

industry, but a man of unimpeachable personal integrity. Sir George Cartier would have scorned to name his father-in-law a Railway Commissioner, for the corrupt purpose of securing to him the contract for supplying the iron. That little fact points to part of the gulf which separates the two men; Mr. Angers may be said to be a happy combination of all Sir George Cartier's faults without any of his virtues. Mr. Malhiot, therefore, had to be removed to make way for the ambitious Mr. Angers. Mr. Malhiot, therefore, was named President of the Commission; and, it may be added, what little was done by that exceedingly expensive and useless Board was done by him. Mr. Irvine's presence on the Opposition benches proved a still more discomfiting thorn in the side of the Government. He had no following, it is true. The Opposition had received him, glad, no doubt, to secure a vote, but they neither trusted him nor liked him. Still, to quiet the anxieties of Mr. DeBoucherville and his followers, it was thought better to shelve him. They, therefore, unceremoniously offered to buy him for \$3,000 a year as Commissioner, with nothing to do, except to attend to his own business and practice. The offer was a tempting one to a man supposed to have an interest with Mr. McGreevy, the contractor. It was closed with,—and Mr. Irvine, who had first deserted the Government in hopes of bettering himself, and, in consequence of a job which he himself had sanctioned, now sold himself back to them for \$3,000 a year and a place as Railway Commissioner. One appointment still remained. Mr. Angers claimed it for Mr. Chinic, his father-in-law, an extensive hardware merchant, who desired the contract for furnishing the iron to the North Shore, and who has since openly boasted that he has secured it. This nomination was made, and the job was complete. Mr. Langevin himself could not have named a more disgracefully incompetent Commission, for reasons more flagrantly corrupt.

The nomination of the Commission, it is true, settled at once and for all in the estimation of the people, Mr. DeBoucherville's supposititious reputation for unswerving honesty and irreproachable integrity, but at the same time it still further established his power. When the "late lamented" Judge Caron felt that he must bow before the storm raised by the Tannery Land Swap scandal, he sought for some person who for a time might replace his Ministry, to which he was strongly attached, and who would be willing to make way for them