

aim apparently to hold on to office in order to enrich them and their friends, and to pile up debt for the Dominion, having held office for 23 of 28 years since Confederation. On the other, the Reform party, especially the leaders, such a galaxy of men of unsullied moral rectitude, men of great ability and experience so long in opposition—to what! A government the least said about it the better. The only things that held it together were money and diabolical gerrymander and franchise laws.

Reformers and all good men, of whatever party, must by this time have learned a lesson, how closely connected morality is with good government, and especially the awful danger of not meteing out justice to rulers when found guilty of bribery and deception. If the Reformers in 1873 had probed the Pacific scandal as they ought, and made a public example of the wrongdoers by, at least, disqualifying for life those found redhanded in the bribery plot of 1872, our national policy, and its attendant train of evils, would have had no existence.

Doubtless, an overruling Providence has had some good to bring out of our evil doings by bringing Canada to her hunkers and to her knees, and acknowledge God more in her national affairs by bringing her to see the vileness of her ways, and change her evil systems which have caused so much oppression, and turn to the paths of righteous government. The opportunity is at hand, the flood is about high tide. "There is a tide in the affairs of men, if taken at the flood, leads on to fortune." Was ever a time so opportune, and the need so great, to make a radical change in our national affairs in taxation mat-