



ALDERMAN KING DODDS MAKES A PATRIOTIC ORATION.

IT wouldn't very greatly astonish us to find Mr. Edward Blake holding an office without portfolio, or a portfolio without salary, in Sir John's Government before all is done. The eminent and able gentleman has been manifestly growing kindly towards the people on the Treasury benches, and, during the present session, has left Sir Richard Cartwright and others to say all the nasty things that needed to be said against them. In the resolution suggesting the reference of disallowance questions to a Court for argument and "the information of the Cabinet," Mr. Blake did Sir John a service which was fully appreciated, as the honied reply of that right hon. gentleman indicated. The resolution passed unanimously, and Sir John promised to bring in a Bill next session to carry it into effect, at the same time congratulating Parliament that it possessed a Member so able, so upright, so eloquent and so long-headed as the honorable gentleman from Durham.

THE *New York Times*, one of the ablest and most widely read papers in the United States, lately printed a series of articles written by "A Canadian" and dated from Ottawa, under the startling heading of "Government by Corruption." The writer displays a profound and accurate knowledge of all that has taken place in political circles in Canada from ante-Confederation days down to the present, and he tells the tale in straightforward and unvarnished fashion. It is not pleasant reading to any lover of the Dominion. It is a story of bribery and corruption which might almost justify the Tammany braves themselves in posing as purists by comparison. And the worst of it is it is all too true.

A LITTLE passage at arms in the House between Sir Richard Cartwright and Hon. Mackenzie Bowell, a few days ago, forms the basis of some scathing remarks by the editor of the *New York Standard*. We have not observed that any of our own journals have commented upon the

episode, which was certainly deserving of notice. Sir Richard denounced the Protective system as simple robbery, and charged that the Government subsidized certain manufacturers who, in turn, subsidized the managers of the Campaign fund of the N.P. Party. Mr. Bowell indignantly denied that he or any other Member of the Cabinet got any money from manufacturers to put in their own pockets, but he took care not to deny that Sir Richard's real charge was true. It would have been folly to deny what everybody knows to be a fact.

MR. JOHN LEYS has publicly announced that, as a Member of the Ontario Assembly, it is his intention to support the Mowat Government right or wrong. This ought to bring Mr Leys' political career to a sudden and violent end, for in the first place a moral constituency ought to reject a candidate who openly declares that he will vote for what is wrong; and in the second place the Grit electors ought to slay a Grit who thus admits the possibility of Oliver the All-Right going astray under any possible circumstances.

QUESTION FOR OPINION OF COUNSEL.

IF a plug hat, or a spavined mare, or a timber limit, or anything were obtained by fraud, must the article so obtained be returned or the full value of it be refunded? Common honesty would say yes. Were such a case to come before the Government would their uncommon honesty insist on full restitution being made? or permit the offender to thrust his tongue in his cheek and get off with the "swag"?

THE *Brantford Telegram* has a daily column of paragraphs it calls "Ticks." But the author of them is evidently no sheep-head. And yet he indulges in awful butts.