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BOODLE, BOODLE, BOODLE!

Canada is fast acquiring an unenviable name for herself. Her name has suffered sadly during the investigations which have taken place, and which are now taking place at Ottawa. The Privilege and Elections committee have reached the end of their tether, and the result has been that unscrupulous and astute contractors have been found guilty of robbing the country of nearly a million dollars. This investigation has proceeded with vigor, and has been assisted by both parties in the House. The outcome is no doubt somewhat disappointing to Reformers owing to the fact that no member of the government has been found to be involved in the frauds. An attempt was made to fasten guilt upon the Minister of Railways and Canals, but this did not succeed. Still, while there has been no proof of connivance, people are asking how it can be that these pilferings could take place without the knowledge of Sir Hector. The latter's explanation that he had to rely upon the reports and recommendations of subordinate officers in matters connected with his department, owing to the amount of labor involved, and his positive denial under oath that he had any knowledge of wrongdoing, seem reasonable and should be accepted. Those who have been found guilty of wrongdoing, have been discharged without a moment's hesitation. The government cannot be charged with yecillation, or any attempt to hinder or burk investigation. On the contrary, they have bent their best efforts towards bringing the guilty to execution. Sir Hector Langevin handed in his resignation in order to give his evidence before the committee, and Sir John Thompson is now leader of the House.

Last week a thunder clap burst in a clear sky before the Senate Railway committee, when another gigantic robbery was unearthed which will, no doubt, blast the prospects of the Mercier government in Quebec. Mr. Mowat's friend, the Count, is a withering cornstalk. His reputation has taken a sad drop. And yet it would scarcely be surprising to see Jean Baptiste condone the offence in their pet Count, whose reputation has been of meteporic brilliancy in the system in which he circles his little round. The Frenchmen have the reputation of doing queer things. We give below two extracts, one taken from the Empire and the other from the Globe, which explain the situation and also serve to illustrate the abhorrence with which both parties in Ontario look upon the criminal acts of those high in authority in our sister province. The Empire speaks as follows:

The worst that was charged in the famous Pacific scandal was that a sum of money was contributed by outside parties, under promise of being afterwards repouped, to carry the elections, to be spent in constituencies. The worst that is charged in the present Privileges and Elections Committee investigation is that the firm of Larkin, Connolly & Co., acting in conjunction with Thomas McGreevy, cheated the Government out of a lot of money; but what is this, even if proven, compared to the charges before the Senate Committee, and which a leading actor in the events and an unwilling and hostile witness refuses to deny, that the Mercier Government had passed a bill through the Legislature giving it the right to revoke railway charters; that it

used this right by order in council to revoke the charter of the Baie des Chaleurs railway; that it then hawked this charter about for sale to the highest bidder; that ultimately the highest bidders were found in the present company: that Mr. Pacaud, acting for the Government, and Mr. Armstrong, acting for the company, came to an agreement; that the Government passed through the House a bill granting a subsidy on land commuted at \$280,000 in cash, for certain specified purposes in connection with the road; that of this \$280,000, not less than \$175,000 was diverted from these purposes by the aid and assistance of the Government; that this money was devoted to carrying out the agreement entered into by Mr. Pacaud and Mr. Armstrong, the representatives of the two parties; that of this sum \$75,000 was devoted to the pockets of the old company; that of the \$100,000 a lump sum of \$57,000 was devoted to paying off the debts and liabilities, the personal debts and liabilities, of the Premier himself, Hon. Honore Mercier; that the balance has disappeared, but has not yet been accounted for in evidence; that this sum of \$175,000 was obtained by the Government issuing letters of credit against the appropriation of banks by the Legislature, which were cashed in the banks by the Government's accredited agent, and that the whole thing was carried out under the direction of the Government, not alone with their connivance, but under their instructions and with their help!

This from the Globe:

Lieut. Governor Angers, who on the advice of his Ministers signed the order in Council under which the letter of credit was issued, will no doubt take action. But apart from anything which he may see fit to do, the fact remains that these four persons have committed a criminal offence, and we see no reason why they should not be arrested and clapped in jail. The very simplicity of the crime, for it was as simple an operation as picking a pocket or blowing a safe, has shocked the public more profoundly than the McGreevy business, the latter being a complicated piece of rascality. But in reality there is little to choose between the two sets of rogues. Pacaud has stolen only \$100,000 whereas Larkin, Murphy, Mick, Nick and the two McGreevys got away with nearly a million, probably half of which was obtained fraudulently, and bribed Government officials to boot, right under the eye of Sir Hector. The plea that Pacaud used the money for his own purposes whilst Sir Hector applied the "donations" which he obtained from McGreevy to the ends of the party, amounts to nothing. Pacaud will probably answer that he made everything over to the party; but supposing he pocketed it, was not that better from the ethical point of view than spending it in debauching the electors? But instead of splitting hairs about the amount and quality of their guilt let us lay it down as a principal that since the evil-doers did not allow party differences to interfere with their sinister work, Tory co-operating with Liberal and Liberal with Tory, no party distinctions shall not be permitted to interfere with their righteous punishment.

HOURS OF FARM LABOR.

Hours of labor on the farm are notoriously long, and The Advance does not believe there is any just reason why this should be the case. The mechanic works ten hours, and there is a movement on foot to have these hours shortened to nine, or even eight. Nature requires a certain amount of time to recuperate from exhaustive labor, and if that time is not allowed there is a loss of force which is not regained and energy is weakened. Allow the steam in a boiler to run down, then start your fires and before half pressure is reached set the machinery in motion and the result will be slow running and little progress. It is just so with the human machine. The farmer arises with the dawn, works two hours before breakfast and as long as daylight will permit him after supper—say from fourteen to fifteen hours—and retires to bed weary and footsore and the result is that his second day's work will fall short of the first, because nature has not had time to recuperate during the few hours of slumber. The hired men, too, will naturally be chary of exertion when the hours are so long, and would actually put more work into a ten-hour day than into a fourteen. We have met one—and we believe only one—farmer who is a strong believer in a ten-hour day for farmers, and that man owns a fine farm, with good buildings, and has the reputation of being well fixed in this world's goods. He never works more than ten hours, winter or summer, and claims that both he and his animals do more work in those ten than his neighbors do in fourteen hours. He has sufficient time to re-

cuperate and prepare himself for work, and in fact the steam has arrived at high pressure when his morning's labor begins and the machinery goes like a clock work all day.

There are still other, and important phases in which to look at this matter. This long, tedious drudgery, with no time for improving the mind or resting the body, is certainly one of the greatest incentives to young men to leave the farm and seek shorter hours of labor. They do not hope to find easier work, as a general rule, but only shorter hours, with time for pleasure and rest. We believe if the hours of farm labor were shortened to ten that not only would just as much work be done, but the last plait would be heard from the father that his boys did not care for the farm and were going away. Many to whom we have spoken on the subject admit the solidity of the above reasoning but say such a condition would be hard to bring about. Not at all. It does not depend on a community, but on individual effort. Let the farmers who read these remarks try it for themselves and prove the purity of our logic.

The Mercier government is charged with having stolen \$175,000 to pay off certain of their indebtedness, but they neglected to apply any of the funds towards the liquidation of the debt which they owe to Ontario.

The Empire makes a good point by facetiously inquiring if any one has yet heard a Reformer demanding that Mr. Mercier resign, pending further inquiry into the peculations which are charged to him?

Dr. Sproule's address on the Budget was a masterly effort, and one which was much appreciated by his party. The Dr. is coming to the fore in the political world, and the centre riding of Grey should be proud of him. He is a sharp, clear and logical debater, and, unlike many members in the house, his remarks are always listened to with much attention. No man can go to sleep under Dr. Sproule's voice. He plies the lash with vigor, and in the case referred to, made Dr. Landerkin squirm under its biting stroke.

The Mercier government is a peculiar affair, anyway, and Mr. Mercier is a peculiar man. He is exceedingly fond of receiving donations from public or private funds, it is immaterial to him which. Following is a list of some of his presents, as published in the Globe. By the way, the Globe has gone back on Mercier with a heavy thud. Here is the list:

- One house, valued at ... \$12,000
One Seal coat, ... 1,000
One Carriage, ... 1,800
Two horses, ... 1,200

Added to this Mrs. Honore Mercier received a gift of a beautiful diamond necklace. The Globe says "No Liberal, no honest man in either party, can approve of Mr. Mercier's conduct." Well we should hope not. His initial name is a misnomer.

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HECTOR KENNEDY,
Eugenia P. O.

Strayed
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