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God's in His heaven. - BROWNING.

London, Saturrday, Aug. 8.

MR. CARLING AND THE "MEMBER OF THE FIRST FAMILY."

So far the two Parliamentary Commi cees at Ottawa have investigated frauds connected with no fewer than four of the great spending departments under control of the Dominion Government. The grossest irregularities have been found to exist in connection with-

The Department of the Interior. The Postoffice Department. The Department of Public Works.

The Department of Agriculture. In fact there seems to be no end to the

wrongful expenditure of public money, or peculation that has grown up under the present regime. The investigation of the known rascalities in the departments named is far from completion, and the Militia Department, Customs and Inland Revenue are as yet untouched. One of the worst features of these reve

lations is the supineness of the Ministers. They ask us to believe that when irregularities have taken place, when forgeries and peculation have resulted in serious loss to the public, they were in no sense responsible for the doings of their subordinates Leaving out of sight the fact that some of the Ministers personally profited through the kindness of the men who were per-mitted to rob the treasury, there are other not as yet implicated in that manner, have been proved to be guilty of the grossest regligence. If we are to believe the witness Woodward, and neither the Minis ter nor any of his associates have chosen to contradict the testimony, Mr. Carling was told in 1889 that an immigration agent under his charge had been guilty of forgery and wholesale thieving of public money.
The charge was made before the Minister by a responsible member of the civil service. It was lodged in the most circumstantial manner, and could not be misunderstood by a man of common souse who desired to understand it. But Mr. Carling would not listen to the official, probably because the alleged offender belonged "to one of the first families in Quebea," as ex-plained by the Deputy Minister, and from 1889 until last mouth, when Mr. Mc-Mullen, M.P., brought the matter before the House, this forger and thief was permitted to remain in his office, drawing public money for his services. Then the inquiry which Mr. Carling could well have made in 1889 was rushed on, and the offender was suspended.

It thus seems to be a regularly-established principle in the present Administration at Ottawa to refuse to take action against either Ministers or their friends, matter how strong the evidence, until such time as the matter is forced upon it by Parliament. It is a notorious fact that the Conservative leaders gave Mr. Tarte, the formulator of the charges against Sir Hector Langevin and Mr. Thomas Mc-Greevy, M.P., no satisfaction until he brought his indictment before Parliament. He was a member of the Conservative party, ready to supply documentary evi dence in support of his charges and willing to have a private investigation, but the leaders of his party refused to look into the indictment, and accepted the bald denial of the interested parties. So, according to un-impeached testimony, Mr. Carling for months declined to investigate the charges of forgery preferred against an immigration der his charge for no reason that agent under his charge for no reason that we have seen adduced except that the man was "a member of one of the first families in Quebec" and a cousin to Sir Hector Langevin. The damaging fact remains, no matter what excuse may be offered for the Minister, that this man-a forger and a thick remained in the public service for eighteen months after Mr. Carling had been informed of his crimes whereas, as has been seen, a week's investi uld have convinced the depart nent of the truthfulness of the charges

Stronger proofs of the necessity for change of Administration at Ottawa that these could scarcely be adduced. Robbery of the public seems to be regarded by the ralers of these days as quite a proper thing, provided a portion of the plunder goes into the election funds of the party, or the thieves are related to Ministers and therefore "members of the first families."

It is a record that cannot be defended The honest, independent man, no matter to what party he has hitherto belonged, must agree with us that a speedy change can alone restore that confidence in the administration of public affairs which is necessary for the welfare of the country, both in its domestic relations and in its dealings with other countries.

COST AND RESPONSIBILITY. Parliament is still sitting, and may con tinue in session till September. The daily expense is enormous, and may be increased by the demand of members to have \$500 added to their indemnity. There can be no doubt that to many of the business me in the House of Commons the all-summe ession is a serious loss. Yet it would no

be in the interests of the people to provide that only men of money should be sent to Parliament. What the taxpayers who have to pay the bill should bear in mind is that with honess, capable administrators at the nelm of affairs the business of the sessio might have been transacted in a couple of onths, and the members might have been attending to their own business instead o being engaged in investigating and bringing to light most astounding scandals, for which Ministers or their associates, or both conjoined, are responsible.

IMPORTANCE OF FORESTRY.

Bulletin No. 5, from the United State Department of Agriculture, by Prof. B. E. Fernow, chief of the Division of Forestry answers the question, "What is Forestry? in a manner not only interesting, but of practical service to the farmers of the con tinent. Apart from climatic and other considerations, no more convincing argument for the importance of this resource in a nation's economy can be offered than to state the value of the forest product in the United States. The total annual product of wood material of all sorts consumed in the United States may be valued in round numbers at \$1,000,000,000, representing, roughly speaking, 25,000,000,000 cubic feet of wood, or the annual increase of the wood growth of 500,000,000 acres of forest in fair condition. This value exceeds ten times the value of the gold and silver output, and three times the annual product of all the nineral and coal mines put together. It is three times the value of the wheat crop; and with all the toil and risk which the agricultural crops involve they can barely quadruple the value of this product yielded

by nature for the mere harvesting. The importance of forest management is therefore obvious, the two chief objects in view being: 1. To produce and reproduce certain useful material. 2. To sustain and possibly improve certain advantageous atural conditions.

Through the efforts of Ontario's forestry ommissioner, Mr. R. W. Phipps, the subect has been well kept before the attention of this Province, but certainly no more than its importance demands. What the Ap-VERTISER would like to see is a fixed etermination on the part of the Provincial authorities to provide for the future by annually planting as large an acreage of young trees as is cut down of matured

DELAYED CENSUS RETURNS. A few weeks ago the census for the Dominion was promised by the 1st of July. Seeing that the enumeration was proceeded with in April, no one would onsider the date named for completion of the preliminary summary as too early. If our recollection serves us, the first report of the census of 1881 was published in July. This year there is a mysterious holding back of the returns of population, probably because Parliament is sitting, and the men in power do not deem it prudent to facilitate the completion of the returns. When the matter was broached in Parlialiament last night, the Minister in charge blamed the enumerators, and gave no hope of the result being laid before Parliament until the lapse of several weeks. In 1881, through inefficient officers, the census was bungled; many fear that the present delay means that something worse may befall the returns. It will be the duty of Parliament

TOPICS OF THE DAY. SIR HECTOR LANGEVIN has confessed to the

to look closely into the matter.

Committee on Public Accounts, that he cut out a portion of a letter to him on departmental business. His excuse is that the emasculated part referred to "private" business. Perhaps so, but many will doubt it. The letter referred to the construction of a public building, for which a large sum in "extras" has been paid.

WHEN honesty is indifferent, rascality floarishes." If the people persist in put ting men in power who are either thieves themselves or allow robbery by others to take place, they must suffer. When a cannot proceed against a man charged by a responsible official with forgery and theft because "he belongs to one of the first families of Quebra," he has been too long in charge of a department. Public property is not safe in his hands.

Some idea of the size and importance of the Grand Army of the Republic—the veterans of the isse was; the have just held their annual solitoring at Detroitmay be obtained from consumption of refreshipents as the princ at Belle and trimming for parties furnishing their own cloth.

lunch, and before 3 o'clock not a crum' was left. The following is an itemiz list of the articles that were consum by the merry picnickers; Sixty-five thousand sandwiches (15,000 more than the contract called for), 25,000 doughnuts, 10,000 turnovers, 400 barrels of pickles, 30 barrels of lemonade, 625 gallons of ice cream, 25,000 cigars, 1,000 pounds of cake, 5 barrels of Boston crackers, 12 cheese, 525 bunches of bananas, and 5,000 gallons of coffee.

MR. LAURIER'S STEADY ADVANCE. [From the Montreal Witness.]
Mr. Laurier's speech on the budget yesterday was a telling one. The advance made by Mr. Laurier in the estimate not only of the members of the House but of the country is rapid and remarkable.

HE WAS A LOGICIAN. [Westminster Review.]
It was a logical, if somewhat cynical man, whom Punch reports to have assured his hostess that he didn't dance, but would be happy to sit out the waltz with his arm around a girl's waist.

USELESS FIGUREHEADS.

[Toronto Globe.] Mr. Justice Strong, of the Supreme Cour 'gave the royal assent" to a number of bills the other day in the Senate. He represented the Deputy Governor, who was unable to be present; the Deputy Governor, who was unable to be present, represented the Governor-General, who was obliged to be away fishing; the Governor-General, who was obliged to be away fishing, represented the Queen, who was in England. And yet they tell us there is no political upbolstery in Canada.

THE APPEAL COMES TOO LATE. [Goderich Signal.]

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The towns, villages and rural sections of Ontario owe the memory of Sir John Macdonald nothing in the shape of gratitude, as long as the shadow of the red parlor hangs over the tariff legislation of this country. If the robberies perpetrated since 1878 upon the people of Canada by the N. P. tariff could be aggregated there would be a sum large enough to build a monument to Sir John Macdonald 1,000 cubits high, and ornamented with gold, silver and precious gems in profusion. If the money thus abstracted by act of Parliament at the behest of the late Premier had been left in the pockets of the people, they would now benest of the late Premier had been left in the pockets of the people, they would now be able to aid the memorial scheme largely, and could gladly give from grateful hearts. As it is, unfortunately, they have little or nothing to give for such a purpose, and they have nothing to be grateful for in the legislative legacy left by Sir John Mac-donald.

BRITISH CONNECTION AND TRADE

Hamilton Times.]

As Mr. Laurier pointed out so clearly, there is nothing in the Liberal platform inimical to British connection. The Libinimical to British connection. The Liberals of Canada want as much free trade as they can get. Surely Britain cannot condemn free trade, which she herself practices. Canadian Liberals will be glad to have free trade with all the world, but some of them think that end can be best attained by negotiating for free trade with the United States first. They want freedom to sell to the United States for our nearest customer, as well as freedom to buy. The Tories, on the other hand, want to keep both British and American goods out of this country, and as British goods are the cheapest they tax them the most. How any intelligent Englishman can regard the Canadian Tory party as the loyal party passes comprehension. Its loyalty is of the Langevin variety—loyal to that which pays.

Kansas Wheat Cornered. TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 7.—J. B. French, secretary of the Kansas State Farmers' Alliance, states that the business branch of the Alliance has completed arrangements by which it will handle three-quarters of the Kansas wheat crop of 50,000,000. Arrangements have been made to store the rangements have been made to solve the crop, and to secure an advance on the wheat stored of 75 per cent, of the present value. This new movement practically corners the Kansas crop.

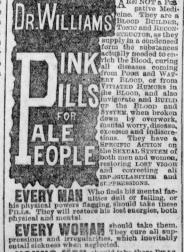
Father Chiniquy Assaulted.

Monraeat. Aug. 7.—A special dispatch from Escanaba, Mich., conveys the intelligence that Father Chiniquy was struck on the head last evening when on his way to the Opera House to lecture on "Auricular Conference". Confession." The man who struck him was shot at. Father Chiniquy rested quite well during the night. The excitement over the affair is very great.

"Like a Tinderbox."

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BLUNT, S. D., Aug. 7.—The mercury is 100° in the shade and the wind is blowing a fearful gale. About noon yesterday a freight engine fired the prairie west of this place, and the entire population turned out to subdue the flames, which were travaling with fearful variable, north to the contravaling with fearful variable and the wind is blowing a fearful variable. traveling with fearful rapidity north to the grain fields of Sully county. The train hands lent assistance and by strentous efforts the fire was gotten under control. The whole county is like a tinderbox.

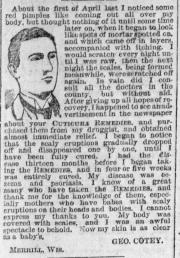


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