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London, Wednesday, Sept. 30.

BLIND INVESTIGATORS. It is on sworn record that Mr. Tarte and other Quebec Conservatives appealed to Sir John Macdonald to prevent the ruin of the Conservative party by putting a stop to the rascalities perpetrated by the Langevin-McGreevy combination. Sir John soil he was a free man, the flag that floated replied in a day or two that investigation had been made, and there was no foundation for the charges. This, too, in face of tion for the charges. This, too, in face of the incontestible documentary proof and strike the blow for emancipation of his race before him by Mr. Tarte. The investigation was suppressed and a general election hur- people were heart and hand with the ried on before Parliament could take the matter up. The humiliating sequel we all

The Minister of Agriculture expressed the belief that there was nothing in the charges brought against Tetu, the immigration agent, and investigation was delayed until after Parliament assembled this year. Then it was discovered that Tetu was a forger and a thief, but he was conveniently allowed to slip across the border.

Mr. Bowell, Minister of Customs, and Sir

John Macdonald were made aware of the ascalities perpetrated by Senecal in the department controlled by Minister Chapleau. The last-named, finding himself in a tight corner, now calls Mr. Bowell to say that Mr. Chapleau was informed of the charges made by Mr. Barber, that he investigated them, and "there was nothing " The kind of "investigation" it was may be gathered from the fact that Mr.

CANADA AND THE UNITED

casion of the opening of the St. Clair tunnel the other day the most pithy and eloquent was no doubt the speech of our own George W. Ross. The occasion was one which naturally suggested a fraternity of trade relations, and Mr. Ross correctly interpreted the celebration of the day when he accepted it as a token of commercial unity on this continent. Every railway that has been built, every canal, every bridge, every tunnel, every work to emove barriers to transit or to cause the current of traffic to move smoother or more quickly -what has been the object of it but to facilitate trade and commerce beween severed communities and States and to widen the circle of neighborhood? It costs less to ship a barrel of flour from Minneapolis to Montreal or Boston today than it cost 40 years ago to ship it rom London to Hamilton-very much less. And a journey of 1,000 miles is undertaken nore readily to-day and accomplished easier, quicker and cheaper than was a journey of 100 miles 40 years ago. But, absurdly strange, while this great progress has been made in the means of transit through the energy and enterprise of the peoples of Canada and the United States, the policies of political parties on both sides of the international line have been Montreal and Maritime Provinces—A. McKim piling up obstacles to the free movement of intercommunication between the two countries. The Mrs. Partingtons of parties have been busy with their brooms sweeping back the tide; but it moves on in spite of them, and soon it will sweep them all away. That is inevitable, and every work such as the St. Clair tunnel, the Grand Trunk, Canadian Pacific and Michigan Central railways, and the international bridges spanning the St. Mary, Detroit, Niagara and St. Lawrence rivers, is hastening the day when the trade of the continent shall be commercially free. The fight against nature is always ridiculous, but it becomes doubly so when nature and human interest are on the same side. Even if the difficulties of free trade between Canada and the Britain, and promotive of the best attain- end with the sureness of destiny. And that element of kinship is a mighty bond. Mr. Ross touched upon it eloquently when in the closing words of his speech he said:

"When the United States 30 years ago entered upon that great struggle for the maintenance of the Union, which culminated in the abolition of slavery, we sent 33,000 of our sons to fight the battles of a 33,000 of our sons to fight the battles of a nation's life, and we rejoiced when the flag which floats so proudly from every hilltop of the great republic represented an equal measure of liberty for all citizens, irrespective of race or color. We were with you then in your struggle for national life and equal citizenship. We are with you now in your endeavors to unfetter trade, to liberate commerce and to make this continent from pole to pole and from sea to sea as free and as untrammeled commercially as the millions represented by the flags entwined above us are socially and politically. (Loud and prolonged cheering.)" cally. (Loud and prolonged cheering.)' Our neighbors, perhaps, have never ap

preciated as they ought the motive which inspired so many Canadians to offer their lives for the cause of the civil war. It has been said by some of them-and not long ago by a Federal secretary who is called a great statesman-that the motive was only nercenary, that our 33,000 young Canadians enlisted only for the bounty. If this be so, then, pray, from what motive did their own citizens enlist? The bounty was not for Canadians specially. It was primarily those whose country was in jeopardy. If young Canadians were mercenaries, were young Americans patriots? The taunt is unworthy of any American citizen, and is becomes despicable in the mouth of a Federal secretary. The fact is that nowhere on this continent was hostility to the institution of negro slavery more keenly felt than in Canada. It was ou pride and our boast that our country was the safe asylum of the hunted black man. The moment he set his foot on Canadian over him was his emblem of treedor and of joy, and Canadians of every rank and class welcomed him to on the American continent, the Canadian cause. They were not influenced in any degree by the sentiment of European notions. They had nothing in common with the aristocracy of England. The democracy of the new world was theirs, that purer democracy which had liberty equality and fraternity for its motto, and or that cause the young men of Canada offered their lives. But another battle of freedom is yet to be won. The freedom of trade, and sentiment is fast ripening on both sides of the international line for its triumph, and the commercial unity of the continent has in it a millenium of potenti-

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BALANCE. A contemporary more than hints that in their pursuit of the wicked the opponents of thievery in high places have discrimi may be gathered from the fact that Mr. Barber, the very man who gave the information, was never once approached by the professed searcher for truth. We can imagine Chapleau walking up to Senecal, perfectly aware of his thieving, as he must have been, for the fact was notorions in Ottawa, and, winking, propounding the question: "Now, Senecal, are yon really dishonest?" and we can imagine Senecal replying. "Chapleau, you know document of the professed searcher for truth. We can imagine Chapleau walking up to Senecal, are you really dishonest?" and we can imagine Senecal replying. "Chapleau, you know document of the professed searcher for truth. We can imagine the accusation is not well founded. There is absolutely unassailable proof that the Liberal leaders who, from a benefit of the prosecution of those charges, have pursued their labors regardless of the representation of those charges, have and Langevin scandals and the stories of bribes, boodle and blackmail, of which we have last weeks, only touch the fringe of Macnated against men who have given their Senecal replying, "Chaplens, you know doers. And that is the only proper course, that I am honesty personified. I would not If a thief were to be saved from the effects that I am honesty personified. I would not steal if I could." Then Chaplean would his chimself to his colleagues, and assure them that his department was run with a perfect a regard for the public interest as that relating to public works, and the farge would end.

If the investigations that have taken place in Parliament demonstrate one feet. place in Parliament demonstrate one fact more than another it is that the Ministers grace to that denomination as such. It is more than another it is that the Ministers never honestly underteek an investigation into the charges laid before them.

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church to which they may cling cannot be responsible for their misdeeds unless the authorities strive to shield them or to palliate their wrong doing.

What public men must do if they would deserve public support is to expose and punish wrong-doing wherever found, and without regard to the social standing of the person convicted of despoiling the common property of the electorate. Only by so doing is civilized government possible.

THE PLEASURES OF PRISON LIFE. Here is a very suggestive passage taken from William P. Andrew's article on the "Increase of Crime by Reformatory Prisons" in the October Forum:

"Several times the prisoners have com-plained to the writer that the officers have made a mistake in copying their mitti-muses, and not given them time enough. Here is a complaint of this character last made to him. 'I have got but two months, and I am entitled to four. Please have it made to him. 'I have got but two months, and I am entitled to four. Please have it altered for me; I want all four months that I was sentenced for.' Again, meeting in a county prison a physician sentenced for two years for malpractice, the writer was astounded with this conversation. The prisoner was a man who had been noted for his enjoyment of the luxuries of existence. He said: 'It is a great mistake you fellows make in thinking you are inflicting punishment when you send men here. I have been herea year, and can truly say I have enjoyed it so much that I shall not feel sorry if my pardon is not obtained. You see, it has been vacation with just enough to do to amuse me. The novels in the prison library are entertaining, and I am very fond of dominoes and checkers, and find some first-rate players among the men. Now, if it strikes me in this way, who have been accustomed to every luxury, how must it be to the poor devils who never have a square meal outside? Do you wonder that they flock by hundreds and thousands to the jails in winter? My only suprise is that you can keep any of them out at all.' This is the opinion of an educated man who has experienced the benefits of the system in his own person, and finds them 'delightful'—a life from which he is loath to part. But it is evident that it is far from the 'austerity and severity' which once did 'pervade the prison place;' and it will be hard from this to realize the good man's desire of 'impressing the prisoner with the idea that the way of the transgressor is hard.'"

NO GETTING OUT OF IT. "We admit that there was the strongest circumstantial evidence that Sir Hector Langevin connived with the robbers of the public purse," argue the defenders of the ex-Minister of Public Works, "but it would never do to convict him on circumstantial evidence, no matter how strong. This is strange logic. Circumstantial evidence often hangs a man. It hanged Birchall. Why should Langevin be the only exception, especially when the net in which he was enmeshed so completely covers him and his partners?

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

MR. CHAPLEAU'S defaulting confidante, Senecal, writes a testimonial in favor of his boss from a hiding place in Buffalo. Chapleau is now expected to reciprocate, or at all events to guarantee his pal im munity from punishment.

### What a relief there must be in boodling circles in Ottawa to-day! The Public Accounts Committee has ceased its inquiries for the session, and the unexposed may regard themselves as safe

No doubt; but in the case of the Ot tawa Ministers the dodge of keeping Ministers ignorant was not adopted. There is absolute proof that the Ministers Royal and United States Mail Steam-Prime Minister long since justified the ers for Queenstown and Liverpool-Prime Minister long since justified the Prime Minister long since justified the system of selling legislation in return for subscriptions to the party bribery fund we need expect no improvement while he holds sway.

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[Greater Britain, Conservative.]

How thoroughly Canada is demoralized politically is more than sufficiently shown by the reluctance with which Sir Hector Langevin's resignation has been accepted. It is evident from the way in which Sir Hector is being treated by his former colleagues that they do not think so very much of his disgrace, and would, if allowed by public opinion, treat it as a passing pecy public opinion, treat it as a passing pec That is precisely what they have done in

spite of public opinion.

[London Star.]

During the Canadian elections, when foxy "Old To-morrow" came out with that ringing address of his in which he appealed to British patriotism, the Tory journals teemed with praise of the great imperialist.
When he died we were again reminded in many fulsome eulogiums of his greatness as a statesman, of his abilities and his worth. Now, when the result of his handwork is being unveiled, the same papers are denouncing popular government in Canada as the cause of all the mischief. It was Sir John Macdonald's usual luck that the system of corruption which he had established was not exposed until after he was dead. For 23 years he and his party had mainsix weeks, only touch the fringe of Mac-donaldism. The system, which has taken donaidism. The system, which has taken over twenty years to perfect, is not to be eradicated by a few weeks' investigation. But the Dominion cannot rest until it has been purged of corruption, until it has emancipated itself from the rule of the bribers and boodlers which Sir John Macdonald left in office. A clean sweep should be made of all the jobbers who have fat-tened on the result of twenty years of

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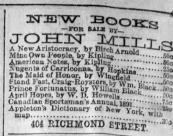
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