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Mr R L Borden, Leader of the Opposition, has arranged for a consequently Prince Edward Is- it. What right have you to pride tour of the Dominion. He will and was in the lurch as usual; yourself upon its civic charms address public meetings in the because nobody advocated her when you have not made beautiful at Liberal convention's declarations are different parts of Canada from special claims to special treat- the small part of the city that is made that the party will not defend Cape Breton to British Columbia. ment. This is a question of the under your personal charge? The opening meeting will be held highest possible interest to this at Halifax on August 20th. The Province and much could be writ- fibres,—very fine perhaps, but s itinerary thus far published does ten upon it, but the subject has part of the root, neverless. So not include Prince Island; but we been fairly well threshed out in stirs the spirit of graft among the hope the Leader may find it con- these columns from time to time; people. So originates the curse

this Province before his tour is will not pursue it further. completed. In the addresses to be delivered by Mr Borden in his proposed tour he will, we must as sume, deal with the principal portant public questions engaging the attention of the electorate of Canada and expound and elucimove all possibility of misunder- at the root. All clipping of the standing. We fee lare that by the time he shall have completed his Leader and the principles he inculcates shall sweep over the Do- in high political places, but it finds Canadian life and character.—Otminion from ocean to ocean.

of the British North America Act, and impelled by the tidal energy now passing through the Imperial of the spirit of graft that pervad-Parliament. Last week we point- es the country as a whole. Our ed out that currency had been legislators are no better than ourgiven to the statement that the selves, but they are certainly no words "final and unalterable", worse. They are bound to reflect eliminated from the bill in the the morals, the spirit, the tenden-House of Commons by Winston cies of our land and life. Hence Churchill under Secretary of to denouce the grafter is not State, had been restored thereto enough. In itself it is not even not but reiterate now what w stated when this news was first puplished; that this proceeding, Churchill, who made the declar-House of Commons of the Secretary of State for the Colonies who holds a seat in the House of at the present writing, that is the the practice of graft by those in terest

ing the financial basis of the Pro-that he has not been successful in vinces under the British North America Act. After reviewing afford greater opportunity for such the whole scheme, Premier Ross profiting, does not add to his expressed the opinion, among virture or take from his vice. The other things, that in the case of desire is equal to the deed; the Provinces with a population less willingness is as bad as the wickedthan one million, the annual all ness. The grafter, fattening on cumstances. He went abroad to atlowance for the maintenance of the spoils of office, is no werse tend a conference of representatives of 2 hold. She is lying quite easy, but civil government and legislation than, if as bad as, the man who should be \$200,000. If his re- would do the same under the same the idea of using tariffs to increase the commendations had been adopted conditions, and whose present internal trade of the Empire, and this Province would now stand to wrath and indignation are given with their help he prevented the more receive not \$100,000; but \$200, greater force by his own appetite their theories. The idea he himself 000, annually for government and and envy. So long as we are advanced of subsidizing new steamship legislation. Premier Ross's mem- willing to let politics remain a lines to duplicate the service of those orandum, with other matters, was game, with spoils as the stake, we referred to a committee to report can hardly blame those who play back to the conference. Premier the game to the finish and claim and Australia. He was instrumental all departments last year. The man-Peters of this Province was a the stakes to the full. We must in so shaping the work of the confermember of this committee, and change the game, abolish the when the committee's report was stakes, eradicate the very spirit submitted it was found to be extended that animates, before the evil can matter little to anybody whether or not a more delightful spot than Cushing's to at the Conference of 1887, This graft root my be traced which has now become part of the amending act. According to the daily affairs of private life, amending act. According to the daily affairs of private life, ference in a great way and threw it some of the attractions. this arrangement, we are to re. A score of common instances come from him.

The Graft Root.

root and resource in the low life tawa Citizen. of those who form the bulk of the Nothing new has developed nation. If a wave of graft breaks boldly on Parliament hill, it must since our last issue, in connection with the bill for the amendment be remembered that it is lifted

in the House of Lords, at the in- fair. There is wider blame, deepstance of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, by er cause. The root must be recogthe Earl of Elgin, Secretary for nized and reckoned with. The the Colonies. Since then official particular villain cannot be indannouncement of this fact has ged apart from the general vice. been cabled to Premier McBride The blossom alone should not be of British Columbia, from the Co- blamed, nor should it be blamed lonial Secretary's office. We can as much as the root which gives it duty. We quote:

is based on the soil of selfishness. ern border States to furnish all the more than political principles. Candiunder the circumstances, seems It exists because of the desire of pulpwood that this country would called themselves Lberal, but Laurier most extraordinary and unprece. men to enrich themselves at the ever need. That notion has been supporters. It was presumed, and to dented. When the word of the expense of others. It is the child exploded. Our invasion of Canada some extent the presumption was justi. Mar. 22nd, 1906 Government is pledged by a mem. of dishonesty, and grandchild of for the needed supply is causing fied, that if a man only shouted lond ber thereof in one of the houses avarice. The presence of graft in grave apprehension in that country. of Parliament, we have a right to officialdom means the absence of Wisconsin paper mills are buying assume that this pledge binds the good in citizenship. The fact that pulpwood in Quebec, 1,200 miles Government. In the case under graft is tolerated in the least is away. The situation is a little better review, the reasons for such an sufficient evidence of the truth of in northern New York and northern assumption seemed particularly this assertion. In a country where well founded; for Winston this spirit was not, or did not predominate, the revelations of the fact, a number of our large paper ation, is the representative in the last year in Canadian affairs of companies have bought extensive inflated contracts and political tracts in Canada and are busily cuttrake offs would have created a ing on them. One company owns veritable revolution. But the about 3,000 square miles, and another Lords. It would at once be taken shameful fact that they have been owns about 2,200 square miles. There for granted that any statement on received almost with apathy and are others with smaller holdings. a question of this nature, made indifference by the majority of The point of special importance is by the under Secretary, would be people shows how prevalent and not so much the possibility that Canasimply the expression of the con- powerfull must be this spirit of da may impose an export duty on clusion arrived at after conferring graft. And so while every good pulpwood as the certainty that unless with his chief. So far as known citizen must deplore and denounce proper steps are soon taken there

stage at which the matter has officel position, every good citizen arrived. The next move in the must recognize as being of even game will be awaited with in- greater significance the relation that he himself bears to the root. asked to do. The spruce regions of Another ship came to grief on the Public graft springs from private Maine, New Hamshire, Vermont, Glancing at the report of the greed. Wherever a citizen may New York, Michigan, Wisconsin and proceedings of the second Provin- be found who is willing to take Minnesota are not a part of the natcial Conference, relative to the advantage of an opportunity to ional domain. increase of subsidies to the Pro- add to his wealth without making vinces from the Federal treas- adequate return for it, may be can be averted only by State or by engines disabled. The sea is smooth. uary, held at the city of Quebec, found a fibre of the root. Who- undivided action, and only by the however, and assistance will be sent in December, 1902, our eye fell ever is willing to use the privileg. conservation of the existing forests to her, probably from both Halifax upon paragraphs of much interest es of his position to secure an un- and an extensive planting with a and St. John. Wednesday the Orin Among other things incorporated earned gain is a grafter at heart, view to the remote future. Canada oco arrived at St. John from Demin this report, we find the memor- even if he is not one in actual praandum presented by Hon Mr Ross tice. The mere fact that the opthen Premier of Ontario, respect- portunity has not come to him, or

under consideration one of our verandas, the neat lawns, the financial contribution from the and looked out upon the city over Federal treasury; but the basis a scraggy, treeless lawn. Grafter! agreed upon, shows that nothing What right have you to feast your in the direction of Premier Ross's eyes upon the beauty of the city recommendation was done, and when you have added nothing to

So runs the root, in its finer venient to address meetings in consequently, for the present we that we are compelled to deplore Yukon banditti were the appointees of Graft is the most pernicious than in the great, since the re-weed in the fair fields of Canadian ward and inducement are also minister who is responsible for furnishlife, blighting, cursing, choking smaller? Is not the tide greater with a defective rifle is the minister

Pulp and Pulpwood.

(Ottawa Citizen)

The New York Sun, which for ears has maintained a deep and inof the two countries, has already taken note of the movement in this years of disregard of the decent senticountry looking to the conservation of Canada's spruce forests, "which

The root of graft is greed. It confidence in the ability of our north- that he is more than party beliefs and New England, but even in those regions the end of our supply is im-

supply in Canada as well as in this country. So far as this country is concerned there is little if anything that the federal government can be

The danger, grave and impending. and may exercise them. If she does, this country must dance to the tune

Hail Laurier.

(Montreal Gazette.

Sir Wilfrid Laurien has returned Canada under anything but happy cirthere as the helper of those who oppose

is that Prince Edward Island's re- Grafter! You did a piece of work the work he has to continue. It is venture Station, Montreal.

presentatives at the Conference of the other day. You worked at it doubtful if in the history of Canada. This community was community and the conference of four hours. You charged for five. dences of changed and chauging opin-1906, did nothing to convince Grafter! Yesterday you took a those assembled that we were en- walk. You admired the beauty time of his departure and his return to titled to special treatment and in of the city, the luxuriant and his country. He left with the halls of creased subsidies. In the case brilliant flower boxes on the Parliament ringing with the charge representatives was on the com- speading shade trees. You went graft." He returns to find that people littee to prepare schedules of home to a flower-boxless verands, generally believe the shameful imputation had foundation in fact The great religious bodies of the country ings and from them has come the message that the Government must cleanse itself or perish. So notable has been his wife, a

bas figured-in the scandals of the past the 8 ipendiary Magistrate where his preten years he has not patronized or adadvanced to ministerial rank. The flowering may seem worse than were his friends. The land grafters of the small fibre. But is it? Is the West and of the East were his political and journalistic and parlianot dishonesty worse in the small mentary supporters. The bribers of out, morally pauperizing. And than the wave? Is not the im-like a weed, it must be dealt with impulse greater than the impact? soldiers sent to South Africa with a de-Canada will be free from graft fective emergency ration. Sir Wilfrid thistle-top is vain. So long as the only when the spirit of graft is root remains, the resource and the killed in our citizenship life, and supported or preferred them all. He is responsible for them. They are force of evil also remain. The when every Canadian, living hon- the kind he likes. He cannot rebuke for the Conservative party, its eradication of the root is the only estly himself, will contribute to them without condemning himself. remedy. Graft may blossom out the morality and integrity of our And because he has preferred person whose acts brought shame upon his party, his Government and himself, he has hindered the coming forward of clean and able men qualified to take or misfortune takes away or compels to resign. For the Cabinet vacancies he must soon fill, he must select men who capacity if not their character. Even where the new men will be abler than Royal Insurance Company of telligent interest in Oanadian affairs to learn it; and there may not be time which affect the commercial relations pealed to and will pass juigment on

> are," it says "the source of a large Wilfrid Laurier and what he represents part of the wood pulp used for paper He used to refer to the Ross Governmaking in this country." 'The Sun ment in Ontario as his right arm. For admits substantially the facts which its rottenness the people of Oatario furnish the reason for the Canadian chopped that arm off at the shoulder. agitation for home protection and The Government of Quebec, which may further concedes the effectiveness of prime minister, is now showing signs the proposed imposition of an export of benig diseased. It has been the teaching of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and enough that be was for Laurier it did not matter what else he did. He might plot against his fellows, knife his provincial chief, disrupt the administration, and it would be all right. Some seem to have thought that they might also imitate the timber limit jobbers of Ontaris and land grafters of the West of Moncton and Halifax, and suffer no harm. At any rate when they have been charged with misdeeds they have been slow in taking steps to punish their accusers. They have set some independent Liberale talking against them and they have set more thinking Instead of being in a position to help their federal leader they need help from him; and when he tries to help them, as he must be will only add to his ewn troubles by making himself responsible for their misdeeds. Sir Wil frid Laurier's political enemies have at this time of his home-coming more to give them hope than have his friends

> > Steamer Ashore.

Halifax advices of Saturday say :-Cape Sable coast yesterday, when Pickford & Black's liner Origoc crashed on the rocks off Seal Island where she is now lying with her forward compartments flooded and be has much larger powers of restriction etara and the Windward Islands, and was on her way to Halifax when the accident happened. Just how, has not been ascertained, but the fog pre vailing during the past few days has likely been the cause. The Orinoco struck about half a mile from shore. Fortunately the water was smooth, and her crew of forty are in no immediate danger. Word from Cape Sable states that the steamer bas six feet of water in her forepart, and four feet in No the divisions of the Empire. He acted her engines are disabled and she is in urgent need of assistance.

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it ever meets again. Only those who Island could not be chosen.

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