

made of prison labor has been the subject of much anxious thought by all Governments, and in selecting the manufacture of binder twine in the Central Prison the Ontario Government has hit upon an industry which does not come into competition with a large body of workmen, and which we hope will have the effect of breaking down the monopoly to some extent which is said to exist between the ropemakers of the Dominion. This will secure the farmers good twine at low prices. Only one kind is manufactured—pure manilla, of extra firmness and quality. The work is under the charge of Mr. James Noxon. In securing the services of such an eminent agricultural implement manufacturer and caterer to the farmer's wants the Government, for once at least, appears to have put the right man in the right place."

### A Contrast with Ottawa.

Toronto *Evening News* (Independent Conservative), Aug. 16th, 1893—"Mowat has been in power in Ontario for over twenty years, and, while there have been complaints of extravagance in the purchase of asylum supplies and of mismanagement in the colonization road expenditure, a serious charge of corruption against his government has yet to be heard. At Ottawa, on the other hand, there has been nothing but scandal for three years past, the latest expose having to do with a bridge on which the outlay, owing to open and shameless stealing, has been treble what it should have been. The Local Opposition tells us that it is necessary to turn Mowat out in order to get behind the scenes and discover whether he really has been as honest as appears on the surface. There is no necessity for a change of government at Ottawa in order to secure information as to the extent of the political rottenness there. The sore is so serious in the latter case that it is impossible to keep it hidden. If there is reason for a change in Ontario, so that we may find out whether we really have been honestly governed or not there is still more reason for a change at Ottawa in order to see if such will not at least partially remove a great evil."

### The New Parliament Buildings.

Toronto *Evening Telegram* (Independent), April 5th, 1893:—"No Province ever got more for its money than Ontario secured in the New Parliament Buildings, and no building was ever erected with less of jobbery and bungling in the work. . . . Altogether, the building is a credit to the Government that planned the work, to Hon. C. F. Fraser, who supervised it, and to the Province, the greatness and the hopes of which are not unworthily typified by the new abode of its Legislature."

Toronto *Evening News* (Independent Conservative), April 4th, 1893:—"The structure erected is a credit alike to the Government and the people for whom the Government has acted. . . . It is doubtful if an equally good showing can be made in connection with the erection of any other great public building on this continent."

E. E. SHEPPARD in *Toronto Saturday Night* (Conservative), April 8th, 1893:—"I think that . . . Ontario is getting the worth of her money in the new Parliament Buildings, and though I am no friend of the Government, I think it is in poor taste and belonging to bad morals that a building so economically constructed and so well adapted to the purpose for which it is designed, should not be commended to the public as an example of the honesty and definiteness of purpose which have characterized the Hon. C. F. Fraser in his management of this important public work."

Toronto *Mail*, February 23, 1894:—" . . . The magnificent pile that has been erected in the Queen's Park at a figure which, notwithstanding its extent, is moderate for the work that has been done, is an ornament to Toronto. . . . The outlay upon them, in so far as it has been carefully expended, will not be begrudged by anyone who has pride in the Province and its capital."

The *Buffalo Express*:—"The cost of Ontario's New Parliament Buildings is evidence to the effect that public work may be done on a business-like basis. That is a fact which a good many States, and the United States Government have yet to learn." Referring to the Albany Capitol, the *Express* says: "Twenty million dollars has been wasted on a building which was to have cost but three million."