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scent system there is an unjustifiable waste
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God's in His heaven,
All's right with the world.
—[BROWNING.]

London, Tuesday, Dec. 8.

A BIG LAND DEAL.
The Argentine Republic has been fixed up-
on by Baron Hirsch, the Hebrew philanthro-
pist, as a place to settle a large number of the
Jews who are being exiled from Russia. The
Congress at Buenos Ayres has just ratified
the agreement, granting the Baron 1,300
leagues of land—a tract nearly as exten-
sive as the State of Maryland. The Gov-
ernment agrees to make the necessary
surveys in the Provinces of Chaco and
Misiones free of cost, the Baron then to
have the right to select such lands in the
mentioned territories as he may see fit. No
land is to be sold by the Baron for specu-
lative purposes. It is to be used solely for
colonization, the Baron agreeing to colonize
the land within four years with 50,000
people, and to pay \$200,000 as part pay-
ment within three months from date of con-
tract. The Government is not to sell any
of the lands there without consent of Baron
Hirsch. In case Baron Hirsch does not
colonize in the stated time the first money
—\$200,000—is to be returned to him. He
is also permitted to import, duty free, all
agricultural implements for a period of ten
years. The Government is to send, free of
cost, all colonists landing at Buenos Ayres
to the colony, and they are to be exempt
from taxation for a period of ten years. These
are very liberal terms. The ex-
emption from taxation will give the settlers
a good start. It is just as well for them
that they have got this concession; the
Republic will have to pay heavy taxes for
years to come as a result of recent specu-
lative cruises.

In the new House of Representatives,
which meets at Washington to-day, the
Democrats have a majority of 142. A
United States contemporary calls it "a
terrible majority." There are always
fears that with a large majority as its
back a dominant party will be far less
careful than it ought to be.

WHAT THE INDORSATION OF HAGGART AND HIS SCANDALS MEANS.

The speedy reconstruction of the
Dominion Government has not taken place
though many weeks have elapsed since
Parliament adjourned, and though the bye-
elections must be decreed immediately if
the newly-elected members are to take
their seats when the House reassembles, as
it ought to do, not later than the first week
in February. It is true that one French-
Canadian member has been admitted into
the Government, but he has not
even been assigned a portfolio, and there
is absolutely no indication that the
promised purification of the Ministry will
be carried out.

We fear that those honest Conservatives
who believe that Mr. Abbott seriously
meant to shake off the Dewdney, the
Haggart, and the Chapleau are doomed
to disappointment. It is not Mr. Abbott's
intention to clean out the Augean stable.
It seems to be out of his power. If he
tried it, there is reason to believe that the
Augean stable would clean him out. The de-
monstration at Perth in favor of the
notorious John Haggart, indeed, had Mr.
Abbott's indorsement. A more flagrant
rebuff to the better sentiment of the
Dominion has never been ad-
ministered by a political leader.

Even the commercial journals, which are not
directly interested in the rise or fall of
political parties, have been forced to pro-
test against the exhibition, and to hold it
to be a proof that the Ministers have
capitulated to the worst elements that
beset them. The Montreal Journal of
Commerce, a type of this class of
independent newspapers, in referring to
the Haggart demonstration, says: "The
more thoughtful friends of the
Ottawa Administration on reading reports
of the visit recently paid by nine Cabinet
Ministers to Perth, sigh for 'the touch of a
vanished hand, and the sound of a voice
that is still,' to prevent such injudicious
demonstrations, and to restrain Ministers
from using such imprudent language as was
indulged in at Perth. Had he been alive
who had more statesmanlike wisdom in his
little finger than exists in half the Cabinet,
he would have said, with one of the
shrewdest of men, when the Perth visit was
suggested, 'Cannot you leave it alone?'
He would have quietly hinted to
Mr. Chapleau, 'Qu s'excuse, s'excuse,'
and to Sir John Thompson, 'Ex-
cusatio non petit a accusatio manifesta,'
which he would have translated into the
vernacular by telling the whole nine, that
an untimely apology is often regarded as
evidence of guilt, and the weakest spot in
a fort is often betrayed by the defenders in
showing signs of special anxiety for its
security."

"This was the motive of the Perth visit.
There was no local reason for that place be-
ing visited; no election there is at hand, nor
is there any fear of that constituency
changing its historic loyalty to the party.
The demonstration was made in order to
rally the supporters of the Ministry
throughout the country to the defense of the
Postmaster General. After the fall of Sir
Hector Langevin, and the critical
position Mr. Chapleau had placed himself
in, it was felt that if the pressure
being made to bring about the removal of
Mr. Haggart, was not resisted by the com-
bined efforts of the Cabinet, the fall of a
second Minister would do the party fatal
damage. Cabinets are like brick arches,
one brick may be knocked out without
breaking the arch, but should another go,
the whole frame-work with all it carries
would come tumbling to pieces."

"Mr. Haggart's defense was made ex-
actly on the same grounds as Sir Hector
Langevin's. He admitted that in his de-
partment persons had improperly drawn
salaries while absent, but pleaded that he
had no knowledge of such pay-
ments, just as Sir Hector said he
had no knowledge of contractors' irregu-
larities. Sir Hector—as Sir John Thomp-
son put it in his speech at Perth—ac-
cepted Ministerial responsibility, the re-
sponsibility of a Minister, who must not
only conduct his department honestly as re-
gards his personal conduct, but must con-
duct it honestly as regards the administra-
tion of the public moneys under his care."
Mr. Haggart, however, repudiated mini-
sterial responsibility, as also did Mr. Chap-
leau. So that it seems at Ottawa there are
two ethical codes, one for the Department
of Public Works, which makes the
Minister responsible for his department,
while the other applies to the postoffice and
printing bureau, by which the Ministers in
charge of those offices are responsible
only for their individual, personal actions.
We submit, then, that when Sir Hector re-
tired because scandal had fallen, not on
himself but on his office, he showed a sense
of honor, of the obligations of high respon-
sibility, of which two of his late colleagues
display but very little trace. One of them
gave a testy, somewhat flippant, and
wholly inadequate reply to the grave per-
sonal reflections involved in certain testi-
mony offered before the committee, and in
the refusal to hear other evidence, Sir John
Thompson said that 'not a single question
was ruled out' in the inquiry. This must
have been a slip of memory, for the exami-
nation touching the personal aspect of the
postoffice case—the proposed inquiry into
the probable reasons why lady clerks drew
salaries when absent—was simply bluffed.
The natural inference was drawn, and is
still held as a fair one by the country, that
had such an inquiry been pushed, there
would have been no Perth demonstration.

"Sir John Thompson showed his old-time
skill as an advocate when he declared that
'many of those who had condemned the
scandal had not read one line of the evi-
dence.' His gun, when this shot was fired,
was pointed at a distinguished citizen of
Kingston. But Sir John has not got the
range yet for striking that mark. Indeed
he is wholly guessing; he is asserting as a
fact that for which he has not one jot of
proof, when he declares that condemners of
the scandal 'have not read one line of the
evidence.' This imputation upon the
honor of the press, this say-soe fling as
the clergy, this sneer of the high-minded
members of his own party, was itself

ample proof that the risk of saying such
injurious things, was more than enough
to make a visit to Perth, just now, an im-
prudence. We doubt whether any detailed
reports were ever read so generally, and
so thoroughly, as those of the examinations
into the recent scandals. If Sir John
fancies the evidence has not been read, he
must have been living as high above and as
isolated from his fellow-men, as St. Simon
Stylet.

The Journal of Commerce, rightly con-
cludes that the Perth demonstration has
not strengthened the Dominion Govern-
ment. It asserts that the Ministers
'utterly mistake the feeling of the country
when belittling the scandals, and in accus-
ing their censors of ignorance. They blundered in a double sense, for no such
ignorance can be charged against, say, then
like Principal Grant. Many who are thus
accused will be led again to study the evi-
dence, or read it in its official form, and
thus have their judgment of the scandals
deeply and irrevocably confirmed. The
people at large also, are now compelled to
notice that while one Minister was com-
pelled to resign because of his official re-
sponsibility, another is tendered a demon-
stration of confidence because although
officially censurable, he was not personally
at fault. The distinction will be generally
regarded as unimportant, and as an
especially unfortunate one in this particular
case. Othello's predecessor said it was no
sin, 'to defect ourselves when violence
assails us,' but here wisdom dictates silence
until the clouds roll by."

NO CAUSE FOR FEAR.
When it was given, the London Free
Press cordially agreed with the result of
the judgment of the full Court of Queen's
Bench on the Dominion voters' list appeals
from this city, but it is now hedging. It is
entirely mistaken if it believes that
any fair-minded citizen is afraid of
an appeal to the Court of Ap-
peal. Short work was made by the
Court of Queen's Bench of the miserable
quibbles raised by the representatives of
the men who would like to have a stuffed
votes' list, and the same fate will befall
a resort to another court at Osgoode Hall.

What the honest public have a right to
demand is that there shall be no more
attempts at sharp practice here. The Free
Press and its advisers understand.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.
"If we don't hang together we'll hang
separately," is the motto Grip offers to
the Haggart-Chapleau-Dewdney aggre-
gation.

It is announced that the Conservatives in
Center Wellington have decided to drop
the protest against Mr. Semple, Liberal
M. P. for the riding. From the first it
was believed that the protest was a fish-
ing expedient.

Mr. NEELON has again been nominated as
the Conservative candidate in Lincoln.
The most disappointed man is Charles
Rykert. He was sure that he was the
only man who could be elected, though
protesting to the contrary.

Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education,
says the Truancy Act was not intended
to be enforced by policemen in uniform.
It is just as well that it should not be so
enforced, nevertheless the efficacy of a
uniform in scaring a boy into right-doing
is very considerable.

The Liberals of South Perth will meet at
St. Marys on Thursday next to nominate
a candidate for the House of Commons.
There seems to be no doubt that Mr.
Trow will be unanimously renominated.
He was fairly elected in March last, and
it is through no fault of his that another
election is deemed necessary. The gen-
eral whip has many admirers outside the rid-
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