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The Liberal.

RICHMOND HILL, Thursday, July 19, '94

SCANDALOUS REVELATIONS.

The whitewashing of Mr. Turcotte M. P. put many Conservatives to the blush. When Sir John Thompson said "not guilty", and summoned the faithful to back him up in the acquittal the members looked at one another in amazement, and their surprise at the course Sir John had decided to take was, in no degree lessened when Mr. Weidon and Mr. Dickie, both good Tories, said they could not support their leader.

The admissions of Contractor St. Louis in the Curran bridge matter are interesting. So are the facts related by his brother-in-law Frigon. Before the committee the latter told all about the big steal by which the tax-payers have had over a quarter of a million dollars added to their taxes. St. Louis had repeatedly complained of the way the government were bleeding him for election expenses. On the Vaudreuil election he had put up \$2,700. He admitted destroying his books as there were too many items in them about election expenses. Is it a wonder the Tories win every time when they have such faithful agents as St. Louis at their back drawing hundreds of thousands of dollars out of the treasury to be returned again to the government for election purposes? The government say they did not know the steal was going on. Where did they think St. Louis got the money they were getting from him?

The Curran bridge affair is even too much for the Toronto World. On Monday last that paper's leading editorial contained the following:—

"The revelations in connection with the building of the Curran bridge at Montreal are simply scandalous. Roguery, jobbery, perjury, robbery seem to be the main constituents of a structure that was supposed to be of stone and iron. . . . By the recent revelations some of the federal works carried on in that city have been in the hands of corrupt officials and corrupting contractors.

From the evidence so far elicited it is evident that as soon as Hon. Mr. Haggart's attention was directed to the matter he discharged the dishonest officials and instituted an investigation. But he and the Government must go further. They must prosecute those guilty of the gross crimes and swindling perpetrated, whether officials or contractors."

The Government's difficulty lies in punishing men who have contributed liberally to election funds. Surely the electors, when the time comes, will not allow such systematic fraud and corruption to go unpunished. We actually believe that if the Grits were in power such revelations would be followed by their resignation inside of twenty-four hours.

The Canadian Patron and Co-operator, published at Owen Sound in the interests of the Patrons of Industry, is evidently well satisfied with the result of the recent provincial elections. In its issue of June 30th it says:

"The battle is over and the victory won. Good government is, we think, secured, for another four years at least. The battle has been a triangular one. We believe the Patrons of Industry, to-day, have the balance of power in the Ontario Legislature. We say let them use it well and conscientiously. The whole success or failure of the Order depends upon it.

It is true the Mowat Government, which we believe has been one of the purest in Ontario, or any other province of the Dominion, has ever had, has a clear majority of the House. It is very questionable if the majority will be sufficiently large to make it a safe working one. Possibly if the predictions of politicians and political papers prove true, the Government would have a safe working majority."

The Patrons know that Sir Oliver Mowat has been a good friend to the farmers, and although they may not agree with him in every particular, they know it would be suicidal to cast in their influence with the opposite party.

The Canada Presbyterian of the 27th ult. has the following good hit at the P. P. A.'ists who endeavored to prevent the Hon. S. H. Blake from speaking in Massey Hall a few days before the provincial elections:

"It is highly probable that the Hon. S. H. Blake does more work for Protestantism than all the members of the P. P. A.; that he pays more money to advance the interests of Protestantism than is paid by all the members of the P. P. A.; that he gives more assistance to the Young Men's Christian Association, to Sabbath Schools and Bible classes than is given by all the members of the P. P. A.; that he pays at least twice as much money in a year for the aid of the poor and needy than is paid by all the members of the P. P. A. And yet this same Mr. Blake is the Protestant that the secretly organized bands of the P. P. A. tried to throttle in the Massey Hall last week!"

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