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London, Saturday, July 18.

MR CARLING'S ANNOUNCEMENT Hon. John Carling's recent announcement that he would not be in Dominion public life next year is believed to have good foundation. Mr. Carling, it is of Ontario, and there is a prospect that he may remove to the Provincial capital before many moons. It is daily made evi-ient that the present holders of Dominion portfolios have but a precarious tenure of cises caution in getting ready to stand from

SIR JOHN MACDONALD'S WILL To those who always believed the story that Sir John Macdonald was a poor man the full details of his will is a revelation. His executors have just sworn that he had \$80,000 in property and \$15,000 in life insurance. In addition to this his wife has for years drawn the interest on \$80,000 collected from contractors and others and funded for the benefit of the family a number of years since. Sir John Macdonald also had his official salary and his fees as chairman of more than one monetary institution. There is another reveltion in the will as finally made public. Sir ition in the will as finally made public. Sir never forget that we at last are children of John Macdonald was the possessor of Cana-the light." Jian Pacific Railway stock. When or under what circumstances he acquired it is not made evident in the will, and his friends made evident in the will, and his irreduced have until now even concealed the fact that campa keep that

A NAME on the voters' list now is worth a

A BLINDING AND PERVERTING

SYSTEM. divine to preach from the text: "And thou shalt take no gitt, for a gift blindeth the wise and perverteth the words of the righteous." Assuredly the whole system of gift-receiving by members of the civil service, from the Minister of the Crown down to his junior clerk, is reprehensible, and the men who defend it have been too long

in charge of public affairs. When the "gift" enterprise was taken in hand by hangers-on in the Conservative party and by wily contractors having financial transactions with the Doninion Government, the Liberal leaders warned Parliament of the harvest that might be expected from transaction questionable a nature. Mr. Blake and others attempted to nip the evil in its early stages by making it an offense, punishable by fine and imprisonment, for a Minister of the Crown to receive gifts from public contractors or other persons having business with the Government of the day. But Sir John Macdonald had himself received a large sum of money, collected largely from railway companies, contractors and others having intimate financial relations with the Government, and many of them then applicants for public favors. Lady Macdonald, too, was the possessor of valuable diamonds, donated to her by railway managers who had close financial relations with the Government of which Sir John was the chief. Moreover, as has been shown within to the committee that he had been moved the last few days by the sworn testimony of a bank manager, the contractors' testimonial to Sir Hector Langevin amounted to over \$22,000, and was contributed to by Larkin, Connolly & Co., the crowd that has received over-paynents of hundreds of thousands of dollars

of public money within the last ten years. It was scarcely to be expected that the mbers of a Government conducted in this way would acknowledge the repre hensible character of the corrupt system of gift-giving by the passage of a law sending the receivers of the money to a penal establishment. Sir John Macdonald called upon his followers to vote lown the measure, and the giving of gifts to Ministers and their assistants became a recognized institution. Now that it has been found to work as the Liberal leader prophesied, the defenders of the men who are responsible for its perpetuation, with all the attendant evils, are compelled to formulate a defense. A most untenable stand is taken. Let us sacrifice the subordinates they say; but let us save the chief at all hazards! Now what is wrong in the clerk cannot be right when undertaken by the man under whose charge he has been placed. It follows that if a clerk loses his job because, like Mr. Perley, he receives

money or valuables from public contractor the Minister, who is next in authority to him, cannot be retained in his position if he, too, has accepted gifts from con-tractors. That is the position of Sir Hector Langevin to-day. His assistant is disgraced for receiving, reluctantly, \$2,000 present from Larkin, Connolly & Co. Sir Hector Langevin is retained at the head of the department as a nomina eader of the House of Commons, and in the full confidence of the Conservative party at Ottawa, though he has taken gifts of a value enormously greater than that which has brought his deputy to disgrace. Assuredly when the judgment of the Government at Ottawa is so warped and perverted that it discriminates in favor

of the greater offender, and the effect of its administration of affairs is the wholesale demoralization of the public service, accompanied by the overtaxation of the peo-ple, it is time that honest men the Doand to replace it by the supporters of legislation that will put down this gross con

roing Conservatives say in excuse of th party leaders, that "they all do it;" that Ministers and their assistants are guilty of selling their influence at all times. It is a gross libel on such rulers as Alexander
Mackenzie, Wilfrid Laurier and David Mills to say that when they were heads of departments they received gifts from those doing business with the Government. The giving of purses and testimonials to Ministers. Min isters' wives and public officials was un known under the honest rule of Mackenzie Such "influences" have become plentiful in recent years under political leaders who teach that it is right for a Minister to take all that is offered to him and to even known, aspires to be Lieutenant-Governor sell legislation to favored millionaires in exchange for funds to be used for corrupt-

ing the electorate. A change cannot too soon be decreed. If there is not enough independence in the ranks of the Conservative contingent at office, and the ex.M.P. for London exer. Ottawa, let the electors be prepared to effect it by the agency of the bye-elections A few changes in the representation wil

DR. GRANT ON INTERNATIONAL

BARRIERS. A contemporary expresses astonishmen ecause Principal Grant, in his address be fore the National Educational Association at Toronto, made this impassioned appeal to the great body of educationists there as-

"Oh, kinsmen, blend the two flags to-gether, and count those men enemies of the race who seek to erect or seek to maintain barriers between the British commonwealth and the United States, or who teach that it is a good thing for neighbors to have no in-tercourse with each other. Join hands and

That is a patriotic sentiment. How unlike the incendiary appeals of the high-tax journals and orators of the recent election campaign! We hope the Principal will keep up his anti-jingo crusade, and that his example will have some effect upon the men who, for political pur poses, continually strive to keep the two sections of the race at loggerheads. It suits the protectionists on both sides of the line

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less trade intercourse which the people have the better it is for them. They find rould now be a good time for some fearless it to be easier to appeal to national preju dice than to facts when dealing with the mutual interests of the two countries It is no new thing for Principa Grant to talk as he has been doing, however. In an address delivered at New York before complete freedom of trade between the two countries had become a political issue. Dr. Grant said:

"The advantages of unrestricted access to our natural market (the United States) are undoubted. Indeed, it seems to me simply impossible to doubt that the advantages would be equally great on both sides." We look upon Dr. Grant's cou

the United States, in national convention assembled, as a reaffirmation of this impregnable position. He is on the right track again; his temporary championship of Sir Charles Tupper as Premier of Canada was apparently undertaken in a "momen

A FORMER LONDONER.

L. C. Pereira, assistant secretary of the Interior Department, who yesterday con fessed that he invented a woman to draw money for him from the Dominion treasury, and named her Ellen Berry, was formerly resident of this city. It is presumed that when he received his appointment at Ottawa, his antecedents were not inquired into. Though he was paid a big salary he could not live upon it, and acknowledged to borrow money from Mr. Richard White, brother of the late Minister of the Interior. With the assistance of the Deputy Minister he had obtained the "extra pay," in order to be able to pay back the loan which would not have been granted if the special agreement had not been entered into. Another clerk swore that he had been drawing money in the maiden name of his mother!

The "extra payment" dodge seems to have been as productive of financial results as the gifts from contractors. Until there is a clean sweep and the thorough investigation which a new Government alone can be expected to carry out, there can be no onfidence in the administration of public affairs.

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ABOUT IT.
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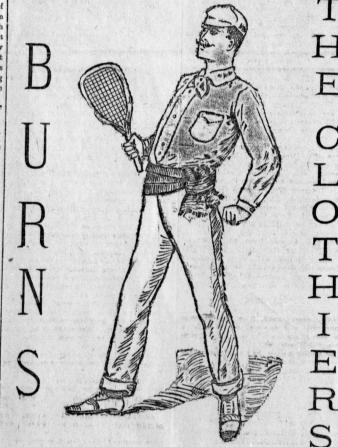
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