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WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

In no cynical spirit may Boss Tweed's cynical and insolent question be addressed to the electors of Canada. "What are you going to do about" the revelations of the jobbery and corruption that have been going on for years at Ottawa? Are you going "to turn the rascals out?" or will you be satisfied with the dismissal of a few subordinates? Some of these subordinates, like the unfortunate Parley, sacrificed professional integrity in order to keep their positions.

den of thieves, to the temple at Jerusalem at the time it was cleared out by Our Saviour in a burst of holy indignation. It is for the people of this country to pronounce final judgment upon the scandalous revelations of this session; but they should make their opinions felt now. Not much in the way of purification is to be expected from the present house. The ministerial forces were largely elected by the means and machinery provided by Langevinism, by McGreevyism, by Tupperism and by red perlorism, and there is not a baker's dozen on that side in a position to give an independent vote. They must stand together and fall together. They dare not throw Sir Hector Langevin overboard, unless Sir Hector is willing to be sacrificed, and so far he has not exhibited any tendency of that kind. On the contrary he has declared in the plainest and most significant terms that as he has stood by the party the party must stand by him. The subsidized tory organs emphatically re-echo his strenuous declaration. It is doubtful if there are ten ministerialists in the house who have the courage and independence to cast a vote against the government, no matter how disgusted they may be at the revelations and no matter how virtuously indignant they may be at the dreadful exposures, of the corruption and malversation that has been going on for years at Ottawa. They may revolt at Haggart's petty greed and extensive pickings, or Caron's lavish mismanagement, but they will vote all right the same. It is for the people to "turn the rascals out." It is for the people now to let their representatives know what they think of the state of things revealed by the enquiry now in progress at Ottawa.

to the individual who, by his words, suggested such a thing. Mr. Haggart can go into the box now and explain. Will he do it? The civil service act seems to have been in this case set at defiance. Opposite this young lady's name in the books appeared the words, "The minister is of opinion that the civil service list furnishes no one suitable to the occasion." The civil service list is the list of applicants for position who have passed the necessary examination to get into the service. The statute says persons from this list must be taken first. They were all passed over by the minister in favor of this young woman, who has not qualified herself for entering the public service. Pray, then, why have a civil service examination if those who have passed it are to be passed over in favor of others who do not pass the examination because it is the pleasure of the minister. There is said to be very strong feeling in conservative circles regarding Mr. Haggart's conduct, and it is hardly possible that the party will become responsible for his "idiosyncrasies." The Warder stands out in conspicuous relief as the only paper in Canada seeking to turn attention from the post office scandal by attacking Mr. Barron. The latter had a most important and delicate duty to perform, and he did all that was required of him without one word or one suggestion such as the Warder desires to wrench from the evidence and proceedings. We challenge the Warder to publish the evidence in extenso, and except what fell from the lips of the tory member, he will find there was not, from the beginning to the end of the day's proceedings, even a breath against the fame of any one, except against that of the post-master-general. The Warder's violent attack on Mr. Barron will not affect the latter before the public of North Victoria or any other part of the province. Mr. Barron has discharged his duty in a candid and delicate manner, and is to be commended and not condemned.

SIR HECTOR LANGEVIN RE SIGNS. Sir Hector Langevin has been compelled by the force of public opinion to place his resignation in the hands of the premier. Sir Hector read before the investigating committee Tuesday a statement regarding the McGreevy charges. It would fill a whole page of this paper, and occupied an hour and a half in its delivery. In brief Sir Hector denies all knowledge of the frauds. He denies that he received large sums for election purposes, as stated in the evidence. He places the blame on others. Sir Hector denies too much. The evidence is clear and conclusive as to extensive frauds, as to enormous booting, and as to enormous sums contributed for election purposes. Sir Hector is a man of great ability, who has always in the house shown a thorough mastery of departmental affairs. It is idle to pretend that he did not know what was going on. To plead ignorance is to plead disgraceful incompetence. But Sir Hector was not doing, and so did his colleagues. The department of public works has been placed in charge of the Hon. Frank Smith, and Sir John Thompson takes the leadership of the house.

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