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INNOCENT POLITICIANS.

There's something funny in the Quebec scandals, remarks the Toronto World. Take Mr. Laurier: He always went out of the room when Poad, Mercier, Geoffrion and others got down to serious business—that is, going into committee of finance for election purposes. So that he would be free to get up and declare that he knew nothing of any corruption fund and accordingly he is quite shocked when he hears of Mercier's misdeeds.

And then there is Mercier himself: He gives his brother checks signed in blank, and when the money is bagged out of the Provincial treasury by way of Langlais, the stationery contractor, and deposited to Premier Mercier's credit, the wicked brother checks it out with the aforesaid blank checks and hands it over to Geoffrion, treasurer of the corruption fund; and so Honors, like Mercier, can call heaven to witness that he knew nothing of the boodle. "You sign the check, we do the rest," is the cry of Mercier's brother.

What a farce on both Laurier's and Mercier's part! Laurier is a fool if he didn't know it, and if Wilfrid Laurier did not know what kind of men he was in association with, and to whom he had given a public pledge that Quebec was to be allowed to raid the Federal treasury if the Liberals succeeded in carrying the Federal elections, then he is the last man in the world to whom the destinies of this country should be entrusted. He lacks the first qualifications of a politician—he is no judge of men. No, Mr. Laurier, that excuse doesn't go on all fours with the Globe's description of you as a heaven-born statesman. By your confession you ask people to write you down as a weak young platitudinarian, a sort of curate in whose mouth butter won't melt.

So ridiculous is the end to which it all comes that La Patrie, the recognized Liberal organ of Montreal, throws up the whole pretence and gives this explanation of the transaction of which Mercier says he is innocent and Laurier is perfectly guiltless:

"The said \$25,000 were touched by Mr. J. A. Mercier with the blank checks of his brother, and were given to Mr. G. A. Geoffrion, who, with this amount coming from a Provincial source, had masses said for the souls in purgatory. If some relaxation we satisfied with this explanation we must admit that they are very hard to please."

Mr. Laurier may still protest his innocence; if he does, we must advertise his veridancy, his incapacity, his utter lack of knowledge of the men who have been his confidantes for years. He can choose which he likes, but he stands condemned equally with Mercier, who robbed the province that he had sworn to govern and protect in order to put his chief (Laurier) in power at Ottawa.

Don't let us mince matters, don't let us hum and haw over it, the World concludes. Mercier did the stealing, Laurier covered the tracks, and the two go hand in hand before the bar of public opinion and history.

MRS. FOSTER DYING. The Wife of the Minister of Finance at the Point of Death. OTTAWA, Jan. 28.—Mrs. Foster, wife of the Hon. George Foster, is not expected to survive till daylight.

Died of a Broken Heart. CHATHAM, Jan. 27.—Further particulars in the case of the sudden death of Mrs. John Weeks, wife of a colored laborer, Burke street, North Chatham, show that the woman literally died of a broken heart, the result of heavy and continuous work. For several months Mrs. Weeks had been complaining of a pain and uneasiness in her left breast. She was a very hardworking woman, laboring faithfully and steadily at her household duties and other tasks which she undertook apart from the home cares. It seemed to her that if she could only get a rest from the daily drudgery for a period she would get well. But her work was never ending, and so the poor soul toiled on to the very last.

An Irish Village at the World's Fair. LONDON, Jan. 27.—Ernest Hart, who has conceived the idea of presenting a typical Irish village at the Chicago Fair, announces that his project is now assured of success. The village will exhibit not only the buildings and street sights characteristic of the villages of the Green Isle, but also the industries carried on.

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PRESTON WAS SQUELCHED.

Hon. John Haggart Disposes of the Organizer.

KINGSTON, Jan. 27.—The street in front of the city hall was blocked this evening before 7 o'clock with crowds of electors anxious to hear the meeting between Hon. Mr. Haggart and W. T. A. Preston. In 15 minutes after the doors were opened every seat in the hall was filled with members of both parties and great excitement prevailed. Mr. John McIntyre, president of the Conservative Association, presided. He announced that Mr. Preston would be given half an hour to make his charges against Mr. Haggart. The latter would be allowed to reply, after which Mr. Preston would be given another turn. The latter started off and went over Mr. Lister's charges concerning section B, and claimed that before it all scandals yet disclosed to Peter McLaren as Mr. Haggart's accomplice, and said his affidavit that Haggart had no beneficiary interest in that contract amounted to nothing. It was an outrage on British justice for Parliament to refuse an investigation into the charge made by Mr. Lister.

MR. HAGGART'S REPLY. Hon. Mr. Haggart replied, at the outset alluding to charges people were making against him in different parts of the country, and expressing great pleasure at securing an opportunity to deny the charges before the face of the person who made them. He pointed out that the section B He pointed out that the section B was some 10 years old. It had come up in court and different witnesses had sworn he was not implicated as charged. At that time the evidence was accepted by members in general and the matter was dropped. He was innocent then and he is innocent now. After a six months' session, and a day before prorogation, Mr. Lister brought on the old charge and asked for a committee to investigate. Other investigations had taken place weeks and months, and the members thought it would be absurd to start a new investigation, which might protract the session weeks longer. He wished for an investigation, and stated so to several members, but they would not listen to the suggestion. After again saying that there was one particle of truth in the charge, and stating that any man who said he was giving money for corrupt purposes told an untruth, he quietly, and during the session, and looking at Preston, said: "Let any man who has means, and is of repute, make the charges over his signature so that there will be grounds for an action, and he will be glad to be older before he receives a writ from me notifying him that he must prove his statements in a court of law."

Mr. Haggart awaited a response, but there was none. No one accepted the challenge, and the audience cheered. He then went on to deal with general questions, and in touching upon the Quebec scandal said another charge to come in connection with the Herford railway. It would overshadow all the rest. Mr. Preston was now allowed to reply, but, strange to say, he never alluded to the section B charges. They were left severely alone. His remarks were confined to political issues and Mercier, Macauld, etc.

This closed the exciting part of the meeting. Hon. Mr. Bowell and Mr. Curran, Q. C., followed at length. The meeting was quite disorderly at times, but taking everything into consideration, passed off quietly. The complexion of the meeting indicated that Metcalfe's election is certain.

Mr. Curran, in his remarks, said he understood the meeting was to be a ordinary one and the most exciting held in Canada. He was pleased to see it so quiet. One thing the meeting had done, it had driven the Haggart bug from men's minds when they dine. (Loud cheers.)

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