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

London, Wednesday, Aug. 5.

BYE-ELECTION ISSUES.

A high tax contemporary has exploited a mare's nest. It has made up its mind that the rascalities daily being laid bare at Ottawa do not really exist, and that the men who have been giving evidence seriously compromising the Ministers at Ottawa are myths. Its funny conclusion, therefore, is that these charges are "herrings trailed across the scent" to delude the people in the bye-elections and prevent their considering the tariff question! The wicked "Grits," we are further told, are alone responsible for this diversion. Our hysterical contemporary need not fear that the trade question will be kept in the background by the opponents of the class legislation that it is always ready to defend.

If the rascalities at Ottawa occupy the public mind to the exclusion of other questions, that condition of affairs will have been brought about by the investigation forced upon Parliament by a Conservative M. P., who refused to hold his peace when his leaders urged him to keep quiet. He was a good protectionist, but he failed to see the connection between that system and robbery. His eyes have no doubt been opened since this investigation began, and he must be forced to the conclusion reached by other supporters of high taxation and restricted trade—that there is a close affinity between the purchase of holders of monopolies and the selling of contract privileges in exchange for money and testimonials handed over to Ministers and their subordinates.

In the bye-elections, no doubt, a good deal will be said on the subject of the thievings in high places, and the incapacity or criminal co-operation in high places which rendered it possible for boodling contractors to carry off hundreds of thousands of dollars of public money not earned by them. Why should the people who have been robbed not be fully seized of the manner in which the peculation was carried on and the relationship of the peculators to those in authority?

We care not who the thieves are, we care not who the men are who have received money and silver plate from public contractors that subsequently got more than their due from the men whose pockets they lined and whose sideboards they replenished. Surely it is fair to declare that they and all who are willing to condone their methods are not fit to be trusted with the spending of the millions of dollars of public money every year. That issue will be placed before the electorate in the bye-elections, whether the "Grits" so decree or not. The ADVERTISER will see to that, and it will have the co-operation of every honest journalist, of every honest citizen, in the Dominion. If not, we should like to know the reason why.

The trade question will be disposed of as the people desire it. Its settlement, if left with the Liberals, will be effected in the interests of the masses, not of the classes. But the national life, the national honor, the national morality, is not safe in the hands of men who are ready to stigmatize wholesale stealing as "mere trifles" and who are willing to punish the subordinate, but let the greater rascal go free.

A clean sweep is a necessity.

GRIP of this week is a splendid number. The leading cartoon shows Sir Hector Langevin battling with a swarm of wasps, the latter bearing the features of Tarte, Murphy, R. McGreevy, Mick Connolly, Nick Connolly, Larkin and a number of the Oppositionists prominent in the Tarte inquiry. Bengough has been visiting Ottawa, and has got the likenesses down fine. There is a clever hit at the Opposition, too, in the "The Three Grey Sisters."

LABOR AND ITS REWARDS.

During eight years past the Michigan Bureau of Labor has made an annual investigation of industrial conditions in that State, and embodied them in a report, which, though not complete, is at least approximately correct. No attempt was made to secure figures for all varieties of industry, the investigators confining themselves chiefly to agricultural implement and iron working laborers. As these two industries are among the best and oldest in the State it was considered that an inquiry among them would give an idea of how the better classes of workmen live.

No less than 8,838 workmen were visited and questioned upon such subjects as to whether they owned the houses in which they lived; if there were incumbrances on their property; if they carried life insurance, and to what amount; the extent of their wages and of their savings; whether or not they owned pianos and sewing machines, and a variety of other queries. It was found that out of the 8,838 to whom these queries were put, one earned $40 a week, 8 from $30 to $40, and 125 from $20 to $30, while at the other end of the pay-roll were a dozen boys who received but $2 a week, and 322 more with $3 or less. About 15 per cent. received $15 or over, and more than 17 per cent. less than $7, while the average for the whole number, married and single men, was $10 06, and that for the married men, $11 50. The average total amount for a year was $467, the married men averaging $525. This is not a very large annual income on which to support a family, and yet 69 per cent. of the families visited owned sewing machines; 67 per cent. took newspapers and magazines; half of the entire number were subscribers of daily papers, and more than a fifth possessed musical instruments of one sort or another.

Of the employes visited 2,328 were house-owners, and about half of this number were free from mortgages. A fourth of the whole number of men were insured, the average amount being nearly $1,500, and 40 per cent. saved money last year. The general showing is good, and indicates a fair average of prosperity in a representative body of workingmen.

THE OTTAWA SCANDALS.

The revelations of gross corruption at Ottawa continue. Ministers of the Crown have been shown, by indisputable evidence, to be involved in the peculations revealed, and it has been made evident that their subordinates considered it proper to follow their bad example. This is the situation in a nutshell. But we follow a few of the definitions of these rascalities by Ministers and their newspaper apologists:

"Mere trifles."—Hon. George Foster.
"Side issues."—Ottawa Citizen.
"Herrings trailed across the scent."—London Free Press.
"Slanders."—Toronto Empire.
"Absurd charges."—Halifax Herald.

THE CITY SEWERS.

The London Board of Health took no action on the suggestion of Dr. Gardiner that a report should be obtained on the condition of the sewers. Perhaps when the report of Mr. Chipman on the city sewage is received, the doctor will again raise the question. This subject as well as the sewers needs ventilation. If, as Dr. Gardiner recently asserted, the sewers now used have been constructed without plan and are very defective, it is time that the public knew just where they are. Dr. Gardiner told us in his recent letter that at least one main sewer was so constructed that residents along its route found it impossible to drain their cellars. We want no more sewers built on haphazed plan and so radically defective as the sewer referred to must be. Indeed, in view of the statements made, when the people are asked to indorse a comprehensive sewage scheme they will require a pretty strong guarantee that it will not be bungled or this pressing civic reform may be indefinitely postponed. The taxpayers of London have never been stingy in granting money for needed improvements, but they have a right to demand that national examples shall not be followed in the expenditure of civic money.

TOPICS OF TO-DAY.

LORD STANLEY should do something or resign.—[Stratford Beacon.

Don't be hard on the Governor. Is he not hard at work fishing?

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HON. OLIVER and Mrs. Mowat have been spending a holiday at Sault Ste. Marie. The other evening, the Premier, at the request of Rev. Mr. Duncan, of the Presbyterian Church in that town, delivered his lecture on "Evidences of Christianity" before a large audience.

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THE Chicago Knights Templar saw Toronto. One glance was sufficient, and they hastened back to Hamilton.—[Hamilton Spectator.

As the train neared London an earnest request was made for opportunity to stay over for a time in order that the tourists might view a really pretty city before they left the Dominion. A halt was accordingly called.

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GOOD Peter X., of the Berlin News, trusts to Sir John Thompson's early training to keep him straight among the men with whom he has cast his lot, and whose misdeeds are now under review. Early training is a good thing, but it would require the stability of a saint to keep untainted in the atmosphere moved by the presence of such men as Langevin, Dewdney, Haggart, Foster, et al.

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UNDER the caption, "No accounting for tastes," the Windsor Record publishes the following:

"We notice several excursions planned to go to London, and this grand Detroit River, with all its attractions, ready to receive them."

Our bright contemporary is yet in its infancy, but it is old enough to know that in this wide world it is not necessary for prosperous cities and towns to be jealous of each other. The London press has had a good many kind words to say of Windsor, and the ADVERTISER is pleased that it has caught the "boom" fever from Detroit. Windsor's prosperity, however, does not detract from London's attractiveness, and this city will continue to attract excursionists long after the Record has experienced the fallacy of wearing green spectacles.

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THE Grand Army of the Republic, now holding its gathering in Detroit, has been a thorough success. It is the greatest concourse of veterans which has taken place since the grand review in Washington at the close of the war. The city of Detroit has carried out its share of the arrangements for the meeting in an admirable way. Our friends over the border never do things by halves, and the City of the Straits has in every sense of the word demonstrated its progressiveness, its whole-hearted hospitality. The extent and the importance of these assemblages of the veterans of the great struggle is shown by the fact that Washington has guaranteed $60,000 towards the expenses of the meeting next year, and yet may be outbidden by some more enterprising center of population.

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THE CHRISTIAN UNION, in a very readable article on "The Outlook for Education," thus refers to the address given by the Ontario Minister of Education before the convention of Canadian and United States teachers, a few days ago:

"At one of the evening sessions, before a magnificent audience of 7,000 or 8,000 people, the Hon. Geo. W. Ross, Minister of Education for the Province of Ontario, described the educational system of his Province in a speech which for sustained power and justness of proportion is seldom equaled. With more centralization of administrative power than is usual in an American State, and a closer co-ordination of the several parts of the system than prevails here, the citizens of Ontario are better equipped than we to enforce a compulsory education law and to lead promising pupils on to the higher institutions of learning. Mr. Ross told with pardonable pride of the achievements of the system over which he presides, and let fall many hints of value to the visiting state and city superintendents."

This is a deserved tribute to a hard-working public official and to the self-denying public servants who toil in conjunction with him.

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THE Masonic Grand Lodge of Canada, at its late meeting in Toronto, rejected a resolution prohibiting the supplying of liquor at banquets of the order by a vote of 616 to 404. The ancient, free and accepted cling kindly to the ancient landmarks.—[Montreal Gazette.

A mistaken conception as to the action by the Masonic Grand Lodge seems to prevail. The question was not as between permission and prohibition, but as between the power to permit or to prohibit being taken out of the hands of the individual lodges. The Grand Lodge decided to let the lodges continue under a policy of home rule. All lodges are prohibited from using intoxicating liquors in lodge rooms; they can, if they choose, entirely prohibit their use in banquet or other halls under Masonic control. Many have done so, with no ill effects to their members. By the Grand Lodge decision others may do so. All that the Grand Lodge decided was that in view of the division of opinion on the subject it was not expedient for it to issue a prohibitory decree.

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