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**COMMENTS ON THE CARTOONS.**



Sir Hector," and they have done so, to the shame of all men who are not past that feeling. They seem determined to have it understood that, as is Sir Hector, so is the Conservative Party. It is for the rank and file of that Party to say whether they will submit to this disgrace. Some of the Conservative members in the House have said very emphatically by their votes that they will not, and all honor to them. The next thing to be done, if the Party at large wishes to be clear of complicity with the boodlers, is to visit fitting

**DECORATING SIR HECTOR.**—White-wash has triumphed over blackwash, but the result has been to leave Sir Hector Langevin in possession of a complexion of which he can never be proud. In order to justify the deliverance of the majority of the Tarte Committee, it was necessary to make out the Knight to have been a pitiable imbecile during all the years in which he enjoyed the reputation of being the best administrative officer in the Government. The alternative was to admit that he was a boodler, and the friend and ally of boodlers, as the evidence too plainly proved. For some reason, known only to themselves, the leaders of the Conservative Party decided that it was necessary to "stand by

punishment upon the misleaders, by refusing any longer to follow them. The result of the debate of last week may be summed up in this: It has done nothing for Sir Hector Langevin beyond deepening the general conviction of his guilt; it has lowered Sir John Thompson in the popular opinion to the level of a political shyster, and it has done more injury to the prospects of the Conservative Party than could have been done by the Grits in ten years of campaigning.

**"PROTECTING" THE TUNNEL.**—The Grand Trunk Railway Company made a great feast at Sarnia the other day, in celebration of the completion of the St. Clair Tunnel. This tunnel is a wonderful tube which passes under the bed of the St. Clair river, and enables railway trains to pass to and fro between Canada and the United States. At the great feast in question there were distinguished men of all political parties, and representing both countries. Dinner being eaten, toasts were proposed and speeches made. Every orator glorified the Grand Trunk and its distinguished engineer, Mr. Joseph Hobson, and declared the tunnel to be in every sense a most worthy work. Good Conservatives, like Mr. White, of the *Montreal Gazette*, extolled it as a new bond of friendship between the neighboring nations—and while Canadians and Americans bated no jot of loyalty to their respective flags, they were unanimous in approving the sentiment of goodwill, of which the tunnel was a new and striking emblem. All of which implies enlightenment and common sense. Yet neither of these attributes belongs to the policies in vogue at both ends of the tunnel. Millions were spent in building that work for just one purpose—to facilitate trade, and the Grand Trunk managers are called wise by men who, like enthusiastic idiots, support a Government trade policy, whose end and aim it is to retard trade. Enterprising capitalists build a tunnel, and an equally enterprising Government stations officers at each end of it to make it as far as possible worthless! What a farce! Is there a Protectionist anywhere so stupid that he cannot see the absurdity of it?



**LEADING** journal of Manitoba, the *Commercial*, publishes the startling information, that already 42 000,000 acres of the best land in Manitoba and the Territories have been granted to railways, aside from the vast area that has been handed over to other corporate monopolies and individuals.

The *Commercial* demands that this policy of dissipating the public domain be stopped at once, and that steps be taken to get back as much of the land as possible. The editor seems to be laboring under the notion that man is a land animal, and that our great heritage in the West can never amount to much if landlordism is allowed to get in between the settler and the land. In our opinion he is not very far astray.

**YET** our intelligent and patriotic confrere stops short of the real cure. Certainly, as he suggests, the land grants should be forthwith cancelled in all cases in which the parties have failed to fulfil the conditions. But the real, radical cure for the curse of landlordism is the Single Tax, by which the rental value would go into the public till. Rental value is the air which landlordism breathes, and without which it cannot exist. It is, in other words, that value of the land which represents speculative profit. The Single Tax, which takes this for public use, emphasises the idea that God made land for the use of men, not for the benefit of speculators. This is an idea which even the *Christian Guardian* would hardly gainsay.

**WE** are a little surprised that as yet none of the ministerial papers in Canada have denounced *Punch* as a Grit organ. The cartoon which we reproduced from that famous periodical last week was as severe upon the boodlers at Ottawa as anything which has appeared in *GRIP*, and yet nobody seems to suppose that