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God's in His heaven,
All's right with the world.
—[BROWNING.]

London, Thursday, Aug. 6.

SCANDAL DEVELOPMENTS, THE PREACHERS, AND ENGLISH PRECEDENT.

The Hamilton Herald, which supported the Conservative leaders at the last general election, reaches the conclusion, from the evidence adduced, that if Sir Hector Langevin is not a knave he is a fool, and his blunders are worse than crimes. In the same paper we find this declaration:

"An Ottawa clergyman has been preaching on the scandals which affect the Government at Ottawa. As long as the Government has a majority of 25 behind it a few sermons will not worry it much."

In the division this morning, the Government majority was only 22, but the suggestive remark of our contemporary is worthy of consideration. To the writer a prominent citizen the other day said:

"When the ADVERTISER calls upon the preachers to aid in educating their hearers to take a strong stand in favor of national morality it is backing up the wrong tree. There is no morality in Canada—down to the parsons down." We dissent from this sweeping assertion, as unjust and unwarranted. But at the same time we would not be doing our duty as interpreters of public feeling if we did not state that there is a widespread impression abroad that the religious leaders—the conservators of public morals—take too little interest in these matters. The only objection that has been raised to the clergy taking a strong stand in regard to the racialities laid bare at Ottawa, and which undoubtedly affect men high in authority, who have either willfully or by criminal neglect betrayed their trust, lies in the excuse that to do so would render them liable to the charge of partisanship. "We would be talking politics," exclaim these pastors of the flock. Surely the preservation of the national honor in not party politics. Surely no conscientious citizen can object to his spiritual adviser taking the ground that raciality in high places—that the robbery of the people by their rulers—must be condemned, glossed over, or never referred to because of the fear that a stand so patriotic may be misrepresented. That, to our mind, should not act as a deterrent to the fearless exponent of the gospel message. He can have no lot or common standing ground with men who are dishonest, whether they are in Parliament or out of it, and he can have no fear to speak out strongly against wrongdoing, wherever found, and with all the more vigor if the raciality is shown to exist among or to be condoned by the representatives of the people.

In the present crisis Canadian preachers may well follow the example set them by the ministers of the gospel in Great Britain, who in matters of morals never fail to make their influence felt when princes, governments or their adherents lapse from the path of rectitude. The fearless denunciation of the preachers more than anything else drove Sir Charles Dilke into political exile for more than ten years; the attitude of the religious bodies of all denominations was enough in itself to render Parnell's fall from virtue an effective bar to his future leadership of the Irish people. And so it has been even in matters affecting the Royal Family. If the Prince of Wales continues to gamble, to live as if life were to be frittered away in mere frivolity, and thus imperils his succession to the throne, it will not be because of the silent indorsement of his conduct by the clergymen of the land and the great mass of the moral population whose views they voice. What, for example, was the unanimous finding of the English Conference of the Methodist Church last month:

"That the Conference feels bound to express its deep sorrow at the recent revelations in the court of law, of gambling and cheating in gambling, by those who occupy high positions in society, and from whom, therefore, a high example of virtue should proceed. But it is most concerned that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales should have been so prominently and intimately involved in these disreputable proceedings. The Conference feels that such encouragement of vice and immorality by one from whom the nation has a right to expect impulse and encouragement to its higher life, is fraught with greater danger to its future well-being. It earnestly hopes that all such practices by one who aspires to be the king of a Christian people will henceforth cease. The Conference rejoices to observe, in the discussion arising out of these proceedings, that the moral sense of the country demands that those who occupy positions of trust and authority should be men whose character and conduct entitle them to public confidence."

This strong protest was against the gambling habits of the Prince of Wales only. How much stronger would it have been if members of the Government had been its subject, and the crime laid to their charge malversation, corruption and robbery of the public treasury for the benefit of Ministers, contractors and unfaithful civil servants? What would such a body have said if it had been compelled to raise its protest against a Minister who with one hand has accepted large sums of money and other testimonials from contractors and with the other has awarded these contractors large sums in extra, notwithstanding that such payments were reported against by responsible expert engineers? What would have been said of a Minister who finds employment in his department for a favorite woman, and permits her to draw large sums of money which she has never earned? What would it say of the Minister who takes subordinate public servants away from the duties for which they are paid, and employs them for his own profit? What would it say of an English Minister who would get up in his place and call these and kindred pretensions, all proved in evidence, "mere trifles?"

The stand that British preachers have taken in regard to the moral lapses of their public men supplies an answer to these queries, which should have a tendency to influence Canadian brethren of the cloth to take full advantage of their privilege to be in reality as well as in name conservators of the morals of the people, ready at all times to frown upon wrongdoing wherever found.

TOPICS OF TO-DAY.
London is a delightful summer resort. This is the unanimous verdict of visitors.

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Down flops the Government majority in support of its ever shifting trade policy. Here is the record of the divisions in the last year or two:

	Total	Min.	Opp.	Min.
1908	191	121	77	44
1909	198	121	77	44
1910	210	118	92	20
1911 (second vote)	176	99	77	22

Perley's integrity got puny in the moral atmosphere of Ottawa. He did in a retail way what Sir Hector Langevin did wholesale. The Minister of Public Works took a \$22,000 testimonial, and accepted jewelry amounting in value to a few hundred dollars. (Toronto Telegram (Conservative Independent).)

The standing of the two men is here correctly given. Perley has been soundly disgraced. Sir Hector Langevin remains leader of the Government in the House of Commons. Could anything more fitly show forth the moral rotteness of the Administration?

BEGINNING TO TALK OUT.
Berlin News (Conservative).
We do not wish to screen those members of the Tory Cabinet who allowed Larkin & Co. to steal hundreds of thousands of dollars of the public money. If the head of the Public Works Department knew what was going on he was dishonest and deserves punishment. If he didn't know, then it is time some one is placed at the head of that important department who has ability enough to detect the rascals and turn them out.

AN OLD BRITISH ROOT.
(Montreal Star).
In the United States we see a distinctive British civilization, or what is essentially such, at its base. In constitution, laws, custom, language, manners, in fact, in almost everything which gives character to the nation, the United States are undeniably Anglo-Saxon, as the meaning of the term is generally understood. The foreign elements have influence, no doubt, in some localities, but they are grafted on the old British root, partake of its essence and every year assimilate more and more to its standards.

THE VERY WORST SMELL.
(Pharmaceutical Era).
An odor has been reported so frightful that the discoverers have been obliged to abandon its preparation. M.M. Bauman and Fromm, in experimenting at Freiburg, in Brisgau, upon the organic sulphur derivative caused hydrogen sulphide to act upon acetone, and obtained, besides trithoacetone, small quantities of a definite compound, non-volatile and crystalline C15 H28 S4. At the same time there is found a very volatile body having such a horrible odor that ethylmercaptan, ethylene-mercaptan and other volatile sulphur compounds are perfumes compared with it.

Argentine Finances.
Buenos Ayres, Aug. 5.—A committee of the Senate has approved a bill introduced by the Government, authorizing a provisional issue of \$50,000,000, and the establishment of the Argentine National Bank, which will take charge of and liquidate the affairs of the present National Bank.

CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE.
Mr. Tarte's charge that public contracts were tampered with in the interests of Larkin, Connolly & Co., who, in turn, paid their thousands of dollars for the benefit of the head of the Department of Public Works, is substantiated by the report of Messrs. Jennings and Macdougall, the Toronto engineers who were appointed by the Privileges Committee to investigate the matter. How much money the country lost will never be known, as much of the work accomplished at Quebec and elsewhere is now under water and cannot be measured except with great difficulty, but even taking quantities and measurements, as figured upon for the original estimates, it is shown that the lowest tenderer was deliberately frozen out, and the work given to Larkin, Connolly & Co. at a much higher figure. Once these men obtained the contract, with the assistance of Thomas McGreevy, M.P., who slept with, boarded with, and constantly had the ear of Sir Hector Langevin, the way was open for piling up "extras," and the evidence already given shows how that was done.

And still we are asked to believe that Sir Hector was an honest, capable, painstaking administrator!

Please, Messieurs Apologists for Wrongdoing, do not consider the people of Canada a pack of fools.

WHAT BAD EXAMPLE DOES.
They still continue to discover money at Ottawa who have been "drawing money in fancy names culled from the dictionary," but a large number of Conservative papers argue that this is nothing. Compared with the thieving which has been going on in the Public Works Department, right under the noses of the Administration, such petty peculation is of small account, but it is none the less illegal, and would never have been allowed to continue but for the lax morality inculcated by the example of Government members.

"August Flower"

There is a gentleman at Malden-on-the-Hudson, N. Y., named Captain A. C. Pareis, who has written us a letter in which it is evident that he has made up his mind concerning some things, and this is what he says:
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