

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE.

The minds of men have been absorbed in the consideration of that colossal swindle, the Pacific Scandal, followed as it has been by the Tanneries Land Swap, and the prodigious expenditure attending the inquiries which followed. They have therefore overlooked a gross offence which, since the creation of the Senate, you have continuously committed or at least connived at. Seeing, however, that the most guilty of the perpetrators of the first of the above-mentioned crimes have, by re-election, resumed their places in Parliament, and are dabbling in legislative measures, I propose to awaken you to a sense of your own shortcomings.

Every Senator is entitled for every Session to \$1000 every Legislative Councillor of the Province of Quebec is for every session entitled to six hundred dollars. Such (without remark) is the fact. Now one Senator at least, being both a member of the Senate and of the Legislative Council receiving both allowances, both stipends, pockets annually \$1600. I speak of Mr. James Ferrier, bred a grocer, who representing the division of Victoria in Montreal sits at the rate of \$600 in the Legislative Council, *now in session*, and also as representing the Division of Shawanagan sits in your Senate, *now also in session* at the rate of \$1000 annually. It is certainly more profitable than dispensing gin and brandy over a counter, but is it consistent with the respectability and efficiency of the Senate, with the honor of individual members, with the interest of the Dominion, with the peace of the community? Whatever may be your answer to these questions, in fact Mr. James Ferrier has, during the whole period of the existence of the Senate and Legislative Council, always been, and still is, a member of the Upper Houses both of the Dominion and of the Provincial Legislature, and thus acquired a title to both allowances.

You know the part that he plays in your House—his vote