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#### Our Ottawa Letter.

In their attempt to draw public attention from the deplorable condition of their own finances we are constantly remined by Tory stompers and Tory press | if you do, and you will get your money's that Sir Richard Cartwright had deficits; that in fact his was an era of deficits.

Let us look at the figures as they present themselves in the last volume of of listening to the polished and saintly

Public Accounts.

June, 1873, to the 30th June, 1879 (6) years), the aggregate dehcits amounted to \$6,426,958, while the surplus for two years-1874 75-amounted to \$1,824,419, which, deducted from the above, lett an actual deficit for the six years of \$4,602,

have been very liberal in my calculation. \ made its appearance to my hon friend for I have held the Grits responsible for who sits opposite me (Sir Richard), an all expenditure from 30th of June, 1873. to 30th of June, 1879, although they did | cheek, deceit, dishonesty of Foster talknot come into office until 7th of November, 1873, and went out on 16th of Octuber, 1878.

the deficit on the 30th of June, 1879, was \$1,937,999, I do not wish to give those who are talking about Grit deficits any the Mackenzie administration. chance to say we cook our figures, or manipulate them to bear out our own Foster talking of "unwelcome visitat agreement. I would rather err the other way. I do not wish to interfere with the | cits." He said last session that if he did Tory monopoly, for they have a monop-

oly of manipulation. was an actual deficit of \$4,602,538. No attempt is made to deny it nor to conceal of millions of dollars that might have the fact, but let us look as to the other conditions of our finances under which this deficit occurred.

The total customs duties collected during the 6 years indicated was \$80,730,520 while the total value of goods imported for home consumption was \$618,868.389, making the average rate of duty 13.04 per cent. From 1880 to 1894 the total customs duty collected was \$311,634,394 and the total value of goods imported for home consumption was \$1,610.575,211,

Had this rate of duty imposed by the Tories been applied to the imports during the period from the 30th of June, 1873, to the 30th of Jone, 1879, instead | Commissioners of District No. 3 .- Carriof a tax averaging 13 04 per cent, the ed. Liberals would have taken just \$38,858 636 more out of your pockets to swell the

treasury receipts. Grit deficits resulted under a 13.04 road accounts: per cent, rate of duty, while the threatened deficit of six million dollars for this year alone, (aggregating more than the total deficits from 1873 to 1879) is one of the results of a tariff that has averaged 19.34 per cent. for the past sixteen years.

Just here let me ask you to stop and J. O'Connor " think whether it was not better that you | G. McDougall " should have had a deficit of \$4,603,638 in | G. Lawrie the treasury under a 13 04 per cent rate A. Kerr of duty, than to have been taken 19 34 J. R. Wilson per cent. on your imports that \$38,858, D. McDonald " 636 more might be taken out of your Lovett Bros., filling in pit 7 days.. pockets, which would have been the case D. Wilson had the Tory rate of duty been imposed | W Murphy by Sir Richard Cartwright.

There seems to be but one answer to J. J. Cameron, sharpening picks ...

On the other hand had Tory govern. F. Lovett, filling in pit and keepment continued the average rate of duty difference between Liberal customs tariff and Tory customs tariff has taken just \$101,615,387 out of your pockets since the 12th of March, to meet at 10 a. m. 1879 without any reference to the exorbitant prices the manufacturer has been able to charge you as a result of the high protection given him.

These are facts "Tory Stumpers" do not discuss with you when out on their missionary trips trying to convert you to their faith.

It is not such a difficult problem to work out, although figures and statistics do not, as a rule, make very entertaining reading,

It must strike the average reader that if there was a deficit in the treasury during the Liberal administration there has been a tenfold greater one in your own pockets as a result of the taxes Tory ad mi...istration has been taking out of you during the past sixteen years. The Tory government is now going to keep you company with their deficit, which, on the 30th of June, will exceed the aggregate deficit for the whole term the Liberals

Had I made my comparison with the 5 years from 30th June, 1873, to 30th June, 1878, the showing would have been even more favorable to the Liberals, and unfavorable to the government But I have given the Tories every chance that they may have no ground for disputing my figures, unless to say that I have been too lenient; too kind.

Yet in view of all these facts they talk about Grit deficits.

The next time you hear Haggart, Patterson, Montague, or any other Tory

about Grit deficits, refresh his memory with some of the facts I have here given you and ask him if he has not omitted to tell you something. You will corner him

himself out of a hole.

And should you have the opportunity eloquence of Foster, before the campaign On page 70 we find that from the 30th is over, just ask him to repeat that portion of his budget speech of last session which appears on page 187 of Hansard, travel on. There are men enough out of where he told you that he was going to follow the example of the prudent householder, &c., and keep his expenditure within his income-" so that (to use his own words) in the end we shall not have Now I want you to bear in mind that I | that unwelcomed visitation which so often ngly and illvisaged deficit." The gall, ing in this way to the House when he knew that at the rate of expenditure the government was going on with, their bare spots could be covered, and a variety But I want to be charitable, Although | deficit at the end of the year could not fall short of double the amount the deficit had aggregated during the whole term of

Can you help smiling when you hear ions," and of "ugly and illvisaged defi not cut down expenditure he would have a deficit, and why did he, in face of this, Now we find that for the 6 years there ask parliament to ratify his estimates present on our back roads? The great making appropriation for the expenditure been delayed until his finances were in a better condition.

#### Vaughan Council

The council of the municipality of the township of Vaughan met at the town hall on Tuesday, Feb'y 12th.

The reeve in the chair. Members pretent: Messrs. Arnold, Bryson, Kirby tions, Mr. Editor, hoping some action and Watson.

The following petition was presented: showing an average rate of duty of 19.34 | From Albert Banks and 23 others re cutting hill between lots 12 and 14, 8th con. Moved by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Bryson, that the petition of Albert Banks and 23 others be referred to the

> Moved by Mr. Kirby, seconded by Mr. Arnold, that the treasurer be and is hereby authorized to pay the following

District No. 1-Thus Pearson, putting in culvert

and drawing material on Thern-

hill side road, 3rd con .....\$10 12 District No. 2-R. Davis, drawing 36 yds.gravel... 9 00 6 37 G. Jarrett G. Lawrie, 101 loads gravel....... 10 10

ing time ...... 5 00 imposed by the Liberals, since they came | J. Fenwick, work on road 41 days 4 50 in power, in place of your paying \$311, A Gray, work in pit 7 days ....... 7 00 Friday evening. 634,394 into the treasury through the G Ezard, work in pit 7 days ..... 7 00 customs house, you would have only been | H. O Brien, 207 loads gravel ..... 20 70 called upon to pay \$210,019,007. The T. Cairns, 5 days levelling gravel.. 5 00

-Carried. The council adjourned until Tuesday,

## Good Roads.

To the Editor of THE LIBERAL

SIR, - While so much is being said in a general way about "good roads" and "hard times," it might not be out of medium of your valuable paper that | nesday evening. would apply to both subjects as they present themselves to us in our own coun-

The roads in Markham and Vaughan townships are generally good, but, owing to the recent storms, they are now in a very bad condition. In some places they are dug out in ditches, with walls of snow on each side so high you can scarcely see over them, and so narrow that teams are not able to pass, except at irregular intervals where the driits are less deep or well, and Manitoba air seems to agree where a place has been dug out for the | with him. were in power, including the deficit of purpose. From this state of things, unless you are thoroughly familiar with the | visiting at Mr. J. Craddeck's. road and are constantly on the watch, you are apt to meet some team in a deep cut where you are forced to either climb the bank and flounder through the deep snow, or dig yourself out. This is more apt to occur at night when you can neither see the approaching team nor form any idea

of the best place for meeting it. Besides this the track is broken up into innumerable holes and pitches so deep that in going down them you feel as if you were going down an elevator and the boy had let it drop. You then strike

minister, or any of their satellites talking | the bottom of the pitch with a force that almost breaks your back and makes your teeth rattle. In some places, as the Elgin road, these pitches occur every rod or two for long distances.

It is not only the back roads that are worth of fun seeing him trying to wriggle | blessed with this state of things, as there are many places on Yonge street where teams cannot safely pass and where the pitches are enough to break a cutter,

With the amount of money collected on the York Roads surely means can be found to make the road at least safe to work who would be glad of a job on the roads, and who could by that means keep their families from distress till spring opens and more work opens up for them. Through the township there is not a division but could give useful employment to one or two men. They could be employed under the pathmaster, and he could direct them from day to day in their work. The tracks could be kept level and the places for turning out larger and more numerous, and as spring comes, of work would present itself all tending to improve traffic and at the same time help the poor man through his hardest

season, Money spent in this way is not lost to the farmer, as it enables him to make the best use of the snow and do a great amount of work which the present condition of the roads renders almost impossible. Who could team hay to the city at advantage of living on Yonge street is that, as a general thing, when the back roads are too bad for teaming, the farmer can depend on Yonge street being good, and from this cause can often take advantage of a sudden rise in prices. If the back roads were looked after properly every farmer would be able to make Toronto market safely with a load of hay at any season of the year.

I simply throw out these few suggesmay be taken, if not on the plan indicated above, on some other workable scheme that will give both good roads and at the same time afford much needed work for the poor.

Yours truly,

OBSERVER.

## Maple

Richmond Hill, Feb'y 19th, 1895.

On Monday evening the Methodist C. E. society was visited by three large sleigh loads of young people from Edgely. After a short devotional exercise, led by Rev S. Noble, refreshments were served and a sociable time spent.

Two sleigh loads of Foresters from here visited the lodge at Woodbridge on Monday night and had a very enjoyable evening.

Last Friday evening about thirty of the young people of the Presbyterian church visited the home of Mr. T Walkington, on the 3rd concession, and took the inmates by surprise. During the " 11 " ... 1 28 evening a purse containing a handsome sum of money was presented to Miss Annie Walkington, in recognition of her services as organist in the church.

> The annual social of the Presbyterian church is to be held in the manse next

> The Methodist S. S. had their sleigh ride on Tuesday afternoon. In the evening tea was served in the vestry of the church, and after tea a programme was given by members of the school. Sargeon's monthly sale on Friday last was well attended, and a large number of

cattle sold. On Wednesday evening Mr.J. Simpson, of Toronto, gave a lecture in the Methodist church on temperance work. He and his daughters are giving entertain-

ments in aid of the Grand Lodge Miss S. McDonald gave a very enjoyaplace to make a few remarks through the | ble party to some of her friends on Wed-Mr. D. Brown and daughter, of Mc-

Keesport, Penn., are visiting at Mr. W. Bailey's. Mr. E J. Cousins, and family, of Toronto, were visiting at Mr. T. Cosin's,

over Sunday. Miss Patry Lines, of Toronto, is home on a short vacation. Rev. F. E. Fietcher, of Winning, and former pastor of Maple, paid a short visit to friends here last week. He is king

Mr. and Mrs. G. Gray, of Yok, are

CLARK-At Dollar, on Wednesday, For y 20th, 1895 Mary Clark, relict of the Clark, aged 76 years. Funeral on Friday at 1 p. m., to stonville Methodist Cemetery.

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