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Daily Whig.

THE GUILTY MEN ESCAPE.
The attorney-general of this province has been severely criticized because he allowed the defendant in the Oxford graft case, after pleading guilty, to go on suspended sentence. There is something about the case that cannot be understood. The crown prosecutor had some misgivings about the result. The judge does not seem to have shared them. He was very outspoken when he said that municipal grafting was a heinous offence and that it should be attended by a fitting punishment.
However, Mr. Blackstock thought it best to consult the Ontario law department. Hon. Mr. Foy was away from Toronto. His deputy was ill and not accessible. The crown prosecutor says he "was authorized"—as he expected to be,—to take the course he did, and he assumed the full responsibility for advising that sentence be suspended on a confession of guilt.
The press of the province has been very outspoken in this subject, and it is expressing public opinion. The only salvation—the only hope of escape from the petty and large grafting which prevails—is to expose all wrongdoers, and to make an example of them. The Oxford fiasco or failure is the greatest misfortune that could have occurred.

LONG MAY IT FLOURISH.

There is no substitute for the lash as a punisher of wife beaters. The Whig has said this several times, and the experience in the Gervais case, Montreal, confirms the statement. Gervais was convicted of the most brutal treatment of his wife, and the judge had no compunction of conscience in directing that in addition to imprisonment, which has no terrors for some men, he should get a six cuts of the whip with nine tails.

It was with a feeling of exaltation that one reads of his cowardly cry for mercy when stripped for the punishment. Mercy! A right any one has to plead for this when he had no thought of it, no regard for it, when he was maltreating a helpless dependent. And the example of it—the example of the lash. It may not deter another from using his brawny fists against his unfortunate wife, but that should not stay the hand of justice in letting fall, through a scientific assailing, the thongs that cut the skin and inflict deep but not dangerous wounds in the flesh.

Gervais will probably not lift his hand again to a woman, and if all other wife beaters were similarly chastised, they might be effectually cured of their distemper. The lash, indeed, is the only corrector of brutal husbands. Long may it flourish.

THE PARTY IN TROUBLE.

Did you notice that Mr. Borden is giving the opposition in the commons a free hand, that he is letting the members do as they like, and that some of them are having their fling? What a nerry thing it is of any man who, having committed himself to the support of a resolution, votes for it, not knowing how it reads, and abusing a newspaper, because it gives the facts.

The break occurred in the Sealey amendment to the reciprocity agreement. The member for Haldimand desired fruit and vegetables to be eliminated from the free list. He approved of the agreement with these exceptions, and so stated in his amendment. The leader of the opposition was away and the self-constituted leaders who remained rushed the amendment along, giving Mr. Sealey a hearty support, and voting—a half dozen of them—for his motion. Next day they realized what they did, and undertook to blackguard the Globe and to insinuate that in its report it was lying about them.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley produced, from the clerk of the house, the amendment which was submitted by Mr. Sealey, and read it, and emphasized the words at the close, "and the resolution as amended be adopted." It is no excuse to say that the conservatives did not know this clause was there. It was one the paper. It was read to the house. The trouble in the opposition side should have known what they were doing.

Dr. Pugsley said he did not wonder that the conservative members in question were angry. "I would be angry myself, if," he added naively, amid laughter, "after telling the people that the resolution meant annexation, the dismemberment of the empire, and other ill, I found myself voting for its approval. It would make me angry even on Sunday."

The opposition members are making a fine show of themselves—and they are doing this in the absence of the

leader. What is the matter with him anyway? He seems to be letting them alone, to be away from the house a good deal, and to be irresponsible for much of its work. He may be tired of leading a contingent that is never satisfied, and varies the proceeding by occasionally going into revolt and demanding his retirement.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Alberta leads all Canada in the vigor and earnestness with which it has undertaken the teaching of agriculture in the public schools. The west is where they do things.

Abusing the Globe does not help the opposition in the commons. It is running wild these days, and is making a record. Time for a change, not in the leadership of the party, but in the conduct of its members.

That \$14,000 of the Exploration company is again looming up large. Some members of the council are actually feeling that they should have laid hands upon it. With them thought is slow and decision tardy. What the council clearly needs is a few men of action.

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No need of a stated case before any judge as to what a teacher may do to maintain discipline in the school. The principal must rule. He can either whip the pupil into obedience and respect, or he can suspend him. Suspension does not cure any boy of bad habits. It puts him on the street, among the loafers, and helps to ruin him.

Asquith Must Fight.

The intense hostility of the Asquith government and its supporters to the House of Lords, and their determination to make it an impotent and comparatively useless institution, is largely the outcome of partisan resentment. The upper house is Tory, and has used its power unwisely in the interests of the Tory party, often blocking useful legislation merely because it was liberal legislation. If the Lords were fairly divided in politics, with a chance that legislation coming up from the commons would receive fair treatment when the liberals are in power, it is safe to say that the veto bill would never have been heard of.

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THE LANCOT CASE

TO BE DISCUSSED IN THE COMMONS.

The Opposition Will Demand a General Enquiry Into the Marine and Fisheries Department.

Ottawa, April 26.—The government has decided to bring on the discussion of the Lantot case in the house, and to-morrow is the day fixed for the motion that the majority report of the privileges and elections committee, which exonerated the member for Richelieu and censured his accuser, Mr. Blondin, of Champlain, be concurred in.

The facts of the case which were brought out in the privileges and elections committee showed that Mr. Lantot last summer, without securing the authority of the director of the Sorel shipyards, engaged with a subordinate to supply him with painters and materials from the shops to decorate his house, which he was then building in that town. The work, which took several weeks, was done, and in December last, after the session had opened, Mr. Lantot sent a cheque for \$375 to Mr. Papineau, the director, which was the first that gentleman had heard of the transaction. Early in March last, Mr. Blondin, M.P. for Champlain, from his seat in the house, openly charged Mr. Lantot, with breach of the independence of parliament act. The matter was sent to the committee, and after an enquiry he said pictures were from the shops to employ the government as a contractor on his private interests. The minority of the committee presented a report condemning Mr. Lantot of conspiracy on the evidence taken, and asserting that breach of the independence of parliament act had been amply proved. The majority report was adopted by the committee, by fifteen to ten. The opposition have determined to press home the need of a general enquiry into the affairs of the marine and fisheries department, and the ensuing debate promises to be one of the most interesting of the session.

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The Prices Paid at the Various Centres.

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Trade was brisk, and prices had an upward tendency, except hogs, which are lower.

Prime beefs sold at 6 1/2c. to a little over 6 1/2c. per lb.; pretty good animals, 5c. to 6c. and the common stock, 3 1/2c. to 5c. per lb.

Calves sold at from 3c. to 7 1/2c. per lb.; sheep sold at about 5 1/2c. per lb.

A lot of nine yearling lambs, the only ones on the market, were sold at \$7.50 each. Spring lambs sold at from \$3 to near \$7 each. Good lots of hogs sold at from 6 1/2c. to near 7c. per lb.

Chicago Cattle Markets.

Chicago, April 24.—Cattle receipts estimated at 25,000; market, mostly 10c. lower; beefs, \$5.10 to \$6.60; Texan steers, \$4.60 to \$5.65; western steers, \$4.50 to \$5.75; stockers and feeders, \$4 to \$5.65; cows and heifers, \$2.75 to \$5.75; calves, \$4.75 to \$6.50.

Hogs receipts estimated at 57,000; market, slow; generally 15c. lower; light, \$5.55 to \$6.20; mixed, \$5.80 to \$6.20; heavy, \$5.65 to \$6.15; rough, \$5.65 to \$5.80; good to choice, heavy, \$5.80 to \$6.15; pigs, \$5.80 to \$6.15; bulk of sales, \$5.95 to \$6.10.

Sheep receipts estimated at 32,000; market steady; native, \$3.00 to \$4.75; western \$3.25 to \$4.20; yearlings, \$4.30 to \$5.25; lambs, native, \$4.50 to \$6.25; western, \$4.75 to \$6.25.

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