THE PROVINCIAL SITUATION

use in condemning corruption, or condemning the "saw off" unless some remedy can be proposed. The saw-off is the logical result of treating an election trial as a piece of private litigation. If an election ceedings as if he were suing for a private debt or a private injury. If it is a public matter, the public ought to take charge of it and pay the expense. It is a public matter. Corruption and fraud in elections are crimes, just as and treating them like private injuries. They should be treated as offences not against a candidate, or a party, or a constituency, but against the whole people—against the electorate and against the legislature, which is insulted and contaminated by the presence of men who are the beneficiaries of crime the receivers of stolen goods. Offences against the election law should be pub licly prosecuted. There should be officers charged with this duty. They should be independent of both parties, and at present the plan that occurs t us is to put them in a position similar to that of the Auditor-General. At all events, some change of that kind must be made unless we are content to have a continuation of fraud and corruption, a continuation of useless talk against fraud and corruption, a continuation of the wearisome "You're another" argument, a continuation of the saw-offs and the general state of affairs which makes honest men angry and ashamed and allows the corrup-

Another important matter is the protection of provincial and municipal Interests in the legislation that comes before the House. In a fight between advantage. The corporation has its high-priced solicitors' counsel and wellpaid agents, trained by long experience to deal not only with laws, but with men. They study the characters of legislators their fads their ways of thinking, their strong and weak points. They work systematically, and with all the advantages of organization and concentration. The municipal interests are often left to be defended in a haphazard way. Half a dozen small muncipalities can be dealt with and be heaten in detail by the great, wellorganized corporate army. Now there ought to be an organized opposition to the corporate and private lobby, and it ought to have a leader. That does not mean that the corporations and great moneyed interests are always wrong. Sometimes they may be right, and their opponents may be unreason able. But there ought to be a fair field. The municipalities and the general public ought to be as well organized and as well-led as the corporations and the persons who are obtaining pulp concessions and water-power concessions and electric railway franchises. The leader on the popular side ought to be the Prime Minister or the Attorney-General, or some officer specially appointed by the government or legislature to guard the public interest. If the government fail, the work ought to be done by the leader of the opposition. The plain truth is thathe duty of protecting the public interest in these matters has been abandoned since Sir Oliver Mowat and Sir William Mere-

able opposition to any enterprise which promises to develop the resources waterpower, at Niagara Falls or elsewhere, is a trustee for the Province and ence of passengers. The railway company is a trustee. The electric railway belongs to its master. So a company which obtains the right to use the their own lighting or heating, or run their own car service.

Along with this the private corporations and holders of franchises ought should be compelled to abandon lobbying and other accret and undernand means of influencing legislation; and they should not be allowed to contribute campaign funds or interfere in elections in any way. For an honest corporation this will be be a safeguard. It will be compelled to do its duty, but it will be protected in its rights, prohibited from "rake-offs" and demands for contributions to elections. It will be the trustee of the péople, but its money will not be the prey of any politician.

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Certainly the overture to a royal ball is anything but attractive—the slow, almost endless procession of carriages creeping along the Mall and halfing every few. yards; but this, like all things, comes to an end, and when at last we emerge thru the palace gates, where a courteous police official takes our cards of invitation, and pass into the courtyard, gay with the uniforms of the Household Cavalry Guards and Hussars, the translation is a delightful antepast of all that is to come

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