

on ways advantageous to the public. A permanent difficulty is created by the fact that the class of professional politicians in a country like Canada includes a greater number of men solely dependent on political success or party subsidies for the means of living."

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Extract from *The Star* (Liberal), September 16, 1891:

"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 twenty-three years he and his party had maintained themselves in power without a break by a colossal system of bribery. He succeeded in throttling democracy and in debauching public opinion. So vast and intricate was his system of corruption, and he pulled the strings at Ottawa so adroitly, that no part collapsed until the arch wire-puller had disappeared. The McGreevy and Langevin scandals and the stories of bribes, boodle and blackmail, of which we have had daily accounts for the last six weeks, only touch the fringe of Macdonaldism. 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 left in office. A clean sweep should be made of all the jobbers who have fattened on the result of twenty years of bribery."

*The Star* goes on to say: "When we consider the gigantic scale on which public money has been squandered, of the hold which political corruption has got on the people, we are surprised that the Dominion thus handicapped has made any progress at all." It then treats of the bribery by subsidies to railways—"whenever a district was wavering in its allegiance to Toryism, Sir John sent a railway into it"—and of that practised by other means, and turns from that gruesome chapter to the systematic corruption of the press. In conclusion it says:

"Indeed, so extensive are the ramifications of the system of bribery which has existed in Canada for the last twenty years that no one yet knows how far its tentacles