

Despatch from London to *The Globe*, August 9, 1891:

The Ottawa scandals are attracting increasing attention. . . . *The Pall Mall Gazette* in a leading article to-night, entitled, "Canadian Experiments in Corruption," says a more sordid spectacle of corruption was never presented to a free people. Whatever defence this or that politician or official makes, it is abundantly clear that the relations between the contractors, officials and members of the Government were shamelessly and unblushingly corrupt. *The Pall Mall* says that it would be very much surprised if the Ottawa record in corruption could be beaten anywhere in the States. Still, it is healthy sign, it says, that public opinion demands a complete exposure.

*The Pall Mall Gazette* says: "One of the most prominent arguments against the annexation of Canada to the United States has been the value of the Canadian experiment in government. It was thought by those opposed to annexation that it would be an advantage to have each country work out its own institutions and thereby teach others." *The Gazette* questions that there is any ground for satisfaction in the Canadian experiments. "As just exposed," the *Gazette* declares, "a more sordid spectacle of corruption has never been presented to a free people. Whatever defence individual officials and politicians may make in the United States, it is abundantly clear that the cancer of corruption has eaten deep into Canadian institutions. Political life in the United States is not particularly pure, but we would be exceedingly surprised if the Canadian record could be beaten."

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Extract from *The Times*, September 16, 1891:

"The most alarming feature in all these stories of corruption is the close alliance between fraud and party organization. Contractors and companies have to secure the support of influential persons, whether officials or their intimates, by contributing liberally to party funds and getting needy politicians out of their chronic difficulties. Of course it follows that the arrangements made with persons who have so paid their way are not effected