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## Comments ON THE Cartoons.

FLY-TIME. — While we are always anxious to comport ourselves with proper respect, and even veneration, towards Parliament, we are compelled to resort to a somewhat homely simile to correctly represent the present state of things in the House.

When we represent the head of the Government as a tormented Old Hoss, and the members of the Opposition—with certain others who are not of that persuasion—as hoss flies of a particularly troublesome sort, we hope the truthfulness of the illustration will extenuate its humbleness. Certainly Sir John was never in greater distress than he is now undergoing, and will continue to undergo to the end of the present session. The Opposition, being stronger in numbers, and having some good grievances, are feeling uncommonly pugilistic, and in addition to the regular and expected attacks from this quarter, the Government is receiving much punishment from its own back benches. The French contingent is in rebellion over the allowance of the Manitoba Bills. Tarte has lighted the fuse for his McGreevy-Langevin bombshell, McCarthy is in a defiant frame of mind, and deputations on the Tariff are heading for Ottawa from all directions. It is an exceedingly buzzy session.

HOW CAN HE STOP NOW?—"Logic is logic," said the immortal builder of the one-horse shay. It may be likened unto an inclined plane, well supplied with grease. Between premises and conclusion there is no such thing as stopping. Mr. Hardy finds himself on such a toboggan slide at present, with roller skates on his feet. The principle which underlies his Mining Act is that mineral lands belong, in the nature of things, to the people as a whole, and that therefore the people are entitled to the benefits arising from their possession. Whether taken in the form of ground rent, or royalty on the ores taken out, the interest and ownership of the people must be vindicated. Upon this principle Mr. Hardy is perfectly clear. But how can this principle be confined to mining land? Why doesn't it apply with equal force to all land in city and country alike? There is no logical stopping-place for the hon. gentleman short of the Single Tax. It remains to be seen whether the Ontario Government really cares for principle, however sound. It is more than likely that Mr. Hardy will flounder over the edge of the plank and so give Logic the shake.



AS Sir Richard Cartwright forgotten himself? The other day when Charlton's election bill was being introduced, the Opposition Knight interjected, "I think we will have to have a special Act for the High Commissioner pure and simple." Nobody knows better than Cartwright that Sir C. Tupper is neither pure nor simple.

THE Hamilton Times is admirably playing the part of Candid Friend to the Attorney-General of Ontario. From a recent issue we extract the following very pointed sentences, which we hope the gentleman in question will take into his

serious consideration :  
If Mr. Mowat had devoted the time and labor to the study of the principles of taxation which he applied to the study of the evidences of Christianity, he might have done a service to his native Province, and indirectly to the civilized world, for which his name would be held in grateful remembrance for generations. There were plenty of preachers as well qualified as Mr. Mowat to tabulate the evidences of Christianity, but no other man is in as good a position as Mr. Mowat to apply Christian principles to the Ontario tax system. Is it Christian that one man should have to pay another man for permission to live on a portion of the earth which God made for all His children? Does the Bible teach that one man shall stand idle and live on land rent produced by the labor of fifty or one hundred fellow-men? Does the New Testament say that "the laborer is worthy of his hire," or that the laborer is worthy only of that portion of his hire which remains after the demands of the landlord and the land speculator have been satisfied?

SENATOR ALEXANDER'S seat is to be declared vacant because he has been absent from it for two consecutive sessions. The Telegram wittily suggests that the best thing the Senators could do would be to unanimously skip two sessions and allow a grateful country to declare vacant every seat in the Upper Chamber. And yet the Senate is not wholly hopeless. Some of the members have begun to kick against the divorce business.

QUITE a stir has been made in Hamilton over what has been called a "disgraceful row in a church." The scene of the unusual occurrence was the Church of the Ascension. It appears that the rector in charge is strongly inclined toward Ritualism, which has brought about a rupture with a section of his people, who hold by plain Gospel truth. On the festival of Ascension Day the rector imported a surpliced choir from another church, whereupon the objectors determined to show