

BACK FROM THE COUNTRY.

I 'M glad to get back to the city.
I'm tired of rural delights,
With nothing to do in the daytime,
And nowhere to go to of nights.
In a hammock I've swung reading novels,
Till it tired me more than enough,
And I fished all day long in the mill-pond
And caught nothing you'll own it was rough.

I'm heartily sick of the diet
You get when you board at a farm
Salt pork's very well on occasion,
But monotony ceases to charm;
Weak tea, heavy bread and potatoes,
Which furnish the usual menu,
May be relished by strong constitutions,
But I think it is somewhat too-too.

Well, now we've got back to the city,
There's a chance to get something to eat:
Fresh eggs, unskimmed milk, and good butter
And some kind of half-decent meat.
Won't I lay in a good hearty dinner
To make up for rough country fare?
I fancy I'm looking much thinner
Than before I obtained change of air.

The heat it was something surprising,
For the sun, in the absence of shade,
Kept it hot from the time of his rising
Till his exit at evening he made.
We were bothered with flies and mosquitoes;
The bedrooms excluded fresh air,
When I thought of our cool spacious mansion,
I'd get up at midnight to swear.

So I'm glad we are back in Toronto;
Now isn't a fellow a fool
To go off and roast in the country,
When the city is pleasantly cool?
But of course you must be in the fashion,
And when Smith goes and Tomkins and Brown,
You'd surely lose caste if you ventured
To pass the vacation in town.

AN ACT FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF GOVERNMENT SCANDALS.

WHEREAS, it is expedient to allay the agitation existing in the Dominion of Canada in reference to certain alleged acts of corruption, bribery, malfeasance in office and dereliction of duty on the part of certain Ministers of the Crown, Members of Parliament and Employees of the Civil Service;

And *Whereas* the said alleged acts either never did happen, or were not as bad as they might have been;

And *Whereas*, the said Ministers of the Crown, members of Parliament and Civil Service Employees consider that they have a perfect right to have done all and sundry the acts charged, and in fact, have done and may do, just as they please to do, and some of them did not do the said acts, and others did the same in a moment of weakness, and will never do so again;

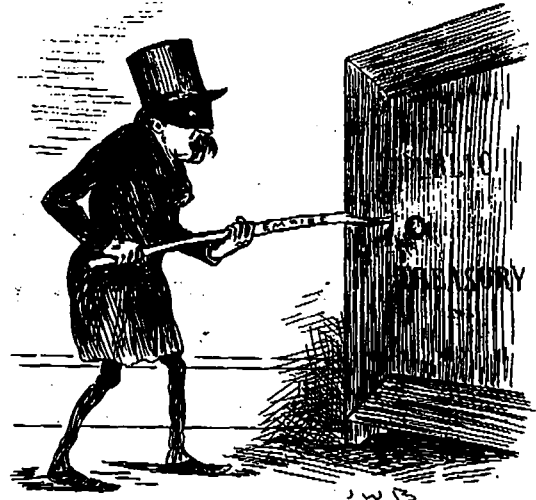
And *Whereas*, amateurs should not be amenable to the same laws, rules and regulations, as professional operators;

And *Whereas*, the times are hard, and there is not quite enough to go around, and it is a tough job to make ends meet, and it is desirable to lay aside something for one's old age.

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of Messrs. Langevin, McGreevey, *et al*, declares and enacts as follows:

(1) This Act shall be known as The Act for the Suppression of Government Scandals.

(2) All Acts or portions of Acts inconsistent with this Act or any portion thereof are hereby repealed.



"MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD."

(Hamilton Herald).

"The Empire is simply a jimmy in the hands of those who want to break into the public treasury."

(3) From and after the passing of this Act all Ministers of the Crown, having under their departmental charge the letting of contracts for the execution of Public Works, shall be entitled to receive from the contractors performing such works, a commission not exceeding ten per cent. of the contract price of such works, and when the exigencies of the case require it the contract price may be figured up, or the specification be figured down, so as to enable the contractor to do the fair thing. Provided always that the said commission shall in all cases be termed as "for charitable purposes" or "for political purposes."

(4) From and after the passing of this Act any Member of Parliament is and shall be relieved from all responsibility arising out of the Independence of Parliament Act, or otherwise, in the matter of laying by a little something for his old age.

(5) From and after the passing of this Act, all officials of the Civil Service, whether temporary or permanent, are, and shall be at liberty to lend their names to other employees for the purpose of adding to the emoluments of their offices, all acts and regulations of the service to the contrary notwithstanding. Any civil servant or employee may, at his discretion, if he thinks there is nothing wrong in it, accept from contractors under the Government, any steam yacht, brass dog, gold mounted harness, diamond ring, or any other article whatsoever, it being understood that the same is merely a token of friendship in good faith.

(6) The provisions of this Act shall be retroactive, in so far that they shall apply to any and all transactions where there is a reasonable doubt as to whether the person or persons involved should have been sent to the penitentiary, or otherwise, during the fifteen years preceeding the passage of this Act.

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