

When Tarte's Manipulation of the Terms of a Tender was Exposed He Threatened to Dismiss All Conservative Office Holders If the Opposition Did Not Let Him Alone.

But what the committee wanted to know was, where the dominion treasury came in. If the attorney general of Manitoba chose to make himself a political prosecutor, why did not Manitoba pay the bills? The case began as a Manitoba case. Mr. Howell is a standing counsel of the Manitoba government. How came the affair into the Canadian treasury at all? What business had the minister of the interior accepting drafts and pay-

Mr. Oliver, Mr. McMullen and Mr. Flint came to the rescue of the minister. Nobody is surprised that Mr. Flint does so, because that happens on every opportunity. Since his wonderful speech on Mr. Tarte's "jamboree" it is understood that neither the minister of public works, nor any other member of the cabinet, can by any instigation of the devil discover or execute any possible steal or outrage of any sort which Mr. Flint will not be prepared to defend. Mr. Oliver

Possibly Mr. Russell does not see the opposition an injustice in this presentation of the case, if it would examine the order paper any day now, and see on it at least a dozen government bills to which no party opposition has been given. Of course many of these are not important measures and generally they are not controversial. But suppose the opposition members should do nothing but oppose and fight every one of these measures. They could cause the defeat of two or three of Sir Henri Joly's important revenue bills, and possibly might prevent Mr. Mulock passing his post office bill. As a matter of fact out of about at least twenty-five measures which the government brought forward this session only three or four have met with anything like a party opposition. Take any bill, the franchise bill, the two or three tariff bills, for example, have been opposed. But Mr. Mulock's bill, numbering two or three, Sifton's bill, numbering something like half a dozen, four or five from the department of justice, three or four from the customs and excise departments, and as many from the marine department, and several others of a miscellaneous character, including the plebiscite, have been passed through or are going through without being anything as party opposition. There is no doubt that if the government had taken up the insolvency question or

ures suggested by Mr. Russell could possibly be more objectionable to the opposition, and certainly Mr. Fitzpatrick is not at all inclined to labor over them more than he did over the franchise bill. The solicitor general seems to be an earnest officer, desirous of performing his political duties in the least offensive manner possible, and it may be said to his credit that though he had in charge a measure which was highly unsatisfactory to the other side of the house, he has conducted the discussion in such a manner as to have won the sympathy higher with the opposition than he would when he took the matter up. He has been conciliatory and has made many concessions. He would have made many more if his leaders in the cabinet had not prevented him. As it is, Mr. Fitzpatrick would be safe in taking up any scheme of commercial legislation with the assumption that the opposition would give him every assistance in carrying it through. If the ministers would take up such work as Mr. Russell wishes to assign to a parliamentary committee they would be themselves kept out of a good deal of mischievous legislation. Suppose, for instance, that Mr. Fitzpatrick had introduced a simple franchise bill for the dominion, providing the widest basis of suffrage ad-

I am happy to be able to inform you that the vigor of our association remains unimpaired, membership increases, meetings of lodges of every degree are numerously attended, the noblest of our meetings grows apace, and a cheering sign is the steady accession of young men to our ranks. The condition of the association, in a word, is flourishing, and its usefulness, both in the inculcation of right principles, and the promotion of social intercourse, is becoming more and more manifest in the present time.

Since our last annual meeting it has been my privilege, in company with a number of our brethren in Canada, to attend the meeting of the triennial council, held in Glasgow, Scotland, on July 14th and 15th, 1897. The gathering was a most successful and influential, and representative of the vigor of Orangemen throughout the empire. Our reception by the good people of Glasgow was cordial in the extreme, the hospitality extended to us unbounded, and the sentiment in which their welcomes, both public and private, were expressed, was most active sympathy with the principles of our order pervades the people of this flourishing portion of the kingdom. In my address as imperial grand president, I took occasion to extend, in your name, a warm invitation to the triennial council to hold its next meeting in the city of Montreal. Our members, on your behalf, an enthusiastic, heartfelt, fraternal greeting, and while it was not found convenient at that time to accept the invitation, I cherish the hope that are many years have elapsed the privilege will be afforded us in Canada, of repaying, in some measure, the kindness we are under to the triennial council.

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