MONDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 26, 1881. A PLEA FOR JOURNALISTIC DECENCY.

Is there no way by which the party press, or at least the leading party journals, can be taught that people have no more right to be either savage, unfair or gressly vituperative in political than in ordinary life. Mr. Mackenzie, we think it was, who gave it as his opinion that political parties are formed in Heaven. For aught we know he may be right, but even if he be we much suspect that the language in which partizan statements are couched and the tactics sometimes resorted to to advance party schemes have their origin in another quarter. Sir John Macdonald and Sir Charles Tupper are no doubt not just fit for cannonization but at the same time they fall

tar short of being the embodiments of total depravity which the Globe, the London Advertiser, the Hamilton Times, the Ottawa Free Perss and other grit papers would have us believe. The liberal heads are not altogether faultless and guileless but it is quite too much for the Mail and the other conservative organs and organettes to ask the Canadian public to look on them as utterly vile. The World does not profess any inordin-

ate love for either the grit for tory party but it recognizes, and who are not either fools or bigots, also recegnize that these two parties are composed of men who are, as men go, in the main honest, and if they could only be each brought to see that political honesty and wisdom do not have their beginning and ending within the narrow bounds of their political horisons they would be able to do much better for the country than they do.

It is fatal to either personal or party greatness, and to political efficiency as well, to lay down the miserable narrow

"I believe a politician who labels himself grit or tory, as the case may be, to be incapable of error in morals or judgment; of the camp of my political opponents; and I believe that my political opponents are actuated by base, selfish and unpatriotic motives, and that to entrust the affairs of equivalent to opening the flood gates of corruption, jobbery and misrule."

Yet that such are the creeds to which the old parties must and do subscribe, one need only watch the proceedings at one of their conventions, or read their leading organs, to see. Take the "young men's aside from laudation of the conservative and denunciation of the reform party? And what is true of conservative is true of reform associations,

What is all this due to? We assert that it is to the bitter, uncharitable language used by the Mail and the Globe and their dealing with their political opponents.

favorably with those of other countries and in our own country, yet if we were to believe what is said of them by the so called journalistic leaders of popular thought, one half of them should be in penitentiary and the rest in the asylum.

A country requires the services of its best and wisest to conduct national affairs, but it the moment a man devotes his talents to the service of his country he is to be made a target at which journalistic Hessians are to be allowed to fling editorial rotten eggs and rhetorical dead cats, it cannot be expected that the best men in the land will

be attracted to public life. It is the interest of the country, then, that the public should insist on fair play from public journals to public men. Those who are entrusted with the guidance of the affairs of a country owe a duty to the people they represent, but the public also owe uty to them and that duty is to protect hem from the assaults of the Dugald Dalttys who ply their mercenary trade in

sanctums of party journals. ROLLED IN THE MUD.

Another conservative member of parliament has demonstrated the utter insincerity of his professions of solicitude for the welfare of Canadian industries and artisans. A short time ago Mr. Hay of Woodture of split cane, which is a monopoly in ablest man among Ontario tories, he will his premises, and obtained from the other | main faithful. side a machine specially invented for the purpose of splitting canes. The United States manufacturers claim that the patent. is their property, and the other day they the new business will give employment to two hundred workmen, and yet Mr. Thomas Robertson, M.P., of Hamilton, a professed protectionist and workingman's friend, joined in an attack designed to prevent these men from being employed. Mr. Hay's employee's came to the rescue, foiled

his friends in the mud. If the United States monopolists have a be not a just one, they have every facility for establishing it in the courts, but a man of Mr. Robertson's pretensions ought not to hire himself out as a mercenary in a physical assault upon the interests of a (anadian enterprise. Any man who will thus drag his principles in the mud deserves

the attack and rolled Mr. Robertson and

The Montreal Gazette replies to our arti- and Americans. We have good authority cle in reference to Mr. Thos. White's Co. for saying that if there was a genuine na bourg speech in which we pointed out the tional Canadian copyright law, work to the distinction which Mr. White had ignored value of thousands of dollars a year between Mr. Mackenzie securing a monopoly | would be distributed among Toronto the carrying trade of the Northwest for a printers and publishers alone. Let some will not the eye, 30 years' experience. 246

overnment road and the present tempt to defend the policy of the govern-ment by counter-charges against Mr. Mactenzie will and ought to fail, and maintains

that Mr. White did not make such an at tempt. Of course we did not see a full report of Mr. White's speech, only the report in the Mail, and we freely accept the Gazette's statement so far as Mr. White is conerned, It is unfortunate that the government's Toronto organ is either so stupid or so dishonest that it cannot quote even its own friends correctly when they happen to speak of the opposition leaders, but we admit that it would be unfair to hold Mr. White responsible for the blunders or perversions of the Mail.

When the Gazette, however, tries to

nake it appear that Mr. Mackenzie's policy identical, so far as monopoly is concerned sel in the matter of respecting confidential we find ourselves compelled to differ from information of the relations between the our contemporary. It is true that Mr. Mackenzie approved of Sir Charles Tupper's policy in 1879 as our contemporary says, out Sir Charle's Tupper's policy then so ar as it can be gathered from his speaches resembles in no respect the policy of the resembles in no respect the policy of the resembles in no respect the policy of the able citizens of Cedarville, Ohio, who cele syndicate bargain. It is very easy for the Cazette to say that there is nothing in our ontention that there is an [essential diference between granting a monepoly to a private road and protecting a government coad from competition, but we fancy our contemporary will find it just a little difficult to get any men of intelligence to believe that there is not a very essential

We quite agree that it is highly importnt in a national sense that the trade of the Northwest should be induced to find its way to the seaboard by Canadian rather than American channels, but it is by no means clear that it will pay to secure this advantage at the cost of handing over to a trade, which is practically to give them the right to tax as they may please for the enefit of the company, the people of the Northwest and such eastern merchants I believe that no good thing can come out and manufacturers as may desire to send their goods to that portion of the Dominion.

The Gazette might very properly urge the national argument in support of a contention that such a national highway as the Pacific the country to their guidance would be railway should be built, owned, and controlled by the government, but in support of a proposition to make the syndicate the p ractical rulers and absolute taxmasters of the Northwest it cannot be admitted.

EVEN IN JACK FALSTAFF'S TIME the hu- OUR REFORM CONTEMPORY the St man race was much given to lying, al- Catharines News says that "the tariff of vative association" of this city though there were no disputes about news- the future must be a high tariff, and all paper circulations in . those days. amount of falsification that has been in- Correct. The Globe bites a file. dulged in upon this subject in Toronto would sink a ship. A few months ago the morning Mail was challenged by the Montreal Star to make good its claim to the largest circulation in Canada, and after much equivocation the managers of the former journal were compelled to "eat crow." associates and echoes great and small when The evening reprint of the Mail now The public men of Canada will compare own behalf, trusting to the contempt of its ously contrived attempt to frighten a rise contemporaries for protection from exposwith any class of men in other walks of life ure. It is a strange inconsistency that men who profess regard for their own veracity in private should so recklessly outrage truth in public, and to the knowledge of thousands of their fellow citizens. This sort of thing has rendered the public so skeptical that a truthful statement of a newspaper's circulation is received with in-

> obtained strictly at the expense of the more profitable morning edition. J. J. HAWKINS is to be the tory political agent for Ontario at the next general election. We presume our tory friends have been sufficiently prudent to have some one ready to take his place should John J. happen to turn grit before the election comes off. But as the able summersaulter has been tory three times and grit only twice and as it is now nearly three years since he mediocrity." High authority. was a grit last, it may be that the tory leader thinks he has sown his political wild oats as it were. Then, Sir John is getting old and in the nature of things cannot re main long at the head of the party, and as John J. is well known to be of opinionhaving repeatedly expressed himself that way-that in the fulness of time the mantle of leadership must fall on him as at once

the extent of its evening circulation it is

the United States. To this end he enlarged probably conceive it to be his interest to re-THIS ETERNAL WHINE. about the, sufferings of the Canadian farmer There is no class of people in this or any made a desperate attempt to carry off the machine by force. It is calculated that burdens than the farmers of Canada, If the N. P. has done them no good it has at least done them no harm, but we think it a self-evident proposition that it is impossible to build up towns and cities without enhancing the value of the farmer's land,

the representative Irish Catholic and the

and increasing the consuming power of his home market. The attempt to array class against class will fail again as it failed in 1878. There are tens of thousands of farlegal claim to the machine, even though it they felt that he was wrong, and there are tens of thousands of others who believe that he is right upon this question. Why, the farmer escapes even the much-abused

THE NATIONAL PARTY have a strong grievance to air in the matter of copyright. If we controlled our own copyright law. Canadian printers and publishers would get GOVERNMENT OR PRIVATE MONOPOLIES. thousands of dollars that go to Englishmen

nent ake the responsibility of rejecting it or the British government of

tor undertakes to say that "the government is strictly and scrupulously careful that only actual settlers shall get possession of the hand't in the north-west, he makes a bold and remarkably ablebodied statement. And when he further avers "I know whereof I speak," he foolishly risks his reputation for veracity, without sensibly

Some People are objecting to the minis of the banks We are of opinion that the minister does not interfere enough, as the Hamilton Spectator puts it the banks must regard the minister as one of themselves nd that of the present government are They can depend on him keeping good counbanks and their customers.

> States news gatherer that he always de scribes lynchers and other law-breakers a brated Christmas eve by burglarizing liquor shops have queer ideas of the best me-thed of promoting temperance and mo-

> THE MONTREAL POST makes merry over the aristocratic airs which the Mail scribes give themselves. The Mail has laboriously earned the position of the organ of the snobs of Canada, a race even more offensive to good taste than those whom Thackeray has pilloried for all time.

THE CATHOLIC BISHOP of Rochester has drawn down upon himself a storm of cenure by denouncing the Irish American Land League. Whatever the merits of the controversy, it is gratifying to see that the ompany of capitalists a monopoly of that time has come when Irishmen refuse to be lieve that belief in the Apostolic succession does not apply to politics,

> WE HAVE RECEIVED a copy of a little pamphlet published in 1876 entitled "notes on the Dominion of Canada by an old Canadian surveyer," dealing in a sarcastic vein with the over-government of Canada We intend quoting some of its passages at an early day.

> THE MONTREAL SPECTATOR calls the Globe "Mr. Blake's mentor." This is probably an error of the intelligent compositor. Our contemporary evidently meant torment

IF THE GLOBE were content to belong to the reform party instead of endeavenring to make out that the party belongs to it, the birds in their little nests might agree better than they now do.

THE MARKHAM SUN EDITOR announces that there is a great demand for cabbage in makes a still more monstrous claim on its the United States. Thisis probably an ingeniof salary out of the proprietor of the paper.

Doctors DIFFER concerning the Gitteau as well as other cases, but Dr. G. M. Beard hits the mark when he says that if the prisoner had shot a boot black instead of a president fewer experts would assert his sanity.

WHEN REFORM ORGANS try to make political issue of a bargain with the syndicate credulity. The Mail's rivals have the con- which they hold inviolate, they fire blank solation of knowing that whatever may be cartridge.

> THE STALWART POLITICIANS of the United States wear the bloody shirt, and their Canadian fellows flaunt the flannel shirt. It is a poor political shitt.

TALMAGE SAYS HELL is strewn with to bacco leaves. This is probably the reason cigar makers are forced to use

THE REV. EDITOR of the Montreal Spec

tator has a good deal to say about WHEN VENNOR got up yesterday morning and found his stockings full of sunshine h

must have voted himself a failure THE TORY BAND OF HOPE flourishes like a green bay horse. It has received an ac-

cession from Chicago. REV. A. J. BRAY calls his Toronte fellow crank "a preacher, who is simply erratic." MEDICAL.

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