had told Mr. Blair about this contract as it was a large one, but in regard to the other he did the best he could to get the ties.

shown that McManus had passed them.

To Mr. Blair, witness said that in no case did he pay for the ties any figure higher than the lowest tender. What he had done in respect to the Curran contract was to report the matter to Mr. Blair and the minister approved of it.

In answer to Mr. Emmerson, Mr. Pottinger said that Mr. McManus was a man of good report, belonging to one of the best families in the province and repudiated the charge against him.

Mr. Pottinger then gave figures to show that there was nothing unusual in a suspense account in the I. C. R. It was done during the Conservative time as same as now.-Globe.

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THE INTERCOLONIAL ACCOUNTS AN ENGLISH OPINION OF MR. JAR-DINE.

> In connection with the address to David Jardine by the Cunard Company, published in our last issue, the Liverpool

> Post editorially says: "A good deal of public interest attaches

to the remarkable gathering that took place at the Cunard Company's offices was purchased at \$5 per ton. He said vesterday, when Mr. David Jardine was that Mr. Pottinger had placed a note to the recipient of an address, presented to him by the staff of the Cunard Company. 'Mr. Blair looking over the accounts, In a very felicitous speech Mr. Moorhouse said that the coal was purchased at St. dwelt upon the high business capacity of John when there was a shortage on ac- Mr. Jardine, and upon his wonderful memory, and then, with a most happy Mr. McDougall explained that of the transition, remarked that in one respect Lumbago. \$213,000 suspense account \$46,000 was Mr. Jardine was as remarkable for a paid in July at the beginning of the fiscal | beautiful forgetfulness. He could never | description and many were the medicines year, for which there was, of course, an remember faults. These observations convey an excellent idea of Mr. Jardine's kindly, genial character, and go far to explain the happiness of the relations that have always been maintained between Mr. Jardine and the staff of the Cunard rely. But they do more than this. them. Mr. Jardine was the same courteous, congentleman to everyone who came in conbusiness capacity, too, was on the same plane as his fine personal character, and it is not too much to say that business life is elevated and sweetened by the influence of men of his calibre and character. He has served the public well both as a director of the Cunard Company, as a member of the Dock Board, and in several other important capacities, and at the close of a most honourable career retires from the Cunard Company not only with the affectionate good wishes of all connected with that company, but with the good wishes and friendship of all business Liver-

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In its series of sketches of wives of cabinet ministers, the Toronto Globe, in last Saturday's issue, has the following reference to Mis. Blair, wife of the Minister of Railways, accompanied by an excellent picture of that much esteemed

"Mrs. Blair, wife of the Hon. the Minister of Railways and Canals has won for herself a host of friends since she came with her husband from her home in New Brunswick, when in July, 1896, he was invited by the Prime Minister to be a member of the Government. Mrs. Blair was the daughter of the late Mr. George Thompson, Deputy Superintendent of Education of Fredericton, N. B, and she was married to the Hon. Andrew George Blair in Oct. 1866. The brightness of her home life has been deeply shadowed lately by the death of her second daughter, trial will convince you." Car- whose drowning in the Ottawa River, to ries with it no deception gether with Mr. Harner who had general her rescue, was one of the saddest incidents in the history of Ottawa, Mrs. Blair is a very kindly and genial hostess, and, like the wives of most of the Cabinet Ministers, has entertained during other sessions very generously. She is an excellent homemaker, and, following the example of "the excellent woman," she personally "looks well to the ways of her house-hold," while in all philanthropic movements she is ever ready to give practical help and sympathy,"

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