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ment of postage by the publishers by 1
cent stamp.God's in His heaven,
Al's right with the world.

—(BROWNING.)

London, Monday, July 20.

THE END NOT YET.

The dispatch from on Ottawa correspond-
ent in another column suggests that nothing
short of a clean sweep in the management
of public affairs at Ottawa will satisfy the
demands of the public. Grave irregularities
and wholesale peculations are alleged to have
prevailed in connection with other
departments of the public service
in addition to those now under
investigation, and it is likely that at
an early date a demand will be made for the
thorough investigation of the affairs of the
Military, Postoffice, and Printing Bureau
Departments.The revelations of extravagance,
misapplication of public money, official
incompetence and negligence are of
daily occurrence. The suspicion that these
rascalties would force themselves to the
front this summer, and compel such public
indignation as would swamp the Adminis-
tration, was one of the prime motives that
influenced Sir John Macdonald and his
associates to rush on the Dominion elections
last March, a year in advance of the legal
life of Parliament. The sequel shows that
the cunning trick was not resorted to a
moment too soon.

MURPHY'S GREAT SIN.

The London Free Press can hardly find
words to express its detestation of Mr.
Murphy, who has been compelled under
oath to tell what he knows about Sir Hector
Langevin and the Public Works scandals,
or which the Minister and his associates
are responsible. Our contemporary calls
Murphy a "Tammany Imp." Suppose the
man is all that his enemies represent him
to be, his record in New York and in
Canada was well known to Sir Hector and
his friends long before the scandal
reached full fruition. But that did not
prevent Sir Hector from making a boon
companion of him, or from collecting from
his firm, as often as it could be bled, funds
with which to corrupt the Canadian elector-
ate. If, when called before the investigat-
ing committee, Murphy had conveniently
rejured himself, and suffered from a lack
of memory, he would yet be a white-haired
joy, and be welcomed into the circle that,
in face of all the evidence to the contrary,
still professes to believe that Sir Hector has
done nothing wrong, and that his accusers
should be punished instead.

THE BINDING TWINE SWINDLE.

To put money in the pocket of a Con-
servative M. P. and his associates, the
tariff on binding twine is maintained in
Canada. Of that the recent debate in
Parliament left no doubt. The tax brings
little revenue to the public purse, but it
enables Mr. Stairs, the Halifax M. P., and
his fellow-monopolists to combine and close
up four of the Canadian mills, leaving only
three in active work. It enables them to
charge the Canadian farmers from 3 to
3 1/2 cents per pound over and above what its
market value would be if the tax were
thrown off, as proposed by Mr. Mulock,
M. P., and his fellow Liberals, and voted
down by a servile majority in the House of
Commons.When a mill owner is paid \$20,000 to
close up his factory in order that the men
who pay the money may monopolize the
market and charge the consumer an ex-
orbitant price, it is high time that all
honest men intervened to put a stop to the
system. Unfortunately, the men who now
have a small majority in the House of Com-
mons have sold themselves to the rings, and
must legislate for them and not for the
common welfare.

SIR HECTOR'S TENACIOUS HOLD.

Sir Hector Langevin still holds on to
office, and informs his fellow-Ministers
that he knows enough of the wholesale
plundering that has characterized their
regime to prevent them from casting him
aside. The old experience is repeated.
These men must hang together or hang
separately, and the Minister who made
Thomas McGreevy his bosom companion,
and liberally subsidized him out of the
public purse, in exchange for bribery
funds, has enough cunning to see that he
shall not alone be slaughtered. Be-
cause of this state of affairs, there is some
hope that honest administrators, one of
these days, may take the places of Sir
Hector and his associates."If I go, you all go," is Sir Hector's
ultimatum. "If Sir Hector is whitewashed,
you must all go" must be the demand of
every honest elector no matter to what
party he has hitherto belonged. Indeed,
the scandals arising from the misman-
agement and booting nurtured under
the eye of the men now in power
are such as ought to drive them into
obscurity as incapable, if not
grossly corrupt. In the case of Sir Hector
Langevin, on the testimony of his former
associate, Mr. Murphy, supplemented by
Mr. Valin, a trusted Conservative leader,
the evidence is most damning, and certainly
vindicates the contention of the ADVERTISER
that it was a menace to the public
interests and a distinct wrong to keep Sir
Hector Langevin in place and power after
the most damaging charges had been laid
against him by a responsible member of
Parliament, and one of his own party. If
Sir Hector had not the decency to
retire from office while the indictment
was under investigation, he should have
been set aside by his leader. As is shown
by unassailed testimony, important docu-
ments have been tampered with and altered
to give a misleading entirely different to what
they originally set forth. What guarantee
is there that other documents pertinent to
the inquiry have not been altered or
spirited out of the department?Junior clerks have been suspended
or discharged on mere ex parte
evidence, but the accused Minister
and his deputies are permitted not
only to retain their positions, but to con-
trol and prepare the documents affecting
them. It is simply disgraceful that there
should be so much favoritism.

THE DUTY.

In these days of midsummer heat the
Toronto Empire is still wrestling with the
question, "Who pays the duty?"It is long since Sir John Macdonald and
Sir David Macpherson settled the question
of who pays the duty on grains and Cana-
dian horses exported to the United States.
They asserted again and again that the
Canadian farmer either paid the duty or
ceased to find a market for his products.
It is funny to now find the chief organ of
the once great party trying to discredit
its oracles.WHAT THE "ADVERTISER" THINKS
ABOUT IT.The Toronto Monetary Times asserts that
Sir Charles Tupper's Imperial Federation
scheme is doomed to fail. Its principal
aim seems to be to increase the import-
ance of Tupper.A CONTEMPORARY in the confidence of Sir
Hector Langevin says that the situation
at Ottawa is extremely delicate. That is
scarcely a correct term. Rocky would be
a better word for it.LYNDWOOD PEREIRA, assistant secretary
of the Department of the Interior, has
been suspended. Is he a Grit?—(Hamilton
Times).Not much. He is an imported dude,
who failed to make an honest living in
mercantile life, and was promptly given
a well-paid office by the men now in
power at Ottawa.To good crops and extended trade relations
the mass of the people now look for pros-
perity. There has been a revolution in
public opinion in recent years. Only
by casual misrepresentation and con-
cealment of the facts did the monopolists
and their friends temporarily retain
power at last general election.At DANVILLE, Quebec, a company has
for years been making school slates, but
owing to the contracted market in
Canada it has been forced into liquida-
tion. Complete freedom to trade with
the United States was what the company
needed. Its experience has been that of
many other Canadian industries, and its
epitaph may well be written: "Killed by
the N. P."Young man, you may be entitled to vote,
but you will not get your name on the
Dominion list for the next election,
which may be held at any time, unless
you take steps to have it put there. It
will cost you nothing to go to the Liberal
rooms, Oddfellows' block, any week day,
afternoon or evening, and make sure of
your rights. This simple method is only
open to you during the next few days.Mr. Masson, M. P. for North Grey, and
other Ontario Conservatives are de-
nouncing in the House of Commons the
alleged trade policy of their party. The
other night Mr. Masson labored for
hours to prove that free trade in farm
products between the States and Canada
would be hurtful to Canadian farmers.
Do he and those who argue like him not
know that reciprocity in natural products
only is the declared policy of the leaders
they support? It is a stupid policy,
which they know cannot be attained,
but it is their stock-in-trade nevertheless.The wife of Hon. M. Stuart, a prominent
lawyer and vice-president of the Ohio State
Bar Association, died at Ravenna the other
day from the effects of corrosive sublimate,
taken with suicidal intent. She was a
prominent society lady.

WILL THEY STAND FOR UNDER?

There are a few among the recent growth
of Tory politicians whose hands are com-
paratively clean. Should they anticipate
the coming crash and refuse to fall amid
the ruins, they can precipitate the collapse
any day. The old heads have apparently
resolved to sink or swim together, but all
recognize that the hour of their dissolution
is high and that they are powerless to pre-
vent its coming.

FOR FARMERS TO REMEMBER

[Lindsay Post.]
When our farmers are buying their bind-
ing twine this summer they should not
forget they could have got it several cents
a pound cheaper had not the Government
voted down Mr. Mulock's proposition. If
the farmers are willing to toil and sweat
and swell the fortunes of a cordage
monopolist down in Halifax the rest of the
people need not worry; but we believe the
farmers are anxious to get relief from their
burdens, and what hampers and harasses
the farmer is an injury to the whole com-
munity.

TO SIR HECTOR.

[Montreal Witness.]
Mr. Golder is now openly referred to as
counsel for the Department of Public
Works, which means he has been retained
to defend Sir Hector Langevin, and not
to "establish the truth" or "bring the
guilty parties to light," as was, in the face
of all his behavior, unblushingly asserted
by the Government as the only excuse for
this unjust use of the public money. All
the facts in regard to the guilty parties are
being brought to light by Mr. Golder and
the counsel for the accusers at private cost.

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[Grand Rapids Workman.]
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lator that he has to pay the same tax on his
naked lot as the man with a handsome home.

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