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God's in His heaven, All's right with the world. -[Browning

London, Saturday, August 1. THE ENORMITY OF THE RASCAL-

No matter what excuses Sir Hector Langevin may formulate for not putting a stop to the wholesale peculation of public money through the agency of his department, there can be no longer any doubt that vast sums have been stolen either with his direct sanction and connivance, or by what every honest student of the evidence zentations of the subsidised organs that will must regard as his criminal negligence. The stealings are already shown to mount up into hundreds of thousands of dollars, and many shady transactions interest, which he is sworn to conserve, he are yet to be laid bare in this and almost was the first to move in these investigations. every department of the public service. Indeed, if Parliament is able to adjourn inside of the next two or three months, that action will be taken, not because all the political organs. For the honor of Canada, rascalities tolerated under the present it is to be hoped that they speak for but a regime have been investigated, but because limited number of the people in this crisis. the independent members find it impossible But if every Minister in the present to tell when an end to the exposures may Ottawa Cabinet who is incapable or who be reached, and deem it necessary to return has countenanced corruption is to be sent to their own business for a brief period.

places have brought upon the country is not his methods or of his relations with the confined to the bad reputation which the records necessarily give the Dominion. There is the disastrous influence of the example of men in high places upon the rising generation, who are told in quarters dly to the offending Ministers and "slanders of public men," and that, so long as a man favors a certain trade policy, he must be supported by his falls. must be supported by his fellow party men no matter how great a rogue or how in capable a Minister he may be. There is a further consideration that to the overwhelming mass of the population is all-important. The money which has been stolen or squandered by the million for the benefit of the Administration or its | will not permit of the payment of a very beneficiaries did not drop from the sky. substantial dividend. It was abstracted from the pockets of the taxpavers, and the extent of the peculation may, in some degree, be guaged by the financial records of the country, Since 1878, when the present Administration attained power, partly on the cry that Mr. | States article that even with a duty equal Mackenzie spent too much money in run- to 9 cents a gallon United States oil finds ning the country, the ordinary public expenditures have been increased from than \$24,000,000 to close \$36,000,000 a year, while the expenditures a great ado about the oil business. It is on capital account have in twelve years pertinent to ask our contemporary whether increased the Dominion debt to \$237,533,-111, or \$97,000,000 more than when the Liberal Administration left office. wonder that the people grow increasingly restive under the burdens which they bear, now that they are able to see the rat holes down which their money has been poured.

Even the Montreal Star, which at last general election strongly supported the Conservative party, has had its eyes this Mitherto adherent of the Conservative questions of Daminion taxation. party, "is practically on trial for permitting, if not conniving at the systematic robbery of the State by its own employes and by contractors upon a scale of lordly magnificence. * * Canada has been aring out treasure like water, not only for public works, but that contractors may have the where with alto supply election funds; that civil service jackdaws may strut around in peacocks' plumes; that second class clerks may live like deputy ministers and first-class rascals like nabobs. * * * *
Were the Parliamentary Committees to sit

antil doomsday they could hardly hope to snoover half of the corrupt acts that have been practiced in connection with the civi administration. Everything points to widely ramified system of fraud. What hope is there of the Conservative party surviving under such a load of scaudal as this? The only hope for the party is in an heroic endeavor to rid itself of such of its members as do not command general public confidence. Further than this, if here are men in prominent positions wh from any cause are a source of weakness to the party it is their duty in a crisis like this to voluntarily efface themselves.

* * It is as sure as fate that the Conservatives will be swept out of power if they do not suc-ceed in forming a Government free from the taint of corruption. Every bye-election will be fought upon the issue of purity in the administration of Governclutely essential to get rid of all compromsing elements in the Cabinet and to have a leader in whose personal integrity the public can have confidence."

What Liberal journal has formulated a stronger indictment of the men now in power than is here set forth? Yet this Montreal Conservative journal is not alone in its de-mand for the clearing out of the rascals. The Toronto News, another paper of the same stripe, gives publicity to a strong protest against the "irregularities and criminalities at Ottawa." This is what it

"If the whole system of departments is not permeated by corruption, the opinion is rapidly gaining ground that it is, and that is a very bad impression to spread among the people. That there are many honotable and theroughly upright men in Parliament and in the departments no one will gainsay, but when men come forward and unreservedly admit that they were in the pay of this or that contractor, that they took money or its equivalent from persons doing business with the Government, the whole system comes under suspicion. Two or three Cabinet Ministers are compromised already by the laxity which they permitted in departments immediately under their supervision, and when after the session the time comes for reconstruction these will have to go. If there is one way more than another in which the Canadian people show their pespect for honesty and fair dealing it is in the displeasure they summarily visit upon delinquents of this kind, as witness the Pacific Scandal. Although Sir John Macdonald was a popular man at the head of a popular Gevernment, the revelations of his dealings with the Allans incontinently broke him and his Government at the same time, and when the people were called on to pronounce an opinion at the polls everyone who was "If the whole system of departments is and his Government at the same time, and when the people were called on to pronounce an opinion at the polls everyone who was engaged with him in that unfortunate business was rejected by the people, and Sir John himself barely escaped defeat. No chances should be taken of a repetition of that condemnation, and the Premier and his able and excellent adviser, Sir John Thompson, will be looked to to remove all cause for suspicion."

This truthful view of the situation, coming as it does from independent Conservative

as it does from independent Conservative journals, is worth a great deal more as an indication of the feeling in the country than the excuses and the misrepresee the Ministers through, no matter how much disgrace they may bring upon their party and upon the country. Mr. Tarte was a good Conservative, and in the public As a consequence he has been looked upon as a very bad man; has been traduced and misrepresented by this class of adrift, how many will be left? Besides The dishonor which these men in high that no matter what the country thinks of Sir Hector Langevin has plainly intimated room-mate of his old age, Thomas Mc Greevy, M.P., the Government must stand by him, or they must all go down would cheerfully welcome the total col lapse of an Administration tainted by so

> THE OIL TRADE FUTURE. The ADVERTISER regrets to hear that

Messrs. M. J. Woodward & Co., oil refiners, Petrolea, have assigned, with liabilities alleged to be over \$100,000, and assets that

It is generally understood that the oil refiners have not made very much money lately. The cost of Canadian crude is so much greater than the price of the United its way to the Canadian market.

The London Free Press has been making t it regards oil as a natural product? and is it intended to be included in the reciprocity treaty in natural products only, which the Conservative party has promised to negotiate with our neighbors?

If the answer is in the affirmative, where stands the Free Press? If oil is not to be included in the proosal, why not?

Why coal or salt, and not oil? Let our contemporary lay down its remises in this connection before it underepaned, and joins in the loud outery premises in this connection before it under-for a change that prevails throughout the takes to berate those who take a national land. "The Government of to-day," says and not a county or township view of the

> THE records of the doings in the Departments of Sir Hector Langevin and Mr. Dawdney have reached the British metropolis, and even staid old Conservatives are shocked at the reve-lations laid bare and sustained by well-corroborated evidence. For example, the Morning Advertiser sums up its summary of the exposures in these terms: "Our Canadien kinsmen have more than one unpleasant reason at the present moment for being dissatisfied with their rulers." The concensus of English opinion indeed, appears to be that a Government under which such wholesale peculation has grown up has lasted too long, and should be promptly relieved from the duty of managing public affairs.

WHY MAGNIFY WAR?

the Toronto school inspector, complained that in modern school books too much attention was paid to Greek and Roman battles and too little to battles of modern times. The fewer details of wars and bloodlettings supplied to the young of the land the better.

If wars must be referred to, the school historian should be a man of peace, ready and anxious to show how easy it would have been for nations to have settled their lisputes by friendly arbitration rather than by resort to the sword. The appeal to national prejudices contained in so many war histories naturally tends to the cult vation of the pugilistic, quarrelsome side of a boy's nature rather than to the propoga tion of those admirable traits of character that look to the arts that make for peace as the best means of promoting national interests and cementing the nations of the earth in peaceful, inter-dependent harmony.

TOPICS OF TO-DAY. SEVERAL of the young ladies at Chautauqu this year have caused a sensation through going riding on a monocycle.

THE farmer who saved up his cats, in the hope that prices would go higher and higher, now finds that stowing away is not always profitable. It is always best to sell when a moderate price can be obtained.

Down drops the high tax majority on the trade question. In 1888 the majority against reciprocity was 57; in 1889 it was 44; in 1890, on the reduction of taxation resolution it was 37; now it has dwindled down to 26. At this rate the end of the must soon arrive.

THE Lindsay Post has reached the con clusion that National Plunder the definition of the letters N. P. a Ottawa. For particulars read the revela tions before the two committees that for weeks have been kept busy listening to rascalities perpetrated under the present

THOMAS McGREEVY, M.P., says that he destroyed or lost all the letters that passed between him and Sir Hector Langevin, and that he kept no financia records. Sir Hector informs the investigating committee that he, too, has destroyed the letters and telegrams received from Uncle Themas. How con venient, and how very suggestive !

WHAT annoys honest Conservatives is the fact that this whole wretched business at Ottawa was brought to light through a quarrel between two brothers over a disagreement about the division of the plunder.—[Hamilton Herald.

Surely honest Conservatives are no annoyed by the exposure. Honest mer are always prepared to have rascality exposed wherever found, and the offend ers punished, no matter their position. ###

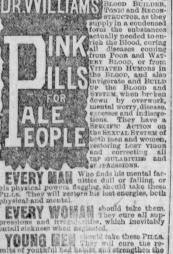
WHEN Sir John Macdonald died the his- cent. off. torians almost invariably stated that his first legal triumph was a speech delivered to the court which tried Von Schoultz. a participant in the 1837-38 rebellion. On the authority of Police Magistrate Parke, of this city, who spent his student years in the office of the deceased, the ADVERTISER denied the assertion This view is now borne out by a letter written by Sir John not long before he died. He then said the story was a myth. "I never, he explained, "delivered any speech in favor of Von Schoultz in 1838, or at any

A PAYING MONOPOLY YET.
[Toronto Globe.]
The inside wholesale price for granulated agar in New York is 4‡ cents, in Toronto cents; that is, it is cheaper by 75 cents er 100 in New York than in Toronto. As the annual consumption of all sugars in anada is over 200,000,000 pounds, the refiners have still a very comfortable mo

QUEER GUSTOMS

• (London Truth.)
What funny people royalties are! If I were to visit a Parsian in his home it would never occur to me to put on a flowing robe and a sheepskin hat and to expect the Perian to receive me in European garb. But oyalities seem never able to meet without xchanging clothes. For instance, when be Emperor arrived at Port Victoria, his Majesty made his appearance in the garb of an English admiral, and the Prince of Wales responded to this delicate attention by donning the dress of a Blucher Hussar, while his brother and sons masqueraded as German Hussars and Uhlans.

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