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All's right with the world. -[BROWNING.

London, Monday, Aug. 24. "AN EVIL OF THE GREATEST

MAGNITUDE." The Toronto Monetary Times thinks

paign, much of the literature and highlybringing reciprocity into ridicule were paid for out of a fund raised by the monopolists. The very name "Red Parlor" is the result of the stated conferences in a Toronto hote etween the political vendor of tariff privileges and the men willing to pay a good round price for these privileges. uthor of the recently-issued "Anecdotal Life of Sir John Macdonald," who is a good Conservative, makes no secret of this fact, for he retails the famous broad hint ers in the "Red Parlor" in which Sir John laid down the principle that the special legislation granted to these mer hould be paid for in contributions to a fund for the perpetuation of an administration so very considerate. Sir John's view was em bodied in the terse suggestion that the hogs under the tree should be grateful enough to remember the man who shook down the fruit for them. The high tax beneficiaries could not have the heart to resist an appeal

Our commercial contemporary need have no misgivings on the fact that the Red Parlor buys legislation, has bought the men who have had it in their power to grant legislation, and have exacted repayment from the public many times greater than its own outlays. It is indeed an evil of the greatest magnitude. The cure is to get rid of the rulers who have countenanced the bargain and sell, and who will continue to do so as long as the people are fools enough to give them the opportunity.

The country needs and must have honest

administration, and the men who have sold themselves to the Red Parlor cannot give it to them. They dare not.

WASTEFULNESS OF FENCES

The average farmer has too many fields upon his estate or certainly too many "snake" fences. From the land thus needlessly occupied he usually gets no crop, unless it be of brambles and weeds which in-flict upon him a double loss. We have observed on some 50-acre farms more shovels with which to put stale bread on less it be of brambles and weeds which inflict upon him a double loss. We have observed on some 50-acre farms more than one acre of good land unnecessarily taken up with fences and yet the owners complaining because they had not enough land. The fact of the matter was that they were not more than half working what they had. After going over some 40 farms this year entered for prizes offered by the Ontario Agricultural and Arts Association, one of the judges said to the writer that very few of them were at all entitled to the appellation "prize farms." In some cases capital was no doubt needed, but the great trouble with almost all was the lack of what is called "intensive" farming. In consequence of their loose methods the majority of those 40 farmers, he felt sure, were not making one-half the profit of which their farms were capable. What we have said about fences and weeds indicates that the view of our information has a good deal of oundation is fact.

NO GOOD, EXCEPT TO ROM PRILICAL SHADED AND PRILICAL SHA

A PRECIOUS RAILWAY. arely half completed, and though of com paratively little service to the country, will cost the taxpayers of Canada a pretty

penny.

First, the subsidy granted by the Do minion Government was boodled by a needy gang, and then the Provincial subsidy was made away with in a similar fashion, though not to so great an extent. The figures as they stand may be tabu-

lated as follows: Dominion subsidy voted \$620,000 Quebec Province subsidy voted 709,000 Quebec Province additional subsidy Voted 280,000 Total subsidies\$1,602,000

been built. But \$894,000 has been made away with. Macdonald, a practical railway man, swore that \$780,000 would pay for all the work done on the 60 m The original company—composed of Mc-Greevy, Robitaille and Riopel—never were asked by the Dominion Government to put a dollar up, and they dropped out when a new company took hold. This gang left debts amounting to \$400,000. The new company were voted \$560,000 to complete the 40 miles. A contractor put in a claim or \$175,000 and gave Pacaud, a close friend o Premier Mercler, \$100,000 of this amount The account now stands, subject to further evidence from those implicated: Robitaille's, Riopel's and McGreevy's

haul..... Pacaud, agent of Mr. Mercier......

All this abstracted from the bonuses for ne little railway of 100 miles. Robitaille, Riopel and McGreevy are leading Conserva-tives and obtained their haul through the Government at Ottava. Pacaud has been a confidential agent of the Quebec attend church regularly, and whose hearts Government, and he received his subsidy be-Subscribers contemplating spending holidays at a distance can have The Advertiser sent to any address in Canada or the United States, free of postage, at the rate of 35 cents per month. Under the Dominion postal arrangements of July I, however, each copy of The Advertiser for Great Britain will hereafter require prepayment of postage by the publishers by I cent stamp. cause of his supposed influence with that

no matter who may suffer. For this reason it seems only justice that the Dominion Senators who have been making the inquiry into Pacaud's \$115,000 scheme in the Baie des Bible. Chalcurs robbery should see to it that their effect of his little pleasantry, and the inquiry is extended to embrace the \$400,000 "If it could be proved that protection buys shortage of the McGreevy, Riopel and legislation, through the intervention, of the Red Parlor or otherwise, and exacts repayrement many fold from the public, an evil of the greatest magnitude, and one most difficult to cure, would have been revealed.

One who is a technical to exhibit the McGreevy, Riopel and Pointage of the McGreevy, shortage of the McGreevy, Riopel and Our contemporary need have no doubts on this point. It is a notorious fact that the men interested in the monopolies that have grown up under the shelter of the high tax policy have again and again assembled in convention and have agreed to contribute large sums to the election fund of the political party that favored their schemes. Why, in the last election campaign, much of the literature of the literat wick, Nova Scotia and in Ontario, it would olored cartoons issued with the object of very soon be demonstrated how professional charter-mongers and go-betweens and politicians of the stamp of Tupper have rown rich without labor,

Turn the light on, suffer who may! Honest men have nothing to fear.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

Some Toronto mayors having made a regular job of the office, a committee which has been considering the subject will report to the council in favor of making the office a purely honorary one, ith official hours from 10 a.m. till noon The present salary of the mayor is \$4,000. LEPROSY is decreasing in New Brunswick.

That is good; but it is said several cases have recently developed among Chinamen arriving in British Columbia. We trust that the dread disease will not get a footing in the West as soon as it is squeezed out in the East.

IT WILL take a little time to get Mr. Davin, M.P., and Senator Perley as good friends as Sir Hector Langevin and Mr. Mc-Greevy were. The assembled wisdom at Ottawa may not be edified by their talking and writing match, but they are amused. When the Wild West representatives fall out and tell the truth about each other, with a variety of embellishments, the public learn a good deal that wily old Sir John would have kept secret, even if a subsidy had been required to effect his purpose. He was the champion Concealer of Family Skeletons.

LESSONS IN TRADE.
[Lindsay Post.]
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Empire report.
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N. P. for the farmer now? If we had reciprocity who would be benefited?

merits.

FATHER WILLIAM'S REMARKS.

You are old, Father William," the young ma "Said; "Yet I think," Father William replied, "That the years have not rendered less levs! my head—
But I'll leave it for you to decide,"

In addition to his other gifts the late R. Lowell was the prince of dialect writers. He was one of the few of that class who recognize the fact that bad spel ing unpropped by good ideas is an insult to the reader's intelligence. What can be more profitless than to wander over dreary waste of clipped, twisted and di torted words, plentifully sprinkled wit apostrophes, and discover in them no mean eble means, but it staggered under suc ialect writing as this:

All is I know I'd druther stan' At jedgment where yer meanest slave 'han at God's bar hol' up a han' As drippin' red as yourn, Jeff Davis!" It is safe to predict that when most of the dialect poetry of the present day is sunk fathoms deep in oblivion. "The Courtin" will be remembered. You recall the description of its wholesome-looking

"The very room coz she wuz in Seemed warm from floor to ceilin', And she wuz full as rosy agin As the apples she wuz peelin'."

The editors are quite right to urge the count of the depravity at Ottawa. But i s easy to understand why many of them lon't. For instance, several clergymen are Tories, and read only Tory journals. Con sequently they are unaware that depravity exists in the locality mentioned. Again, representatives in a place where the couldn't talk back. Picture the feeling Administration. We have no disposition to shield Mr. Pacaud because he has been a Liberal newspaper editor. No consistent Liberal will stand between him and punishment if he fails to return and vindicate his actions. His flight and the subsequent developments do not place him in an enviable light. We would despair of our country, indeed, if we thought that any Liberal would condone grievous wrongdoing, such as has been brought home, in a prima facia way, not only to Mr. Pacaud, but to members of the Quebec Government.

The public interests must be protected, no marker who may suffer. For this reason and he tries to relieve the strain of situation by genially adding: "It will useless for my Conservative friends to le for this text, as popular rumor asserts it there are no such words in the T Bible." Then he glances round to see centrated gaze that returns upon hi warps the very foundations of the sanct ary, and deprives him of the power speech for nearly four minutes. At ti end of that time he preaches a sermon fro some text in the Song of Solomon and fo

wide open. Consequently it is an unfortunate thing that ears cannot be closed as easily as eyes. On a recent sultry night the sounds proceeding from a cat fight i the back yard were so awful that the moon turned several shades paler from the shock, and the conversation on a porch no far distant was almost as effective a dis ourager of sleep. At last, as ome miraculous intervention,

sound ceased. Cats and conversation guished, and apparently died. I la gratefully into a state of blissful s consciousness, merging into unconscious when I was roused by a masculine from that too too neighborly porch. It said: "That is what I call nice; it is manly, straightforward, kindly, and—yos, it's what I consider nice." I don't know what he was talking about, but I had ample time to reflect that to keep an old fellow like me tossing about until the cats began again was not manly, nor straightforward, nor kindly, and—no, it was not what loonsider nice. A voice gentle and low is an excellent thing in people who talk out of doors till midnight.

I had a pleasant call the other evening from Mr. W. P. McKenzie, author of "Voices and Undertones," who has lately occupied the pulpit of Rev. Mr. Ballantyne, of South London. Mr. McKenzie is tyne, of South London. Mr. McKenzie is a good talker, especially on literary subjects, and has met with a number of interesting people. In a recent interview with Mr. W. D. Howells, the famous novelist declared that a great fault of young poets was their tendency to spell out the moral of their verse. They distrust the reader's capacity to discover the moral for himself, but make a point of insisting upon it. To all such he recommended a study of the poet Heine. Each poem of the Great German is an expression of pure sentiment or emotion. The reader draws his own inferences, digs out his own moral, does his own sermonizing.

Much has been written on the subject of ummer rest, and how to attain it, but the nan who asserted that

comes nearer to the truth according to my notion than any other writer on the subject. With the single omission of the word "not" his statement is absolutely correct.

Young man, if you respect the girl you

are walking with at the band concert do not take her arm. She may not have delicacy enough to object to the familiarity, or she may fear to offend you by resenting it. But in any case you can hardly afford to make the lady associated with you in to make the lady associated with you in public an object of pity to beholders. To be the protector of a young girl means to protect her from the commiseration of others, from the inconsiderateness of onesself, and from the dangers to which she is exposed by her own innocence.

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