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CAN LORD STANLEY INDORSE THIS VERDICT?

The infamy has been accomplished. Sin Hector Langevin has been acquitted of all blame for the huge plundering in the department controlled by him. It is held by the high tax majority in the House of Commons that he can in no sense be made responsible for the peculations of hundreds of thousands of dollars that have taken place while he managed the Public Works Department. It is true the majority is only 15, but still it is humiliating to know that the leaders of a great political party should deliberately call upon their follow ers to vote this man innocent in face of the damning evidence to the contrary. Still, it may be just as well that the full depths of the degradation shall be reached now, if it is fated the worse shall come before the

There is a very significant difference between the beggarly majority of fifteen in a comparatively full House, and the majorities of from 40 to 70 that Sir John Macdonald was accustomed to obtain in previous Parliaments. The numbers show on what a slender thread the life of the arraigned Government stands. It has whitewashed Sir Hector, while condemning minor offenders, in face of the protestations of its members. But the cause is not far to seek. The knowledge is general that the condemnation of Lan gevin would involve the condemnation of Chapleau, of Haggart, and of half a dozen others in the aggregation. What more natural then that these men should resolve to stand or fall together. They hang to gether lest perchance they hang separately. The country cannot approve of such partiality. The honest men in both parties, the honest men of no very decided party alliance, must now be convinced that the country's honor and good name cannot be advocated by sending a McGreevy or a Senecal into exile while the men who alone afterded these men facilities for exploiting the public treasury are voted "jolly good fellows," acquitted of all blame and told to wait a little and higher honors

The Governor-General should suspend his holiday amusements long enough to seriously consider the whole question of the right of these men to longer pretend that they honestly represent the Canadian people. It is now on record that the existence of the rascalities laid bare in the course of the long and memorable session now drawing to a close was brought to the attention of the Government prior to last Parliamentary contest. The Government then refused to investigate the charges. Sir John Macdonald told his informant that he knew there was no truth in them. On the hustings the accusations, sustained by documentary proof, were repeated, and were again denied by the Ministers. Now these most serious charges and many more have been proved, to the hilt, and forsooth we are told that the dereliet Ministers are in no sense to be held responsible; that the false pretenses upon which they secured a bare majority in the House should not be taken notice of by

his Excellency?

Members of the Quebec Government have been accused of wrong-doing, and though the Legislature has had no chance of considering or investigating the charges, Lieutenant-Governor Angers—a good Con-servative, like the Governor-General—has demanded full explanations and a royal commission to inquire into the alleged misdeeds. This course is applauded by the Hamilton Spectator, is inclined to kick defenders of Langevin, Haggart and Chapieau. Shall there be one view of a Governor's duty applied to the smaller legislative body and another to the greater one

A COMMENTARY ON PREMIER ABBOTT.

Much as the Canadian people came now of the arts and wiles of Hon. J. J. C. Abbott in the matter of the Pacific Railway scandal, as revealed by the investigations of eighteen years ago, it is safe to say that much remains unrevealed, which, if brought to light would help to show up the "old conniver" in his true colors. The following letter is now printed for the first time:

"MONTREAL, Aug. 2, 1872. "Dear —, I have yours of the 30th today as I was in the county on the 31st and
yesterday. I have of course heard partieulars of the meeting at Grenville, which I
considered satisfactory. There is no doubt
whatever that Pridham is not only willing
and energetic, but really clever, and I have
great confidence from what I saw in Grenville waterday that we shall do well at the wille yesterday that we shall do well at the poll if there should be one. My impression is that there will not be a poll, as so far there has been no response to Bellingham's attempted excitement on railway matters. "There has been no final arrangement yet of the willow there they be well as the property of the willow the willow the property of the willow the will be will

of the railway question between the rival would-be kings. Indeed negotiations between them have practically ceased for the moment, but I think matters are settling down into a position which will leave the casting vote pretty much in the hands of the Government, and I think now arrangements are likely to be made that the casting the Government, and I think now arrange-ments are likely to be made that the casting voice will be thrown in Allan's direction. It is extremely difficult to deal with the matter, inasmuch as any announcement in Lower Canada of any advantage promised to Allan over the other party would prob-ably hurt Sir John A. in Upper Canada. We are therefore keeping very quiet about the matter, but I feel confident that the promises Sir George makes as to his inten-tions and the exercise of his influence are such as to place matters practically under such as to place matters practically under the control of our company. There is noth-ing so definite as I would have wished about the matter, but I am not dissatisfied with the extent to which Cartier has com-

mitted himself. mitted himself.

"Of course you will be cautious in discussing the matter with any Upper Canadian, or, in fact, with anyone. The announcement here has been made that Cartier's pledges have been satisfactory; but no details are given as yet, and it is not intended they shall be given if it can be intended they shall be given if it can be avoided in the end, but by putting off the elections here as long as possible the damage will not be so great if Cartier should find himself obliged to state publicly or otherwise that he favors the Lower Cardia Carmenar, Yours sincerely. Canadian Company. Yours sincerely, "J. J. C. Abbott."

Mr. Abbott was at this time deep in the Pacific Scandal plot. He knew just how far Sir George Cartier was committed to the scheme of Sir Hugh Allan and his American associates, for he was the man who drew up the agreement whereby the money of Allan and his American associates, was paid over to Sir George, Sin John A., Sir Hector and the rest of them to buy a majority for the Government in the new Parliament. He was therefore in a position to speak with authority when he ould say that matters were settling down into a position that would leave the casting vote in the hands of the Government and that the casting vote would be thrown in Allan's direction. The Government was not in a position to do anything else, in view of the agreement and the money paid thereunder. The "two rival would-be kings," were, of course, Sir Hugh Allan and Si David MacPherson-"Long David," as Mr. Abbott was in the habit of calling him in those days. But even so clever a conniver as Mr. Abbott foundit "extremely difficult" to play the would-be kings against each tage promised to Allan over the other party would hurt Sir John A. in Upper Canada. "We are therefore keeping very quiet about the matter, but I feet confident that the promises Sir George makes as to his intentions and the exercise of his influence are such as to place matters practically under the control of our company." Mr. Abbott has always been credited with knowing the side on which his bread was buttered, and "Our Company" was at that time receiving his closest attention. He would not on any account have it known in Upper Canada at that early date how matters were shaping. for that would play the deuce with Sir John A. "Long David" had to be toyed with and kept in the dark a little longer, until most of the elections in Upper Car were over. Then, "by putting off the elections here as long as possible, the dammage will not be so great if Cartier should find himself obliged to state publicly or otherwise that he favors the Lower Cana-dian Company." And for the very best of reasons Mr. Abbott was not dissatisfied

ing calls for this, that and another ten This long unpublished letter of Hon. J. J. C. Abbott is very interesting. It is a commentary on the man; and the better the epple of Canada know him as revealed by words and works the worse they will like him. He is to-day the same J. J. C. Abbott that he was nineteen years ago when he helped to plot the Pacific Scandal

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mitted himself, for Mr. Abbott held the

bond and was at that very time busy meet-

IMPOSSIBLE TO DEFEND, EXCUSE

OR PALLIATE. Our city contemporary plies the whitewash brush as liberally as any of the high tax organs in these days of paliating wrongdoing. Its fellow Conservative organ, the against the demands made upon it by the party leaders at Ottawa. It says of the charges brought against Sir Hector Lan-

at Ottawa?

After the Governor-General has counted his fish, we would submit to Lord Stanley the propriety of considering this question in a serious, non-partisan mood. Surely he cannot believe that if the constituencies had been in March last fully seized of the feets regarding the plundering of the people, they would have excused the men responsible for it, and have voted that they were in no sense to be held accountable for the multitude of shady transactions by which, in one way or another, they profited.

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"Parliament (in other words, the people) intrusted Sir Hector Langevin with the workings of his office. He cannot evade the workings of his office. He cannot evade the most paintsaking of all the Ministers at Ottawa. No man can have business with him without discerning that he has familiarized himself with the matters with which he deals and understands their details. It is morally impossible that he could have been deceived concerning an extra charge involving so large a sum as \$32,000.

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"It is impossible to defend such transactions. It is impossible to excuse them. It is impossible to palliate them. They call for the severest censure which honest men can

By a majority of 15 the Conservative leaders have defended, palliated and excused these transactions and misdeeds, and have voted down a report holding the

Are leaders who demand such humiliat ing service of their followers worthy of upport?

TOPICS OF THE DAY.
THE Irish Canadian asserts that all the waters of the Rideau will not cleanse Sir Hector Langevin. Never mind, he has been whitewashed, and Messrs. Roome Marshall Ingram and Tisdale each by their votes put on a daub.

IT IS reported that Sir Hector Langevin. having been whitewashed and voted a "jolly good fellow," will soon be elevated the position of Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec. Sir Hector was never known to let go one office till he had a mortgage

THAT was a remarkable exhibition which took place in the Dominion House of Commons yesterday. The House, by majority of 15, composed entirely of Conservatives, resolved to whitewash Sir Hector Langevin. When the result was announced the majority sang "He's a Jolly Good Fellow." No commentary on

EPIGRAMMATICALLY PUT.

(Detroit Free Press.)

Protection is the river that flows between Canada and Michigan, delaying and obstructing traffic. Free trade is the tunnel under the St. Clair, that opens the gateway

TWO OF A KIND.

The country has lost enough already by werdoing the "boom" idea.—[London(Ont.) ADVERTISER.

Booms are like celebrations. They must be paid for sooner or later.

AN INDEPENDENT VIEW.

In any one thing has been lacking to prove the present Government of Canadi weak and wicked as well as criminally implicated in the steals that have been shocking the country, it was furnished by the vote in the House of Commons refusing to grant Mr. Lister's request for an investigation of the Canadian Postmaster-General. "THE EAST END."

A London Weman Talks of the English Laboring Girl.

DETROIT, Sept. 25.—Miss Florence Bal-garnie, of London, England, delivered a very impressive lecture at the Church of Very impressive lecture at the Church of Our Father the other evening upon the subject of the working girl of England and her condition retrospective and prospective. Miss Balgarnie is a medium-sized woman, with her hair combed after the English style, back, showing a wide expanse of forehead, and there is something in her interesting face and forceful manner which is very magnetic. Her remarks were not without dramatic interest, and she was frequently interrupted by a pplsause.

She divided the working girl into the servants, the Provincial workers, the London workers and the East End workers.

servants, the Provincial workers, the London workers and the East End workers, much of her attention was directed to the latter class, among whom she has labored for several years. The East End factory girl is found walking up and down Whitechapel street and the Mile End road, gaudily dressed in rented costumes and ignorant and degraded. Their life is a dull one and many of them work from 6 in the morning until 6 at night without being forning until 6 at night without being allowed to leave their shops. Lately they are becoming organized and their condition is improving. The speaker has found districts in New York city in a state of filth and degradation which she says is not ex-ceeded, if equaled, by the lowest quarter of

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They do exist, however, a stence is proved by the fact ave been traced on the sur lanet. If the inhabitants he work of man's hand. At let the nature of Mars is not more ours, and that they work the manner of our engineer signals have been seen the points arranged in symmetr seen so clearly that it is imposite that the inhabitants of Mars is the weaker in communication. that the inhabitants of Mars aput themselves in communicate earth. These luminous poluminous telegraph—somethines which in Greece transummit to summit, the news of Troy—only somewhat somember that Mars is onleagues away from the earth. 000 leagues are but a bagate times as far as it is from Pe Mars is a suburb of the earth moon is a district. At such as distance nothing prevents our distance nothing prevents our provided only that the can enough and the telescopes powerful.

powerful.

The question is how to signals in such a way that the seen and understood; and ter becomes complicated. Edifer, has not yet discover lighthouse of luminous powers by complying apparatus. even by combining apparatus moreover, that they perceive as we perceive theirs—whis Schiaparelli, of Milan, declare—that would be but a slight conversation, equivalent at hello! hello! with which telephone are started. We establish a correspondence down. There would have to agreement a common langualike an optic Valapuk, and like an optic Valapuk and tance that would be inconvirme to time we hear of played across the Atlantic, be of whom one is at Paris an New York; or of conversa prisoners by means of raps or rap meaning a, and 24 raps even by combining apparatus prisoners by means of raps of rap meaning a, and 24 raps little slow; but in those can the rules of the language they Before, from these two side construction of a Martian-T tionary has advanced far eno tionary has advanced at and the beginning of a mutual un considerable quantity of wat der the Pont Neuf of Paris. In fixing ten years as the which the prize must be awa cellent lady of Pau, I ventur cellent lady of Pau, I ventur made the time a trifle too sh have been more prudent in allowed ten centuries. It i that, for the present, the onl to contend for the prize will to contend for the prize will wer Lytton, ambassador fr Paris, the author of "The C and M. Jules Verne, the aut the Earth to the Moon," and of this alluring prize will seite imaginations already to hasten the disarrangement of if the Academy of Science trust, may it stand from unmanuscripts which will fall to the content of the conten

A Remarkable At the present moment it scholars is being directed to covery of great important made there by the well-ki Mr. Flinders Petrie. The "find," which consists of poplay of Euripides, of pass Phedo of Plato, and some fragments, does not appear play of Euripides, of pass Phædo of Plato, and some fragments, does not appear It is the question of their possibilities opened up of discoveries, which has so sti world. Professor Mahaily have had the labor of drecords, have produced scholars everywhere accept these fragments go back as icentury B. C.—that is, almost contemporary with the writers themselves. of the Phædo fragment Alexandrine recension, on wern texts are based, reveal extent to which these texts rupted. The mannet of the markable. Mr. Petrie ha certain nummy cases at Fayoum, were not made of vof papyrus gummed toge them bore faint traces of writing turns out to be no these Greek texts. The wonthe lookout from the series are the same traver way be say it may not be a Gree will put the Codex Sinaition In the light of present reve be prepared for almost any

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