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TURN THE RASCALS OUT. Several conservative journals not in the heavily subsidized class view with profound alarm and growing indignation lowing is from the official report of the the revelations of scandalous jobbery and evidence, and we challenge the local tory corruption at Ottawa. They keenly appreciate the fact that there is no "Old fully state the case :-Man" to gloss over the jobbery with a cynical laugh and turn of the proof of extravagance with a well-worn joke. It is not a very large or portentous sign, Man" to gloss over the jobbery with a but it is still a sign of an awakened public conscience to find even three or four conservative papers regarding the question before the country involved in the revelations from a plane higher than mere Eparty interests. It is refreshing to find even three or four conservative papers protesting against the Langevin methods and warning the premier that it will not do in these days to retain in public office ministers who have been mixed up in transactions of the character lately revealed. The key-note of these significent warnings is sounded by the Montreal Daily Star in an article elsewhere printed; and the Star pointedly shows the absolute unfitness of Mr. Abbott to drive the corruptionists away from the treasury benches and the departments. Mr. Warder, toe the mark and admit that fullest extent. Abbott was himself one of the principal your charges had no foundation and that actors in the first Pacific scandal, and how those "damning practices" did not obtain can he turn out the Langevins, the Dewd- under Mr. Mills or Mr. Mackenzie. neys, the Arnoldis and the Perleys, the McGreeevys and Robitailles who have shared in the public plundering. The Star

in addition to the significant article print- drowned in a plucky attempt to save a ed on our first page gave in a recent issue another warning of not less significance. "If the chiefs of the conservative party," n the administration they must see the n necessity for prompt and decisive action n to save the party, and with it the politin cal principles it represents. The evin dence now before the public points not " to a few isolated acts of dishonesty in " the civil service, but rather to the n permeation of the whole service with the n spirit of boodling and corruption. It is 11 as though a large proportion of the " subordinate officials of the government " had caught the infection of Mr. Murphy's " "Uncle." If it were right in principle n for a cabinet minister to pocket a n thousand dollars out of a government n contract, how could it be wrong in " principle for a poor devil of a secondn class clerk to pocket a hundred in the " name of his mother-in-law or sister-in " law? Never since the Pacific scandal " has the government at Ottawa appeared n in such a bad light. Were a general n election held to-morrow the liberals would n sweep the country to the cry of 'Turn n the rascals out.' There is now as there " was in 1874 a large section of the con-" servative party which will refuse to " condone boodling, and which will throw

" 'Nick' and 'Mick' rule." The indications are that the tory leaders are "blind

n to the true significance of the situation" and "bewildered by the fierce light so

wholly for its success upon the Langevin

SPONSON SURENESS AND SELECTION

and upon various forms of corruption and "blind" and they are "bewildered" as their daily dealings with the fresh revelations abundantly demonstrates.

"Turn the rascals out" is indeed the watchword of all the people, and no merely of the reform party. If the people were to rest satisfied with the way things have been going on; if they should express no condemnation on the first opportunity that occurs, they would deserve to have their taxes squandered by insolent clerks and corrupt ministers riotous living and in purchasing elections. If the people who pay for all the boodling and extravagance relish it and want have it go on they can be gratified "keeping the rascals in." But we are satisfied the people will re-echo the cry "turn the rascals out," and that the rascals will be pretty effectively turned

A FALSE ACCUSATION.

The Empire and the local tory organs have been trying to defend the illegal payments to permanent clerks in interior department by quoting the statement of a tory clerk before the investigating committee that he did the same thing taxes on sugars and other commodities. in Mr. Mackenzie's time when Hon. David Mills was at the head of the department of the interior. The statement was no true, for the very good reason that in Mr. The money used to bribe constituencies to Mackenzie's time the law permitted the permanent clerks to do extra work if needed, for which they received extra pay in their own womes. They were not comin their own names. They were not compelled to get behind the law by putting in accounts in fictitious names or by giving the names of "their sisters, or their cousins or their aunts." Everything was square and above board in Mr. Mackenzie's time, and the departmental work was more efficiently and much more economi. cally done. The departments did not swarm with a horde of political touters testimonial-makers, or "howling public expense. There were no "damning practices under the Mackenzie government," as the Empire falsely charges. The charges are completely disposed of by the full report of the evidence given by the tory clerk (a Mr. C. C. Rogers) upon whose false statement the tory organs based their accusations. The fol organs to reprint this evidence and truth.

my own name.

Mr. Chapleau—You did the work in the time
of Mr. Mills and were paid not in your own Mr. Rodgers—Yes. I was paid in the name of my sister-in-law. She was helping me. Mr. Barron—In the case of Mr. Mills she did extra work? "Yes: we both did the work."

"When you say the custom was kept up the

clerks toget extra work. Of course, there might "When permanent clerks got extra work they got paid for it in their own names in Mr. Mills"

"Not in anybody else's name."

A YOUNG HERO'S DEATH.

The sad fate of young Patrick Moran, comrade's life, will send a thrill of sympathy and admiration through the com. munity. He gave his life to save a fellowsaid the Star, "are not blind to the true being; and his name is entitled to a place n significance of the situation or hopelessly on the roll of honor. This quiet, modest n bewildered by the fierce light so sudden- boy has no relatives in this town or coun-" ly thrown upon the inner workings of ty. His lot has been not an easy one. If he had lived he would have been entitled to a public recognition of his courageous act. He saved a life, but lost his own; and his heroism should be suitably commemorated in a memorial by public subscription placed over his grave.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Turn the rascals out.

Uncle Thomas admits that he gave \$55,-.00 of the "boodle" for po itical purposes. The government majority of 26 on the

N. P. has dropped to 22 and then to 19 on the timber boodling question. My Dear Peters.—
You promised to send me something about the elections. Will you kindly do it

Signed) HECTOR L. LANGEVIN' The elections took place June 20th, 1882. Mr. Peters sent \$1,000. That's the

way the contractors were worked. La Patrie:-"In the midst of all corruption there stands the straight and manly form of the honest Laurier, similar to the immaculate lily rising above the swamp. It is now twenty years since Mr. Laurier entered into the midst of political life and never has the breath of scandal tarnished the purity of his character."

noverboard every other consideration Grip suggests that when next they sing " rather than support a corrupt administhe national anthem in the house th " tration, which will sacrifice even the tory members should use this version:-" National Policy rather than submit to

God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen!
Save the Red Parlour, too,
Fuccor the boodling crew.
Help us to cheek it through,
There hands are clean!

The Uttawa correspondent of the Mon " suddenly thrown upon the inner work of treal Gazette charged Mr. W. T. R. Preston " the administration" that depended almost with attempting to bribe conservative members to vote against the government contributions from centractors, upon the contributions from centractors, upon the the tariff and reciprocity. Mr. Preston promptly instituted proceedings for libel will continue to circulate it

Dredging must be a very profitable usiness, remarks the Hamilton Times. According to Robert McGreevy's testimony before the privileges and elections committee Larkin, Connolly & Co. made enormous land is worth nearly a million dollars per profits. Here are some interesting figures:

Dredging. something about this. The firm at first charged 27 cents a yard, and although some of it was done at a cost of ten cents a yard, giving them 17 cents profit on the yard, they got the price raised to 35 cents." The people, it must not be forgotten, paid for all this. How do they like it? Are they satisfied to have it go on or will they help

The "affair McGreevy," as the conservative papers delicately style the gigantic steal, and similar transactions through the operations of members of the firm Larkin, Connolly & Co., are defin tely stated to have cost the country upwards of \$2,000,000. Unlike Rykert's grab, remarks the Welland Tribune, this money did not come out of the country's timber resources, but out of the ratepayers' hard-earned wages, collected by exorbitant No discount for families. Pater familias with a household of ten has paid his \$5.

The St. John's (P. Q.) News, an able and influential conservative paper, draws up this formidable indictment from the revel ations that have been made :- "Men i high positions of trust, whose characters were supposed to be unimpeachable, and who were in receipt of high salaries, have been shown to be nothing better than is commonly termed boodlers-that is, they have prostituted their positions to make money irregularly and illegally. They have accepted bribes from contractors for betraying their trusts; they have certified false accounts; they have drawn money to which they were not lawfully entitled, and in various other ways have made themselves fit candidates for a provincial penitentiary. Unfortunately these irregular proceedings are not merely of a recent date. From the evidence before the committee they had their origin over twenty years ago, and they have continued ever since with little variation, except that they have steadily grown in volume and mag-

A SINGLE TAX ON LAND VALUES.

[Communicated]. Ten years ago not one man in a thousand had any idea of what was meant by the phrase which heads this article. To day, most men have a general idea of the single tax, although in some cases it is much misapprehended. And this statement applies not only to Canada and the United States, but to Australia, New Zealand and Great Britain. When a movement has in so short a time taken such a hold on public attention, it is well for us properly to understand it, so that each of us may intelligently take his position regarding itwhether that position be antagonism, approval or indifference.

It is easy to state in a sentence what the single tax is, namely: To abolish all taxes except one tax, and that one tax to be on the value of land, apart from improvements. That is to say, all land would be taxed in proportion to its value. If it had no value, it would not be taxed. Any buildings or other improvements upon i would not be taxed at all. So that a man would have to pay as much for holding a Come now, Mr. Watchman and Mr. piece of land idle as for using it to its

Reading the foregoing paragraph care fully over shows you just what the proposition is. A very simple proposition, and easily apprehended. But to apprehend the wide scope of the proposition in all its workings is not so easy. There are three fields of application, namely, to municipal, provincial and Dominion taxation. We have only space to glance briefly at two of these, promising that a belief in a limited application of the principle by no means commits one to it in its entirety.

In municipal matters the single tax would be gradually applied by assessing separately the improvements and the land on which they stand, then charging each separately with taxation, and year by year drifting more and more of the tax from the improvements to the land. Land speculation, that curse of growing communities, would be more and more checked as more and more of the tax was shifted on to the land. Rents would be less because the more you tax land and exempt improvements the cheaper the land becomes. This is because supply and demand determine the value of land. By increasing the tax on land you squeeze the holders of unused property and cause some of them to place t on the market, thereby increasing the supply and lowering the price.

wrong to tax a man for improving his property. This feeling is based on justice, and the single tax would give practical

In Dominion matters, the single tax would mean the abolition of all import | 65-2.

and the Gazette promptly withdrew the charge and apologized for it. The charge was a gross libel, yet some of the tory papers are yet circulating and probably because it would shift the great burden of taxation from the country to the city. The tax would fall on value, not on area or acreage, and the value per acre in greater than that of farming land. In the best business parts of Teronto, for instance

> In British Columbia, the following important steps were taken by the Provincial legislature at its last session in the direction of the single tax. It was enacted,-

1. That improvements on homesteads be exempted from provincial taxation to the extent of \$500 or under.

2. That the tax on wild lands be changed from seven and a half cents per acre specific to two per cent. on the value, so that the tax will follow up the value instead of remaining fixed at 74c.

3. That municipalities may at their option exempt improvements partially or wholly from taxation, and raise the municipal revenue from land values to the extent of not more than two and a half

These are substantial instalments, and they were much needed, for land speculation is rampant in British Columbia and is greatly hampering production.

A beginning was made in the Ontario legislature at its last iession, by Mr. Joseph Tait, M.P.P., who introduced a local option single tax bill similar to the above: It was withdrawn pro tem.

The Hamilton Times, Toronto Evening News, Kingston Whig, St. Catharines Journal, Bobcaygeon Independent and other Ontario newspapers are outspoken advocates of the single tax. So are many papers in the United States, including the Detroit Evening News. The single tax has spread remarkably in Michigan. The New York Standard is the organ of the

The single tax is based on the principle that labor and capital should bear as little taxation as possible; that industry should be relieved from burdens; and that taxation should be so placed as to prevent land, minerals, and other natural riches from being held unused in order that a heavy tribute may be extorted from the labore and the capitalist for permission to get at

The single tax emphasizes the rights of roperty. It says that the improvements and other values created by the individual belong absolutely to the individual, and that no part of them should be taken from him, whilst the value of land which is envirely created by the whole community belongs to the whole community and is a proper subject for taxation.

CAVANA.—In Cannington, on July 30th, the wife of Chas. Cayana, of a son. DEATHS.

CURTIS.—In Ops. on Friday, July 31st, 1891, Joseph Curtis, aged 62 years. WHEELER.-In Lindsay, on Tuesday, August ith, Mary, beloved wife of J. J. Wheeler, aged

Moran.-Drowned, at Hennessy's Landing. Lindsay, on Wednesday evening, August 5th, 1891, in endeavoring to rescue a comrade, Patrick Moran, in his fifteenth year.

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S. Corneil.

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The following table shows at a glance how the affairs of the London Mutual have been going during the last few years:

of each year, close of each Fear.

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