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HIGHLY SATISFACTORY ALL ROUND.—The vote on Col. O'Brien's resolution was remarkable in many ways, but in one respect it has proved unique—it has given entire satisfaction to all three of the parties involved. The organs of the Grits are jubilating over the magnificent endorsement of the "Liberal doctrine of Provincial Rights," which was given when the whole House, less thirteen, voted against the disallowance of the Quebec Act. The Tory organs are equally happy, because they see in the vote a highly flattering expression of confidence in the Government. Just think of it: the whole Grit contingent in Parliament, with the paltry exception of six, rising and declaring that the affairs of the country were perfectly safe

in the keeping of the grand old chieftain! Truly, this was a triumph. Then, as to the third party in the affair—the Ultramontane intriguer—he also feels entirely satisfied, for the reason that both factions have really grovelled before him and given him all he asked for. He, indeed, has swallowed the succulent oyster; and can afford to be generous enough to allow the leaders in both political camps to enjoy the shells!

THE FOUR-ACT DRAMA.—It is perhaps superfluous to add anything by way of comment to this instructive series of sketches. The design speaks for itself, and depicts somewhat graphically the four acts in the drama of Jesuit aggression as they are likely to develop if Canadian public opinion does not sternly interfere now and settle the matter once for all. It must never be forgotten

that the avowed end and aim of Jesuitism will only be accomplished when the Church has swallowed the State. If the teachings of the Order mean anything at all, they mean this; and, in the Province of Quebec, the process has gone at least as far as "Domination," for the tail certainly wags the animal in that neighborhood.



SIR HECTOR LANGEVIN has, for the second time, received a valuable present from persons who have a direct interest in influencing him, as the head of an important Department of the Government, to act in a way unfair to the country. In accepting presents at all while a Minister of the Crown, he has, as he well knows, been guilty of an act which, in any other country, would ensure his prompt dismissal

from the public service, as a man unworthy of public confidence. In Canada, we have so far lost the sense of decency as to regard such an offence as venal; and, indeed, to judge by the general silence of press and people, it may be questioned whether it is regarded as an offence at all. This accepting of bribes—for it is nothing less—has become quite the fashion with the present Government, the bad precedent having been set by Sir John Macdonald some years ago. Other ministers besides Langevin have followed suit, and there is no reason to suppose they will not continue to do so in the future.

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THE public will be glad to learn that the Paris Bourse was firmer yesterday. Hopes are now entertained of his complete recovery.

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IT would appear that the name and fame of our Premier has reached the uttermost ends of the earth, for we find the distinguished gentleman thus summed up in a late issue of the Sydney, Australia, *Bulletin* :—

Ever since he became known to politics, Sir John Macdonald has been going to do something immense and important, and he has always been going to start upon it to-morrow. He is now getting old and shaky, and he still intends to do something about the middle of next week that will cause the world to sit down and scream on its axis, and he is resolved to make the whole earth howl in the early part of the month after next. But some day the poor old man will die out with his life's work just about to be commenced, and then an inscription will be put on his tombstone, stating that he might have begun to be a great man if he had lived till to-morrow.

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THURSDAY of last week will probably be marked as a blue-letter day in Scott Act annals. Public opinion, impelled by disgust at the inefficiency of a law which the authorities persistently refused to make efficient, arose with the besom of its indignation and swept the Act out of every county in which a contest was held. It would be a mistake to suppose that this indicates a reaction of public opinion in favor of the liquor traffic; the Province of Ontario contains more Prohibitionists to-day than ever before, but they see that an unenforced Scott Act is simply a misrepresentation of their ideas.