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Office 25, Sparks Street. THURSDAY, JULY 20, 1899.

It is a spectacle for men and angels to witness the action of the House of Lords in the matter of the Irish Church Bill. In this we have an evidence of the peculiarity of the British Constitution. In no other country would exist a body equivalent to the British House of Lords. Endowed with hereditary powers, they exercise a most important and, perhaps, even a controlling influence on public opinion.

What have the House of Lords done? They have modified, to a certain extent, one of the most important bills that ever was passed by the British Legislature. They have asserted the right of prescription and privilege; they have made the terms of the Bill far more agreeable to those personally affected by its provisions than it was in its original shape. They have asserted the original rights of the Upper Branch of the Imperial Legislature to a share in the legislation of the country.

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same time affecting equally other parties holding a similar position. The administration of the Finance and Receiver-General's Departments will have to undergo a complete and searching scrutiny. If this is not instituted before Parliament meets, then it will be its duty to carry such an enquiry on foot. But we believe the Government have the intention of carrying through a thorough investigation into all the Departments, whereby it may be ascertained how far the public funds have been misused, and also to establish a perfect system of checks to prevent the recurrence of like crimes in future.

The Receiver-General's case has been taken up by the Opposition press with the evident intent of damaging the Government. In this game their policy will be entirely spoiled. From the first, the Government has shown a determination to search the matter to the bottom, and to leave no stone unturned that would show any deficiency in the administration of departmental affairs. The same spirit which dictated a scrutinizing examination of McNEVEN'S case will doubtless be carried through to the end, and every officer in the two departments involved in that of the Receiver-General and of the Finance will assuredly be placed on a proper footing.

It would be a mistake of the gravest kind to suppose that the gentlemen who are charged with the administration of public affairs in the Dominion would allow themselves to be compromised by the mal-administration of inferior officers, at a time when the great scheme of confederating all the outlying provinces of British America is being carried into execution. The consolidation of the several provinces, or colonies, of British North America under one government is a work the magnitude and extent of which have never been excelled, as a step towards the unification of British North America. It would be to the last degree absurd to imagine that any mere defalcation of any clerk in the public departments should interfere with the progress of this great work.

It has annoyed us to see newspapers in Canada asserting at the House of Lords. The same thing in this country, where we have the opportunity of viewing fairly the operation of the British system of Government, it is utterly beyond comprehension that any newspaper should attempt to belittle the Second Chamber of the Imperial Parliament. In the whole of Canada the Globe, so far as we have seen, is the only newspaper which has undertaken this dishonourable duty. We know its radical tendencies; its opposition to a Second Chamber of an elective Second Chamber in the old Province of Canada; its utter opposition, in fact, to any other body than that elected directly by the constituencies. It might be expected, therefore, that the Globe would have a smug at the House of Lords; but so far as we are aware, no paper has uttered a word against that ancient and honourable institution.

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