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

—[Browning.]

London, Tuesday, Aug. 25.

A DISSOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT.

A call has been made on the Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec to dismiss his Ministers because of the charges of dishonesty lodged against them. The appeal is made by Ontario journals, and for the purposes of argument we shall admit that it is a proper one. But if the Lieutenant-Governor may take his advisers to task for their shortcomings, with how much greater propriety can Lord Stanley call the Government at Ottawa to account?

The Dominion Ministers stand convicted of having gone to the country upon a fraudulent issue. They obtained the verdict of the people on a supposed offer of reciprocity which they had received from the United States Government, but which Secretary Blaine has conclusively proved was a deliberate misrepresentation concocted by the Government to get it out of a hole. The late high tax leader, upon the testimony of his own newspaper advocates, dissolved Parliament, not because of his desire to promote reciprocity negotiations, but in order to seize a renewed term of power before it was possible to lay bare the wholesale robberies of the public treasury that he knew existed, which he and his associates had refused to investigate, and which have been fully proved in spite of the opposition of at least one-half of the Ministers. The Administration, having thus misled the Governor-General and the people, now holds office because of these false pretences. It does not represent the views of the majority of the electors—one good evidence of which is shown in the keeping back of the writ for a new election in Kingston.

What is the logical conclusion? That a fresh appeal should be made to the people. If a Government has obtained power by fraud and by a studied determination to hide away its inherent corruption, it cannot be said to represent the views of the electorate. We submit that the Governor-General should cut short his fishing season, return to Ottawa, and counsel his advisers to show fruits of repentance by at once exercising the virtue of resignation, and by giving the people opportunity to pronounce upon the questions so carefully hidden away in the fraudulent contest of a few months ago.

A PREMIER'S PATRONAGE.

To the Premier of Great Britain belong great and peculiar powers. Though the sovereign is supposed to be the head of the Church, the Premier is practically the head. He fills the archbishoprics and deaneries, and the 32 bishops of the church, 24 of whom have seats in the House of Peers, are appointed on the Prime Minister's advice. The salaries of these church dignitaries range from \$75,000 per annum (for the Archbishop of Canterbury) to \$10,000 (for the Bishop of Sodor and Man). The lord chancellorship, worth \$50,000 a year, is one of the treasures within the gift of the Premier. Then there are three lords of appeal, having \$30,000 a year each; there is the lord chief justiceship at \$40,000, and many high judgeships at \$25,000, not to speak of knightships, baronetcies and orders of the garter. The Premier appoints the Viscount of Lisle, the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and the colonial governors. Members of the Cabinet have \$25,000 a year each, and besides these there are over 30 positions in the Ministry at from \$7,000 upward. On the whole the Prime Minister may be said to head a long procession of titles and pounds sterling.

AT ONE WITH THE GLOBE.

A number of the French-Canadian Liberal papers have taken the ground that the relations of the Quebec Government to the Baie des Chaleurs Railway should not be investigated by the Dominion Senate, because such a proceeding in an invasion of the rights of the Province, and the Toronto Globe has been censured by the same papers for holding a different view.

The rights of the Provinces must be respected, but the honest people of Canada are at present not inclined to inquire very closely as to the regularity of methods of investigation, provided the truth is brought out, and the guilty are reached. The position which the Globe has taken is unassailable. It is one from which no honest Liberal journal can dissent. Come what may of these investigations, the course pursued by our Toronto contemporary is the only proper one. The Dominion as well as the Provincial subsidies to the Baie des Chaleurs Railway have been hoodled, the evidence on that point so strong. The company has applied to the Dominion Parliament for further powers. Who shall say that Parliament shall not get at the bottom of the way in which the powers hitherto granted have been exercised? That is the case in a nutshell.

If members of the Liberal party have joined the original Conservative syndicate in making off with the money voted by either Parliament, surely the sooner the fact is made known and the party is purged of the hoodlers the better. That is the position the Globe and every Liberal paper in this Province that has come under our notice has taken.

But we go further and say that the inquiry by the Senate should not be confined, as has so far been the case, to the hoodling charged against Mr. Pacaud and members of the Quebec Government. There is sworn testimony that \$400,000 to \$500,000 was made away with while Robitaille, Riopel and McGreevy held control. The inquiry will not be complete if every possible light is not brought to bear on that gigantic steal. Instead of finding fault with the courageous course adopted by the Globe our Quebec contemporaries should join in the demand that the inquiry at Ottawa should be complete, and that no guilty man shall escape. The best interests of the country, the best party interests, demand that this view shall prevail. If, when the Quebec Legislature meets, it can lend a hand to still further expose and correct the grave abuses that have disgraced our land, so much the better.

A NEEDED POSTAL CHANGE.

The British Postmaster-General has made an important concession in letter postage that will be much appreciated by the public. Hitherto all letters have been carried at a uniform penny postage rate. Now the circulars of friendly societies, announcing meetings, giving notice of arrears and so forth will be sent by the halfpenny post. Time was when a similarly sensible policy held good in Canada, and a most profitable business was done by the postal authorities under the city letter rate of a cent. Now the friendly societies feel the burden of the doubled postage. It is time a change were effected. Will some one wake up Mr. Haggart?

FOR SPECIMEN JOBS.

For four weeks, undertaken by the Dominion Government, in which extensive hoodling has been laid bare, the following are the figures for the original estimate and the actual cost:

	Estimate.	Cost.
Equipment dock.....	\$74,000	\$94,000
Kingston dock.....	250,000	425,000
Cross wall.....	625,000	522,000
May canal.....	182,000	440,000
	\$1,330,000	\$2,281,000

The Toronto harbor job is far from completed, but it will have to be added to the scandalous, wasteful and corrupt agencies for getting away with public money. Our taxes are high. The people are kept poor. Is it any wonder?

THE WEED CROP.

The natural causes that have been productive of the season's splendid crops in Ontario have also promoted the growth of weeds. In many sections Canada thistles, ox-eye daisy, mustard and rag weed have never been more rampant, scores of grain fields being practically ruined by these intruders and pasture grass choked out of existence. The thistles are perhaps the most general curse. That they can be overcome has been demonstrated over and over again. What can be accomplished on one farm and hundreds of farms is surely possible on the rest. It is simply a matter of determination and intelligent, persistent effort. Farmers cannot afford the losses inflicted by weeds. In some townships what the people call a "thistle inspector" is appointed by the council. Early in the summer he drives round leaving a printed notice at each farm warning the occupant or owner to have all thistles, etc., cut before a certain date. This seems to be the last that is seen of him. Some heed the mandate at their convenience as to time; others pay no attention to it whatever, so the good accomplished by the said inspector is practically nil, for the cereal farmers who destroy the weeds on their farms would probably do so anyway. Just now we have in mind one township where such an official is employed, and on the farm of one of the councilors acres of Canada thistles this season went to seed. When those occupying official positions in municipalities set such an example what can be expected of the rank and file?

ANOTHER high tax patriot has deserted Canada in the hour of her need. J. H. Groer, ex-Conservative candidate in West Elgin, and one of the most pronounced opponents of reciprocity, has shaken the dust of Canada from his heels and taken up his residence in Arkansas, where he has inherited his money. Yet in recent contents his loyalty to Canada knew no bounds.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

The average member of the Dominion Cabinet now finds his brain haunted by the old refrain, "They're after me."

It is just as well to remember in these days of weakening that good laws are of little avail if bad men are depended upon to enforce them.

When the big crops go out, money or its equivalent will come in. All taxes that prevent a free exchange help to reduce the reward for the labor of production.

The wheat crop in Manitoba has so far escaped damage by frost, though the cold spell on Friday and Saturday came alarmingly near doing injury.

Sir Charles Tupper is getting ready to visit Canada again, and it is understood that he comes to have a hand in the present crisis. The Halifax Chronicle points out that "his motto is, as it always has been, 'Let us have purity even if we have to erupt the whole electorate in order to get it.'"

How many people are contented to live in a fool's paradise? The building that collapsed in New York on Saturday, with such dreadful loss of life, was condemned by the authorities thirteen years ago, but its greedy owner had no difficulty in securing tenants for it right down to its tragic end. Verily, human life in a great city is held cheap.

Mr. SENKAL, whose retirement from the head of the Government Printing Bureau at Ottawa was necessitated by the revelations brought out by Mr. Lister in spite of the opposition of Ministers Chapleau, Foster, Haggart and others, has written a letter. He more than hints that he had a perfect right to hoodle because his salary was only \$1,000 a year, whereas he values his services at from \$4,000 to \$5,000 a year! A dishonest servant is dear at any price.

The appearances are that if Blaine is available the Republican party in the United States will gladly put the present President aside at the end of his term. The Republican State of Pennsylvania, a State that, next to Kansas, gave him the largest plurality of all the States in the Presidential vote of 1888, and, next to New York, gave Harrison the largest number of votes, has virtually declared in the great council of the party that his chief rival must be preferred to him. Mr. Harrison is an ardent aspirant for re-nomination, and the new turn of affairs must tend to complicate affairs in the dominant party.

AN ATTRACTIVE PLANK.

[Boston Herald.]
Mrs. Lease, of Kansas, announces that all men who want to join her party will be received with open arms. Small wonder that the accessions are numerous.

SECRET OF LAURIER'S STRENGTH.

[Toronto Mail.]
Nobody doubts that Mr. Laurier is a thoroughly honest and high-minded man. This is the great source of his influence. It makes him strong even in Ontario, where he is comparatively little known, but whither, since this revelation of the complete rottenness of Quebec, he will have to look for the basis of his party.

NO GUESS IN THIS.

[Port Huron Times.]
The reasons given by McGreevy, the Canadian Parliamentary hoodler, for refusing to go to Ottawa and say what amounts he has paid for election expenses and to whom he paid them, are that it would implicate large numbers of his political friends in Parliament, including Sir Hector Langevin, Sir A. P. Caron and other Ministers of the Crown, and probably contribute to the defeat of the Government. McGreevy could utter nothing more dangerous than such an explanation.

GET AT THE BOTTOM.

[Hamilton Times.]
If it is right, as it undoubtedly is, that the Senate Committee on Railways should go to the bottom of the Baie des Chaleurs Railway job and expose Mr. Mercier and Mr. Langelier, who are Quebec Cabinet Ministers, why is it wrong for the Public Accounts Committee to investigate thoroughly the cases against Ottawa Cabinet Ministers, such as Mr. Haggart, Mr. Dewdney and Mr. Chapleau? Six Cabinet Ministers, Messrs. Bowell, Chapleau, Costigan, Foster, Haggart and Tupper, have been in almost constant attendance at the Public Accounts Committee for the purpose, apparently, of immediately burying the inquiry whenever any of them seemed about to be involved. These six Ministers formed the majority of the committee which prevented an inquiry into the doings of Cabinet Ministers, and the public will hold that it was not in order to their credit or honor that they being made manifest that they restricted the investigation.

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