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An Unfair Attack.

Nearly a column of the Guelph Herald of Thursday is devoted to a very unfair attack on Mr. Richard clair Brodie, recently an employee of this office. It will be remembered that Mr. Brodie received an appointment in the office of the Provincial Secretary, early in January last, since which time he has been constantly engaged in the discharge of his oner ous duties. When he left here he had considerable private business of his own to transact, which he came to attend to on Wednesday last, the day on which our Easter fat cattle show and monthly fair was held, and when he got through, the four o'clock train bore him back to - his accus tomed employment. It will thus be seen that Mr. Brodie's visit to Guelph was not for the purpose of reporting for either the Canada Farmer or Daily Globe, but to attend to his own private affairs. If Mr. Brodie did take notes of the fair, for the sake of "Auld Lang Syne," we presume he had a perfect right to do so, as his time was his own. When man is privileged to enjoy a holiday we think it wrong that his steps should be dogged by a political enemy. Will the *Herald* have the fairness to make the amende honor able?

The Pacific Railway Scandal. Sir John has, at last, it appears been forced into action regarding Mr. Huntington's resolution on the Pacific Railway job, and has declared that he will, on Tuesday next, ask for the appointment of a Special Committee to inquire into the char. ges against the Government, embo-died in that resolution. No other course would, under the circumstan ces, he satisfactory to the country at large. The subject is one of far too much importance to be dealt with lightly, and such charges cannot be suffered to pass unchallenged and uh. answered. Sir John's notice is a tacit acknowledgment on his part that Mr. iluntington's motion was a just and proper one; and one that was absolately necessary : and that any attempt to stifle enquiry would be unsuccessful. He has taken the only course open to him, and the progress of the investigation will be looked forward to with interest by all parties not only in Canada, but in England and the States. Mr. Huntington is not a man to make charges without having the means to substantiate them; and if the Government have committed the crime with which they have been charged, there can be no doubt as to the punishment they deserve, and will receive at the hands of the Parliament and people.

REFUSES AN EXPLANATION.—It is the opinion in Ottawa that had the Opposition forced the discussion on fluntington's motion, the Government would have been driven to the wall. Sir John was told yesterday by several who voted with him that he owes them an explanation of the Pacific Railway atlair, but he plainly replied that he would give no explanations : they have voted confidence in him, and as they had taken their stand he had now confidence in then, but they must ask no disagreeable questions. All inquiries are consequently crushed for the present, but since the above conversation it is believed that were the vote to be taken again 44 Would show a far different result.



