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enough money for railways owned by themselves to have cancelled it! The private interests of these two brilliant gentlemen were far more important in the eyes of the Government than the interests of the people of Montreal.

A LARGE manufacturing concern is reported to have subscribed \$5,000 to the Tory election corruption fund lately and the week following reduced the wages of their hands ten per cent to make up for it.

WHILE some persons are eloquent in the advocacy of sectional representation, they fail to observe that the object sought is often attained by taking a course directly opposed to their pet theory.

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unable to obtain employment; and—but very few can find steady work. We therefore deem it our duty to warn all workmen, be they mechanics or laborers, not to come to this Province, unless they have sufficient means to employ their own labor, and even then, unless they happen to be experienced fabricators, agriculturists or miners, their success is likely to be very doubtful.

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representative of the electors of Glengarry should not repeat the mistake they made four years ago. In the present election they have an opportunity of sending to parliament a native and a resident of the county in the person of Mr. Parcell—a man who by his own industry and ability has raised himself to a high position of wealth and influence.

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ingency, which none but a hide-bound, partisan could contemplate with patience. In the struggle of parties members of parliament are, sometimes required to do things which party alone can excuse, but there is, and there must always be, a limit to this sort of subservience. Each individual member must be the judge of that limit.

Looking over the list of those with whom Mr. Curran voted on that ever memorable occasion we see the names of men whose hostility to Irish principles are instinctive, unreasoning, implacable. Men are known by the company they keep, the world over, and the fact that the man who represented the Irishmen of Montreal was found speaking and voting with the enemies of his people when every sentiment of honor, patriotism and duty exacted a contrary course of action, is in itself irresistible proof of his unworthiness.

We know that Irishmen are loath to be severe with one whom they have known so long, but unless they are prepared to abandon the cause for which so many have sacrificed all that men value most dear, they cannot forgive or condone open, flagrant treachery to that cause. Does Mr. Curran own the franchise of Montreal Centre that he should prostitute it to the service of a party leader, in direct defiance of the wishes of those who placed it in his keeping? Every consideration is but as chaff before the wind compared with the inexorable command of the Irish people that there shall be no paltering, no trimming, no shrinking, from the principle of Home Rule pure and simple.

The duty of every Home Ruler in Montreal Centre, of every Liberal, of every man who despises trimming and double-dealing as such conduct out to be dispised, will be to turn out and work for the triumphant election of Mr. Cloran, who is in this contest the representative of the principles of Blake and Home Rule.

There can be no mistaking the attitude of the Provinces in relation to Macdonaldism. That term conveys a distinct meaning to every mind of a system and a policy peculiar to the Conservative party, as it is and has been controlled and directed by Sir John Macdonald. Dazzling and dishonest, with no fixed principle except determination to cling to power, Macdonaldism is a synonym for reckless unscrupulousness and immeasurable exaggeration.

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Before anything can be done, all these evil progeny of Macdonaldism must be overcome and crushed. The same necessity that exists in civil society for suppressing thieves and swindlers now demands the punishment of the men who have perverted the trust reposed in them by the people to the most corrupt and dishonest purposes. They are public enemies more dangerous than pirates and brigands, more destructive of national life than the plague, and must be handled without mercy.

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CRIMES OF GOVERNMENT.

The axiom that society is produced by our wants, government by our wickedness; that the former promotes our virtues, the latter restrains our vices, has been reversed by the rulers of Canada. Tory orators and leader writers, addressing themselves to the public, make the extraordinary claim that society is dependent on government, which they endow with the character of omnipotence, while they excuse and defend the anti-social vices which have been encouraged, instead of being restrained by the government whose cause they plead.

THE FIRST DUTY.

Sir John Macdonald has declared that his industrial policy is in danger should he be defeated in the present contest. But when we reflect on one great, if not the greatest, feature on that policy, analyze it, and find out what it really is, we are forced to the conclusion that the greater the danger it is in the better for the country.

TORYISM IN CANADA.

Mr. Gladstone, writing to a Glasgow paper, says:—"There are many circumstantial differences between the cases of Canada and Ireland, but within and under them there is a strong analogy. In the main they have the same friends and foes. Toryism has not supported freedom in Canada and resists it in Ireland."

TORY COERCION IN CANADA.

COERCION of a very improper kind, there is good reason to believe, is being exercised by Tory employers with their workmen in order to get their votes for Mr. Curran. Every man, no matter what his position may be, should not be interfered with in the performance of his duty as a free man.

GLENGARRY.

Gratifying reports come to us from this grand old county—reports which indicate that it will be redeemed and brought into line with the Liberal majority on the 22nd. The recent election of Mr. Rayside for the Ontario House, by which a stronger and popular man was defeated, shows what can be done by work and full discussion of the issues between parties.

LABOR IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Below we give a resolution which has been sent us for publication. It speaks for itself. We may remark, however, that the workmen may see by it how unjust has been the action of the Ottawa Government in allowing Chinese laborers to displace white men on the great national works in British Columbia.

A CLEAN SWEEP.

Is it not time some legislation were enacted to prevent a repetition of the disgraceful disclosures that come from Quebec? It is reported on good authority from the provincial capital that the defunct ministry has left behind them a treasury swept clean of the last cent and a large amount of accumulated liabilities and the overdrawn subsidy of \$925,000 dissipated.

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