

of the Canadian people, and the cause of the Queen in Canada has, by the late Sir John Macdonald, been identified with the cause of corruption. The disastrous result is merely 'regretted' by the Governor-General, who dare not condemn the system that has created it, because he knows very well that he is part of the system himself. Lord Stanley tries to take credit for having punished some of the culprits. Yes, some have been punished—the small fry who were not in a position to steal much. But the conspicuous thieves who kept Macdonaldism going, where are they? Living on their stealings, some of them even blazing with decorations bestowed on them by the Queen—quite comfortably either in Canada or in the United States."

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Like other English newspapers the London *Graphic* is shocked at the Ottawa revelations, saying in its issue of the 17th:

"Without any desire to prejudge the culpability of the Canadian members of Parliament charged with accepting bribes from contractors, one may be permitted to marvel at the nature of the misdoing set down to them. Such a paltry behind-the-back offence would have been disgraceful to the worst kind of vestry of the dark ages. Indeed, if one disregards the liberal scale on which the bribes in the present case are said to have been calculated—\$25,000 in a \$100,000 contract is the alleged bribe—the resemblance to the traditional corruption of the bygone vestry becomes very marked. The imputation is the blacker, however, because this is not a hole-and-corner matter, but concerns men filling posts of public trust and responsibility. The British member of Parliament has not always been, like Caesar's wife, above suspicion, but he is not usually accused of philandering with the national cash-box. Bribery is in public life what card-sharping is socially, a sin impossible of condonation. In Europe it has generally been supposed to be the exclusive characteristic of imperfectly civilized races, such as Russia and Turkey. In the New World, which, in spite of advancing civilization, reverts sometimes to the methods