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A CURE FOR CORRUPTION.

The Woodstock Express, Independent, says:—

The Globe has made the discovery that "Canadian law has no mercy for personators and ballot-stuffers, and if such offenders are not punished according to their deserts the fault is not in the law." The discovery was the outcome of some recent trials and convictions for wrong-doing in connection with the referendum vote. One offender, for personation, has been fined \$400 and sent to jail for a year, and two others, for attempted ballot-stuffing, have been given each a year's imprisonment.

The discovery is interesting and satisfactory, though a trifle belated; and now that The Globe has made it, may we hope that it will put it to some use? Evidently it feels the seriousness of the situation. "Every municipal and Parliamentary election is threatened by the evils of electoral corruption," it says. "The personator, the ballot-stuffer and the briber are enemies of political righteousness, and both political parties profit or suffer from their silly work. It is not profit. The present distress in Ontario, in both parties, is the result, not so much of incompetent or misguided leadership, as of dishonesty and discreditable support. The camp followers are self-seeking and corrupt, and the captains are slow to learn that corruption is a burden and a curse to those in whose alleged interests it is practised."

But what is responsible for the "dishonest and discreditable support," if not "incompetent and misguided leadership?" Who maintains the organized gangs of corruptionists? Who furnishes them with the means of support? Who directs their efforts and provides for their reception and accommodation? They do not work for nothing; they do not act on their own initiative. Who profits by their evil doings, and who protects them and stands between them and a law, which "has no mercy for personators and ballot-stuffers?"

It is difficult to see how the leaders can escape responsibility, without, at the same time, giving up all claims to leadership. To this extent, at least, the leaders are responsible: That while the corruption in both parties has gone so far that even The Globe is shocked, the leaders, so far as the public is aware, have made no effort, have said no word, have shown no candid disposition to put a stop to it. They have profited by the stolen goods and asked no questions.

"The question is of capital importance, to the great body of people," continues The Globe, "and when the plain lesson of every-day experience is well learned there will arise among the rank and file of both parties a body of resolute men, who will care more for their party's purity than for their party's success, and through whom the machinery of the law will be set to its proper work, and the personators and bribers, and all offenders of their ilk, irrespective of party, brought to just punishment." But the fact is, the people are largely powerless under existing conditions. The army of corruptionists is not employed by the people, and is not controlled by the people. In many cases its work is done in defiance of the people, in defiance even of the party for whom it is done. Again, the law, be it ever so strong, is powerless while the machinery which is necessary to give the law effect is in the hands, either of the criminals themselves or those who are associated with them, either as co-operators or employers. Finally, it is useless to shift the burden of responsibility on the people as a whole. You cannot

Nothing Tastes Good

And eating is simply perfunctory—done because it must be. This is the common complaint of the dyspeptic.

If eating sparingly would cure dyspepsia, few would suffer from it long.

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Hood's Sarsaparilla cured Mrs. Frances Blondin, Pembroke, Ont., Benj. Webb, Clinton, Ont., and W. A. Nugent, Belleville, Ont., all of whom suffered greatly from dyspepsia. Mrs. Blondin writes, "I am fully cured"; Mr. Webb, "It worked like a charm, restored a healthy appetite and toned my whole system"; and Mr. Nugent, "I cannot praise it too highly for the good it has done me."

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summon the people as a whole before the judge and impose a sentence of fine and imprisonment, even if you could secure a conviction. The crimes must be traced home to individuals in order that punishment may be meted out. And the ends of justice will never be completely served so long as the punishment falls only on the tools, and the chief offenders, the men who employ the tools and profit by their work, go free.

The most significant part of The Globe's article, however, is that which contains the prophecy that "when the plain lesson of every day experience is learned there will arise among the rank and file of both parties a body of resolute men, who will care more for their party's purity than for their party's success," and through whom the machinery of the law will be set to its proper work. We are glad to be able to agree with The Globe, and are prepared to go a step further and submit that when the plain lesson of every-day experience is well learned there will arise from the rank and file of both parties a body of resolute men who will care more for their country's honor and welfare than for the success or the purity of any party.

The Woodstock Express says:—

It is estimated that the total shortage of Mr. Shamblean, ex-treasurer of the County of Kent, is over \$16,000, and it is known that it extends over many years. And yet his books were audited every year, and pronounced satisfactory. Are not the auditors in some measure responsible for his downfall? Had they done their duty, and checked him at the beginning of his downward career, he might never have gone any further. The auditors furnished him the opportunity to do wrong, and he was unable to resist it.

The credit accorded The Planet, so kindly and universally by the Chatham public, for the reduction in the local price of coal, seems to act upon our unfortunate and jealous contemporary like a red rag before an enraged bull, and on Saturday it again devoted its editorial space to a vituperative annihilation of this great home journal. The Banner-News et al sticks as loyally to the coal barons as it has done to the Yankee oil corporations. It is to be hoped the consideration may have been material, to, in some measure, recompense for the resultant destruction of public confidence in the publication. What with its wild reports of oil gushers, the finding of coal in Raleigh, the location of a well that yielded oil "of the consistency of maple sugar," and the discovery that it was Mr. Lennox who resigned in North York to escape the courts, the poor paper has been much worked-up lately. And it would be little short of brutal to poke further fun at its pitiable condition.

A TRIO OF GOOD ONES.

Three Stories of More Than Usual Newspaper Merit.

A few years ago one of the military chaplains at Gibraltar hit on what he thought was a singularly happy idea for inducing his congregation to subscribe more liberally to the offertories than was their custom. This was that the men, instead of putting their pennies into the bag—or, rather, refraining from doing so—should be permitted to deposit sheets of note paper stating the amounts that they were willing to have deducted from their weekly pay for the benefit of the church. The soldiers appeared to be greatly impressed with the idea, and the following Sunday the offertory bags literally overflowed with their notes of hand. The chaplain was most jubilant. The sight, and prior to dismissing the troops, openly thanked them for their generosity. When, however, in the privacy of the vestry he examined the harvest shortly afterward, his jubilation somewhat evaporated. This was because practically every paper he unfolded ran as follows: "T. Atkins promises to pay the Rev. — ten millions when he is made a field marshal."

King George III., of England, who made Weymouth fashionable by going there to reside, occasionally used frequently to make excursions into the rural neighborhood about the town. On one of these rambles he passed a field where only one woman was at work, and asked her where the rest of her companions were. With much naïveté the woman replied: "They have gone to see the King." "And why did you not go with them?" rejoined His Majesty. "I would not give a pin to see him," replied the peasant. "Besides," the fools that are gone to town to see him will lose a day's work by it, which is more than I can afford to do, for I have five children to work for." "Well, then," replied George, putting some money into her hand, "you may tell your companions who are gone to see the King that the King came to see you."

Admiral Sir William Kennedy of the British navy tells a story of a boatswain, who, when he left the navy, paid a boy sixpence a week to wake him every morning at 4 o'clock. "What did you do that for?" asked Sir William. "Well, sir," said the boatswain, "it's for a bit of satisfaction I gets the boy to tell me 'The captain wants you,' and I says 'Go and tell the captain to be d—'."

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"My friend," I said, 'can you tell me where I can find a monkey wrench?'" "He looked at me blankly for a minute and then said:

"No; this has been a sheep ranch an' over that been a cattle ranch. I don't know where that's a monkey ranch?"—New York World.

Consumption is Like a Plant.

No matter how much corn falls on a bare rock, it won't grow there. Neither will consumption germs grow in perfectly healthy lungs. But if the lungs become weak and inflamed they are good soil for consumption germs, and if these enter they may take root and grow.

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