

his money ; also of what he did for it and with it, and of the fact that the investigation imperatively demanded Pacaud's presence. He knew the investigation had commenced, and yet he examined Pacaud's plans and granted him a permit to place the Atlantic, for a month, between himself and the Senate. If Mr. Laurier pretends he did not know all these things, he cannot have read the Liberal press of the last three or four years ; he must have forgotten every transaction as quickly as it occurred ; in fact, he must be devoid of all ordinary intelligence and is unfit not only to lead, but even to follow in the ranks of any party. If he did know all this, what are we to think of his veracity, honor, straightforwardness and loudly-vaunted political purity ? Mr. Laurier is either a blind simpleton, imposed upon by Pacaud and lead by the nose by Mercier, or else he is a knowing knave and an accomplished hypocrite. In either case he is not fit to be trusted with the affairs of a country like Canada. It might suit Mercier and his boodle-gang to see Laurier at the head of the Dominion Government, but it would be a sad day for the country.

### EPILOGUE.

What are we to conclude from all the scenes in this little charade ? Are we to believe that Mr. Laurier is dishonest personally ? Are we to imagine that he is one of the Quebec boodlers ? Not at all ! Far be it from us to even insinuate that Mr. Laurier ever had or dreamed of having any pecuniary share in the deals so recently brought to light. But what we must conclude, and what inevitably flows from these premises, is that Mr. Laurier has been so intimately connected with the other characters in this drama that he knew all about their actions and motives, and that for purposes other and higher than the mere grasping of some few dollars he has been willing to aid and abet them in their programme of plunder.