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Not since the era of the "Family Compact" of Upper Canada has this Country been called upon to behold the painful spectacle of Ministers of the Crown growing wealthy directly through the influence secured by their official positions until the inauguration of the corrupt system now in vogue by the Dominion Tory party. Is it any wonder that the rank and file of their parliamentary supporters have joined in plundering the country of timber limits, coal mines, farms and ranches, to say nothing of Boodle Bills, "Blind shares" and railway subsidies? In this leaflet, reference will be made only to the members of Sir John Macdonald's administrations, who have been using the public trusts committed to their care by the people to advance their own pecuniary interests.

SIR JOHN MACDONALD:—The recipient of a testimonial from corporations and friends of \$80,000, notably the Northern Railway and Sir David Macpherson. The former he endeavoured to relieve of an indebtedness of half a million to the country, and the latter he installed as a Cabinet Minister, and recommended him for Knighthood.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Syndicate made the Premier's son, (Hugh J. Macdonald, of Winnipeg,) one of its solicitors, at a salary of \$5,000 per annum, for reasons that may be well understood. During the re-arrangement of the loans to the Canadian Pacific Company in the session of 1885, Sir John Macdonald declined to relieve the Company of the \$10,000,000 special loan. Before the next session a member of his family was presented by the C. P. R. magnates with a diamond necklace, estimated to be worth from \$25,000 to \$50,000, (upon which duty has not been paid). Then at the session of 1886, the C. P. R. was relieved of the re-payment in cash of the \$10,000,000, as they had requested and been refused twelve months previously. Sir John Macdonald's pleasure jaunts to England from 1879 to July 1885, have cost \$11,324.33. See Public Accounts and Auditor-General's reports for those years.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER:—When he accepted office was a poor man, but is now reputed to be very wealthy. He has always been the leading spirit when a C. P. R. job was to be put through, and the bosom friend of the Onderdonk's, Manning's, Shield's, McLaren's and others, whose