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LESSON FROM B.C.

British Columbia is on the eve of a
revelation of political corruption of a
disgraceful character. The one bright
side to the situation is the evident
anxiety of both government and op-
position to bring out the truth and
punish the culprits.

The attitude of the British Colum-
bia Ministry in this crisis should shame
the Ross government, if it is
capable of shame.

When the charges of corruption were
made the government of British Co-
lumbia did not turn savagely on the
man who made them. It did not prompt
its press to vilify the accuser and
demand that judgment be suspended
in the case of the accused. The
British Columbia government did not
haggle over the methods that should
be employed to unearth scandal.

A special committee of the House
was proposed, and that tribunal was
accepted without the slightest show
of hostility. The special committee
will enquire into the charges unham-
pered by legal technicalities that ex-
clude important testimony and without
assigning to the judiciary a duty
which is purely political and which
should be executed by a political power.

But the point which is brought for-
ward to the attention of Ontario is not
the superiority of a special committee
of the House to a Royal Commission.
It is the fact the accused parties did
not attempt to force upon the accuser
the terms upon which they should be
tried. The government press of Ontario
is fond of saying that if the
Ross government had proposed a special
committee of the House the opposi-
tion would have demanded a Royal
Commission. Indeed the Ross govern-
ment was not anxious to give the
opposition a chance to refuse a special
committee. The proposal of a
special committee commanded unani-
mous approval in British Columbia,
and a special committee would have
been accepted as readily in Ontario if
the government had been as anxious
as the opposition to get at the truth.

In British Columbia the government
has acted on the principle that no
form of investigation can make guilt
of innocence. This display of fearless-
ness may be the act of a guilty minis-
try, but it is commendable neverthe-
less.

If the government fails it will go
down fighting with approved weapons.
If it is exonerated it will have the
satisfaction of knowing that it sur-
vived the most rigid form of investi-
gation that its enemies could pro-
pose.

The tone of the whole proceeding in
British Columbia was measurably su-
perior to the tone of the recent battle
in the Ontario legislature. Both parties
apparently were determined that
the crisis should be faced with courage
and dignity. The result was unani-
mous acquiescence in a scheme of
enquiry that binds both accused and
accuser to complete concurrence in the
verdict.

In many ways the Royal Commis-
sion investigating the Stratton charges
has satisfied the people. It has shown
itself far superior to the average Royal
Commission. The respectable part of
the Stratton investigation is that the
Royal Commission was chosen by the
accused in the face of the hostility of
the accuser. There was not shown
in its appointment that fine public
spirit that led the government of British
Columbia to choose a tribunal that the
accusing party approved.

DANGER IN CAMPAIGN FUND.
The Globe has such a profound re-
spect for its esteemed friend sub-
ject justice that it enunciated the sanctity
of the Liberal campaign fund while
the Royal Commission was considering
the advisability of admitting evidence
concerning the existence of such a
fund. It was fearful that the probing
of the Gagey charges to their fullest
depths might tap the party's campaign
funds, and reveal embarrassing truths.
Their Lordships have decided that
it is not necessary to go into the de-
tails of the campaign monies to serve
the purpose of enquiry. That decision
is undoubtedly in accord with the rules
of evidence by which the Commission
is bound, but the public will be slow
to believe that a possible source of
corruption should not be the subject
of scrutiny in examining the Gagey
charges.

The Globe speaks of the campaign
fund as "the necessary and entirely
legitimate expense of a campaign."
If the campaign fund, which the pro-
secution proposed to examine, is as in-
nocent as the Globe tries to make
out, why should it not be investigated?
No harm could be done to the party
if the fund were found to be "necessary
and entirely legitimate expense money."
If, on the other hand, the fund should
be found to exceed the requisites of
necessary and legitimate expenses, the
ground for suspicion is established.

The public would certainly refuse
to accept The Globe's word that the

WHERE A BIG AX IS NEEDED.



"THE COUNTRY" (to hired man Mulock): Yes, that's certainly quite
a notch, but that's a bigger ax needed here, William, and it's got to be
applied to the roots.

campaign fund was legitimate ex-
pense money. It would be as reason-
able to accept The Globe's sweeping
denial of wrongdoing when the charges
were first formulated or to concur in
the organ's suspicion that R. R. Gagey
is a vulgar scoundrel.

There is not the slightest doubt that
there is a connection not absurdly
remote between the character of the
Liberal campaign fund and the Gagey
charges. The connection was not suf-
ficiently direct to bring it within the
limits of a legal enquiry, but that
fact does not argue the uselessness of
investigation in the public interest.

The defence claimed that it would
be as fair to examine into the Con-
servative campaign fund. It would
be certainly as fair if abuse of the
Conservative campaign fund had been
suggested. The Conservative party
had not, however, called upon to
answer charges of corruption. When
such charges are formulated and when
a reasonable suspicion is raised, The
World will be as eager to demand in-
vestigation of the Conservative cam-
paign fund as it is now to urge the
necessity of enquiring into the cam-
paign fund that was at the disposal
of the Ross government. And even
the Conservative party was not
made defendant in a charge of cor-
ruption, S. H. Blake, K.C., acted wisely
in offering to expose the Conserva-
tive campaign fund to the same kind
of scrutiny that he demanded in the
case of the Liberal campaign fund.

It is regrettable that this propo-
sition did not appeal to the Commission.
The question should not, however, be
dropped with the decision which ex-
cludes evidence as to campaign funds
from the scope of the Royal Commis-
sion. The anxiety to conceal the par-
ticulars of party campaign funds is
not reassuring. To the public it
looks very much as if these monies
were not the contribution of party en-
thusiasts for the purpose of legitimate
expenses of the campaign. The legis-
lature should follow that suspicion and
find whether it is warranted or not.
Neither party should be spared. Cam-
paign funds are exercising a sinister
influence in Canada politics, and
the labors of the Royal Commission
should be supplemented with a further
examination into this possible source of
corruption.

LET THE KILTIES ORGANIZE.
Hamilton will have good cause for
resentment if it is refused the right to
organize a Highland regiment because
the Militia Department objects to
"about regiments."

If Sir Frederick Borden is so wil-
lingly opposed to "show" in the Canadian
militia he would do well to begin the
reformation in a more vital detail than
regimental clothes.
The Canadian militia is defence to time,
honored traditions that a regiment must
look well and drill well in order to
establish its claim to efficiency. Mil-
itary is exalted over brains and mark-
smanship is subordinated to the ex-
treme necessity of giving the correct
pose to the chin and the proper set to
the shoulders.

The Minister of Militia has done a
good deal to improve the militia, but
he has yet to weed out vast quantities
of form to bring Canada's fighting force
to the full limits of its possibilities.

The Highland dress is adapted
to the requirements of active service.
As a matter of fact nearly every stan-
dard and regimental uniform was dis-
carded when the troops were called to
South Africa. The Highland uni-
form was not as a matter of fact
discarded by the Highland regiments
that took the field, and it is not on re-
cord that the effectiveness of these
corps was diminished.

A Highland regiment in Hamilton will
attract scores of young men who could
not be tempted into an ordinary regi-
ment. Hamilton should therefore be
allowed to test the enthusiasm of its
young men for a kilted corps. What
they wear is an unimportant detail
compared with the efficiency they
achieve in the use of the rifle.

Some day, no doubt, simplicity of
army dress will be more popular than
it is today. The tendency is strongly
in that direction. There is no reason
why the Highland regiment should be
hastened in this respect. There is, as

Killed by His Son.
Sharon, Pa., May 5.—Beriah Orr
was struck on the head and killed to-
day by a stone thrown by his son.

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gets many a watch in trouble
that otherwise would be a
steady-going and reliable
timepiece. No case will entirely
keep out dust; watches should
be cleaned every eighteen
months or two years, even
though seemingly all right.
That's one source of trouble.
There are others.
Maybe it's a cracked jewel—
a heavy jar will sometimes
crack a delicate jewel. Per-
haps the hairspring has been
jolted so as to catch and not
do its work properly. Or the
watch may be magnetized. The
finer the watch, the more deli-
cate and sensitive the machin-
ery and the easier disarranged.
—just as a finely-bred horse is
more subject to "nerves" and
colds than a sturdy cart-horse.
Pick out a good, reliable
store when there's anything to
be done to your watch. We
have the best watch repairers
we know of — had to have the
best, as we guarantee all such
work, and don't try to evade
our guarantee; it's broad.

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re-set stones, and do the best
of work in this line, as in
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HOUSE ROUTINE.

Bush Fires in Addition Called to
Government's Attention.

On the motion to go into supply in
the House yesterday Mr. Reid (Ad-
dington) called the attention of the
House to the losses by bush fires of some
of his constituents. One village was
completely wiped out, and the residents
lost everything they possessed. He
thought that the government should
make inquiries and see whether the
proper precautions were taken to pre-
vent the disaster.

The Premier said he had no knowl-
edge of the fire, but when official re-
ports were received he had no doubt
that steps would be taken to relieve the
distress.

The House then went into committee
on Mr. Harcourt's bill respecting the
Education Department with Mr. Child-
well in the chair. The only amend-
ment to the bill had reference to the
wording.

In Committee of the Whole House
Mr. Harcourt's bill respecting the
Education Department and his bill to
amend the Public Libraries Act were
amended.

The bill respecting the taxation of
lands in New Ontario passed its second
reading.

Bills Read a First Time.
Mr. Dickenson: To amend the law
respecting gas and waterworks, to
amend the law respecting dowry.

Mr. Powell: Respecting the City of
Ottawa.

Mr. Caldwell: Respecting the Town
of Bracebridge, and to confirm by-
laws 152 and 153, respecting the Town
of Port Arthur.

Mr. McCart: Respecting the Stok-
mont Electric Light and Power Co.
Inquiries of the Ministry.

Dr. Nesbitt has given notice of an
inquiry respecting the appointment of
John McMaster as overseer of a road
in Nipissing. He will move for a
return of the correspondence in refer-
ence to the matter.

Mr. Matheson on Thursday will ask
for a return of awards by the arbi-
trators between the Dominion and the
provinces since the date of the last
return, and also a statement of the
account between Ontario and the Do-
minion from Dec. 31, 1892, to Dec. 31,
1902.

Attorney-General Gibson will intro-
duce a bill on Thursday to amend the
Ontario Insurance Act.

Education Estimates Passed.
In Committee of Supply the House
voted \$22,241.05 for education. Mr.
Harcourt explained the increases in
the various departments, and the only
discussion of any moment was on the
item of \$18,110.48 to provide for the
estimated deficit of the University of
Toronto. Mr. Whitney observed that
the time should come when the deficit
would be wiped out.

Mr. Harcourt said the province must
meet the demands of the institution,
and he told of the president of Col-
umbia University appealing for \$10-
000.00 for that institution.

"To whom," asked Col. Matheson,
and the reply was, "To its constitu-
ents."

The Minister of Education was about
to enlarge on the necessity of provid-
ing for the wants of the university
when Mr. Whitney called out, "We're
all agreed," and the appropriation was
voted. Six o'clock having arrived the
House adjourned.

Committees in Session.
The Committee on Standing Bills and
Orders had under consideration yester-
day morning the bill providing for the
increase of powers of the Hamilton
Amalgamated Electric Light and Power
Company. The bill was in charge of
Mr. Carscallen, who explained that the
resolutions asking for certain amend-
ments, and it was very important that
the bill be passed.

The committee considered in that por-
tion of the London City bill provid-
ing for the issue of debentures, the
amount of \$25,000 for the Victoria
Hospital. Another clause to authorize
the issue of \$25,000 debentures for fire
halls and new culverts was laid over.

The City Solicitor was instructed to re-
draft the preamble of the bill.
At a meeting of the Public Accounts
Committee, George P. Graham was
elected chairman.

The Railway Committee and the Pri-
vate Bills Committee also considered a
number of bills.

GOLDWIN SMITH ON DIVORCE.

**Strong Array of Facts Bearing Upon
The Mooted Question.**

Weekly Sun: There are now 51,333
divorced persons in the United States,
not including those who have remarried.
There is no doubt a multitude of
children with the law of the parent of
divorce. The divorce courts go
like mills. The spread of this pest
threatens the foundations of society as
well as of individual character and
happiness. But when Sir Wilfrid Lau-
rier, is asked to institute a proper di-
vorce court here, and this to prevent
our people from resorting to the Uni-
ted States courts, and being drawn into
the vortex of license, he gives the
strange answer that there are very few
applications for divorce in Canada; as
if people were likely to apply for a
divorce where the proper facilities for
it are withheld. Besides the gross in-
congruity of trying a matrimonial cause
before the Senate, the expense of the
process is prohibitive.

Sir Wilfrid's real reason is, of course,
his fear of offending the Roman Catho-
lic Church, which, regarding marriage
as a sacrament, abhors divorce alto-
gether, the Roman Catholic Church
has a perfect right to impose her rules
upon the State, and the Minister who
allows her to do this, and to disgrace the
country by so gross an anachronism as
the use of a legislative assembly as a
divorce court, falls in his manifest duty
to the Commonwealth.

The churches have their own views of
marriage as a religious ordinance,
and their corresponding rules. The
State looks to nothing but social ex-
pediency and justice. Social expedi-
ency requires that the divorce law
should be strict, and that its admin-
istration should be such as duly to im-
press the parties concerned and the
community at large with the serious
character of the step. But it does not
seem that these conditions being ful-
filled, social expediency or justice for-
bids remarriage, especially in the case
of the aggrieved party. Remarriage
may be desirable for the children, whose
interest is not to be left out of ac-
count. There has been a burst of ec-
clesiastical wrath in England at the
plutocracy of New York. But the
record of the Church of England on this
subject is not so uniform and clear as
the Anglican Bishops seem to suppose.
The church divorced Henry VIII from
Anne of Cleves and remarried him to
Catherine Howard. It divorced Lady
Essex from her first husband and re-
married her to Somerset, the favorite
of James I. The marriage of George
IV to Mrs. Fitzherbert was void in
law under the Royal Marriage Act; but
in a moral or religious point of view no
marriage could be more valid. Yet the
Church of England, while Mrs. Fitz-
herbert was still living, remarried
George IV to Caroline of Brunswick.
Those who take an ecclesiastical view
of the question should bear in mind

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that tho in the eye of the church a
divorced person may have a husband
or wife still living, in the eye of the
State the bond is absolutely annulled,
and the relation has totally ceased to ex-
ist.

FIRE RECORD.

Kington, May 5.—Forest fires in
Frontenac have caused a loss of \$100-
000.

St. Catharines, May 5.—Riddell &
Sons' spacious two-story brick work-
shop was completely gutted by fire
about 4 o'clock this morning. A large
amount of valuable machinery and
plumbers' tools, pipe and other ma-
terials, including two tons of Canada
plate, was destroyed. Approved esti-
mated loss \$5000. There is scarcely
any insurance, as the building was
supposed to be fireproof.

Odesar, May 5.—The house and drive
house of E. M. Clark of Brinsford
was burned this morning. Loss about
\$2000; insurance \$700; cause unknown.

Schwab Agins President.

New York, May 5.—Charles
Schwab was re-elected president of
the U. S. Steel Corporation today.