

Extract from *The Globe*, September 23, 1891:

*The Saturday Review* (High Tory) of the 12th says even stronger things than its Liberal contemporary. It recalls the fact that Sir Charles Dilke, a very cock-sure person in discussing Colonial topics, paid a tribute in his "Greater Britain" to the integrity of Canadian statesmen and to the entire freedom of public life in the Dominion from corruption or the suspicion of corruption; and tells a story about an English Radical who returned from a visit to the United States some years ago deeply impressed with the gigantic scale upon which everything was constructed in the big Republic, even to the political corruption, which he pronounced "magnanimous." "There is no other word for it—is is positively magnanimous." *The Saturday* thinks that in the matter of corruption Canada "may modestly challenge comparison" with her huge neighbour. "Her opportunities and means are not so great as those wielded by the lobbyists and log-rollers of Washington, or the bosses and wire-pullers of New York, but the most has been made of them." "For a parallel to the Canadian scandals," it says, Englishmen must go back "to the times of Aislabie and the Craggs, or to the day when George Grenville, on the whole rather a purist, could thrust a bill for £300 into the hands of a peer, who rejected it indeed, but without taking offence."

*The London Telegraph* (independent) of the 14th begins an editorial by saying that the reports of the scandals are read "with sorrow and shame by the whole English-speaking race." "Enough, unfortunately, is already known in England to make it clear that only the most resolute and drastic purification can redeem public life in Canada from the taint of a corruption the like of which we have not seen in our own country for hundreds of years."

*The Birmingham Gazette* (Liberal) of the 14th says the Dominion is "in a scurvy state." "Rascals out of office defraud the public in order to bribe rascals in office; and the rascals in office prostitute themselves, sacrifice their honour and forsake their trust in order to keep on good terms with the rascals out of office. This is a summary of the whole matter, which is a disgrace alike to the