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MONTREAL, August 22, 1891.

THE ECHO is mailed to subscribers at a distance every Friday evening, and delivered in the city early on Saturday. Parties not receiving their what our contemporary alleges is a fa- dence will likely be forthcoming. Our paper regularly should communicate vored race. with the office.

LE TRAIT D'UNION AND THE NATIONALITY QUESTION.

Under the heading, "A Word to THE ECHO," Mr. Lepine's paper, Le Trait d'Union, has something to say on the nationality question. The article is prompted by a few remarks in our issue of August 8th on the motion of the member for Montreal East calling for a return of the number of employees in the Custom House, their origin, salary, etc., and in the first place is a deliberate misrepresentation of what we really said on the subject. All that we pleaded for was that merit alone should be the standard by which a man's fitness for a public position should be judged, and for sightseers, will command the at when Le Trait d'Union says that we tendance of thousands of others who do either expressed or hinted that "we not participate in the parade. There (French-Canadians) are much inferior we will see the bona fide workingman to other nationalities both as regards sharing with his wife and children a education and intelligence," it knowingly and wilfully says what is untrue. of his existence in a round of pleas-There is not, in our article alluded to, urable and rational enjoyment. The the remotest allusion to what is con- procession will give a practical idea to tained in the sentence above quoted, the public of the number of men orand therefore its appearance in the ganized to protect themselves against French journal can only be set down to the encroachments of capital and to much connection the Minister in charge

equal talent and ability for the French- dragged from the unwilling autocrats stealing because they are careful enough to speaking citizens would fill all public organize ! vote ! positions and honorary places, control all the business and the others could stay in the shade and keep quiet."

to the front over the English-speaking five cents per hour. race who, according to our contemporary, only rank one-fourth in number.

LABOR DAY.

Labor Day, under the auspices of the Central Trades and Labor Council, has now come to be looked upon as an established institution, and the forthcoming celebration of the famous first Monday in September will see united in one bond of harmony and equality the workingmen of Montreal. From what has already been communicated by the energetic committee in charge of the details of the demonstration there is every reason to believe that the largest procession ever held in. Montreal will be witnessed that day, while the picnic to follow on the Exhibition grounds, with its numerous attractions short release from the toil and trouble a mean and dastardly attempt to injure obtain a just recognition of their rights of the Department had with these us in the eyes of French-Canadian as citizens. All thinking workingmen scandals. Hitherto, enquiry leading to

Canadian race, a proposition which is in power, they are none the less real, not disputed, it is itself alone afraid to and with the rapidly advancing educarely upon these qualifications for suc- tion of the people greater results, by a few thousand miles of timber limits, a cess, for it says that while its country- the exercise of patience and fortitude, million or two dollars' worth of mining men number three-fourths of the popu- will yet be attained. From past expe- lands, or get a canal built for the convenilation-of the Province of Quebec, we rience there is a lesson to be learned presume, it means-"the English- by all workingmen and that is-unite !

NOTES OF THE WEEK.

The strike of plumbers in London, Surely if their talent is equal in pro- Ont., has terminated in favor of the portion a very large number must come men, who will in future receive twenty-

Public morality in Canada must be Amongst every race of people ability, at a very low ebb judging from the combined with energy, is certain to scandals now in course of investigation command recognition. Then why and others continually cropping up. should our contemporary be doubtful Yet another case of corrupt practices of the same result amongst the French- has been brought to the attention of Canadian race ? We ourselves care not the House of Commons, the accused from what nationality a man is derived party being Edward Cochrane, M. P. provided that in his capacity as a ser- for the East Riding of Northumberposition by his own qualifications alone, his place in the House impeached the and these will never be known until he member referred to with trafficking in has entered into competition with his Government situations, of which he fellows. The man who is lacking in had the disposal, for personal gain, and whatever is necessary to efficiently fill tabled two instances. Parliament will taking a few cents' worth of preserves for a public office should be relegated to a have to take the accusation up, and in her baby. Ye gods I what stern justice. back seat whether or not he belongs to this connection other sensational evineighbors across the line have often dishonestly. been held up as lacking in political morality; but we believe their worst specimens will look as angels when when placed alongside the Langevins, McGreevys and others of that kidney raised on this side of the line.

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The Government continues to decapitate the smaller fry of the departments under investigation who have been proved, or acknowledged to have accepted, bribes from contractors or firms with whom business brought them into contact. The latest of these to suffer is the Superintendent of the Stationery Department, Mr. Bronskill, who acknowledged to receiving several favors. brother superintendent, Mr. Senecal, of the Printing Bureau, who was proven being in the meantime only suspended from active duty. There is little doubt, however, that he will meet with the same fate after his examination has been concluded. This is all very well in a way, but not entirely satisfactory, nor will it be until it is known how

this has been burked and any question,

the answer to which would throw light

upon the subject, was carefully sup-

part of Ministers of the Crown. How-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

TREAT ALL THIEVES ALIKE.

suspicion.

To the Editor of THE ECHO.

take sufficient to be out of that category. To take a railway, a few million acres of land, two or three hundred thousands of dollars, ence of your mills-that is not considered stealing by our governing powers that be. It is only transferring, and the transferers are men whom we elect to represent us in parlia ment because of their smartness. Of course, you've got to be a clever man to be a sucessful transferrer of what belongs to the people to your own pockets. And nobody will deny the fact that in Canada we have got at least two of the smartest sets of transferers (the Federal and Quebec Governments) there is to be found in the civilized world. But on the face of it, at present they are simply a reflection of the people who put them there, and will be considered as such until the people of this Dominion arouse from their lethargy and demand at once that every department of the House of Commons of Canada and every department of the Legislature of Quebec be thoroughly inquired into, so as to get to the bottom of these two nests of corruption, and wipe out forever, if possible, the contemptible scounvant of the public he has attained that land. Mr. Cameron (of Huron) from drels who, aided by their education, have used their public trust to rob and plunder the people, not caring how they blacken the

> they enrich themselves, Six months in jail the poor widow got for

May all these thieves and receivers of the public property receive six months in jail for every dollar they have received or stolen

And when we consider that at the present time the reputation and credit of Canada is at stake, awaiting the verdict of the people on these matters, it behoves us, if we are to retain any vestige of our respectability and pave the way for anything like honest government in the future, that we must not let these public pilferers rest with their ill-got. ten gains. Each and every one of them should be compelled to give an account as to how he became possessed with whatever he has got of any value, and like any other thief or receiver of stolen goods, if a proper account of its being got honestly be not given then it should be confiscated and go back to whom it belongs-the people.

Now, Montreal being the heaviest taxpay er in the Dominion should take the initiative in this matter in calling a public meet ing, so that the people could voice their sen His connection with the Civil Service timents. And if their representatives, or has been completely severed, but his misrepresentatives apparently, should side with the boodlers then they should be requested to resign and make room for honester men. Hoping to hear from others on equally guilty, has received a respite, this question, and thanking you for your space, I will conclude.

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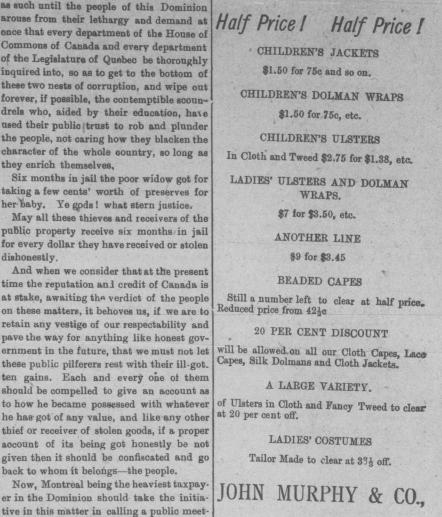
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workingmen, among whom we count who have studied the question of ormany friends and subscribers. If our ganization will readily concede the confrere has any respect for truth and benefits that have been derived from justice he will at once recall his vile as, it. They know that through past sertion that we branded the French- united and energetic action the hours Canadian race with inferiority. of labor have been reduced, wages

In our article we desired to point out have been increased, unjust laws have that the race cry was adopted solely by been abolished, child labor has been politicians. The two peoples of themto some extent, driven out of our facselves would readily mingle, and in- tories and the enactment of other laws deed do mingle, together in business to improve the condition of wage-earnpursuits and as citizens, if they are let ers generally has been secured. Know alone, but when their baser passions ing what has been accomplished in the are appealed to by scheming politicians past, why halt at the present ? Close they become antagonistic and there is up your ranks and march on to future consequent danger to the State. It is successes. It is only by a diligent and only petty statesmen, such as Mr. Le- self-sacrificing pursuit of an object that pine, who descend to such contemptiblo we can hope to obtain it, and who will devices to make themselves known and deny that there are many wrongs yet popular with a certain class. They to set right, many barriers to be torn have no conception of the broader prin- down before the workingman can say ciples and duties of the brotherhood of with truth that he is in full enjoyment man, and their sole ambition is to rise of all that the Creator has placed upon at the expense of that "peace and good- this earth to be shared equally by all will "which should prevail in a country men? In Great Britain and the like Canada with the prospect before it United States the work achieved by of one day taking its place among the the unions in ameliorating the condinations of the world. Such men, we tion of the working classes has been say, may manage to ride for a little the marvel of the whole world, and has while in triumph upon this wave of occasioned the favorable comment of the passion, but the good sense of the peo- pulpit, the platform and the unprejuple must ultimately prevail and the diced press. Through their agency repolitician who depends upon race and forms beyond the reach of individual religious animosities for his success will effort and despaired of by philanthrobe thrown back into the obscurity from pists and political economists, have of dollars of public money from the taxpay. been accomplished. Though these re- ers' pockets to their own. which he emerged.

In the Latest Styles. COMPOSITION IN BULK. GET PRICES. PERFECT FIT GUARANTEED_ pressed. There is just a possibility that the truth will now be got at, now that 769 Craig St., Montreal, 2242 Notre Dame Street, a motion by Sir Richard Cartwright has been agreed to, that no evidence MONTREAL. should be refused on the ground that it may disclose improper conduct on the TO THE TRADE. **Publishers and Patent Medicine** ever humiliating the truth may be, it Dealers, can be borne, but the present uncer-You don't require to put your money out on a big press, send it to HENRY OWEN, who will do it for you BETTER and CHEAPER than if you had a big press of tainty is harrowing to the public conscience, and the people are uncertain SHOES ANU on whom to look for guidance, seeing your own. that so many of their leaders lie under F SEE! Facilities for Printing Newspapers, Pamph-lets, etc., to the extent of 120 reams per day. **RONAYNE BROS.** FOLDING AND BINDING DONE ON THE PREMISES. Chaboillez Square 769 CRAIG STREET SIR,-Six months in the common jail was

the sentence passed upon a widow woman the other day who had sunk so utterly low and depraved that she actually stole some preserves for her baby. The monster! After her employer probably allowed her to work 14 or 15 hours a day for less than would support herself and child properly, she turned thief! Such an outrage upon BUY STROUD'S TEAS AND COFFEES. this pure and unsullied community of ours, and at a time, too, when the eyes of the world seems to be upon us !

Wondering which will be the next public department that will hold a levee to see who has been clever enough to transfer a few thousands or a few hundreds of thousands

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But while Le Trait d'Union claims forms have come slowly, having to be Of course we would not like to say it was