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PUBLISHERS' NOTES.

A finely executed portrait of the Right Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald, from a recent photograph, will be issued shortly as No. 2 of Grip's Gallery of Men of To-day. This will be uniform with No. 1 of the series, and will be forwarded to all subscribers sending us 5 cents to pay for tube and postage. Subscribers sending us 30 cents, will receive this and the next five as issued (six in all), free of postage. To non-subscribers the price will be 10 cents each.

Comments on the Cartoons.



NORQUAY AND THE PYTHON.—The question of Disallowance has at last "come to a head" in Manitoba. The Local Government, moved by the universal popular clamor, have at last declared for freedom from the tyrannical monopoly hitherto claimed and exercised by the C. P. R. Co. A railway is to be built to the American frontier despite both Syndicate and Dominion Cabinet. To this determination of course the C. P. R. Co. emphatically object, and Sir Geo. Stephens has notified Winnipeg, that if any such action is taken, the railway shops will be removed from that city. This threat Premier Norquay has defied, on behalf of his Government. In the meanwhile Parliament has voted by a large majority to sustain the Government's course.

O'BRIEN'S WILD GOOSE CHASE.—Mr. O'Brien, of *United Ireland* and *Disunited Canada*, has taken himself off, and not a moment too soon. He has the satisfaction of knowing that his silly "mission" has done more harm to the cause of Home Rule than anything else which could have taken place in Canada. He has reason to thank those fanatical fools in this city and Kingston for having mobbed him, as that alone has evoked a measure of sympathy for him. After the experience he has just undergone, perhaps Mr. O'Brien will begin to understand that the people of this country do not regard such a discussion as he endeavored to introduce as a legitimate portion of the Home Rule question.

ANOTHER MORE UNFORTUNATE.

I TOOK a boat one night
On to the water ;
In it my lady bright
Wishing to court her.
Slowly I rowed her out
Far past the Island,
And when I put about
Scarcely could spy land.
Then with heart beating fast
Started to mention
What for a long time past
Was my intention.
Long did my story take ;
Long was her silence ;
Long did we, drifting, make
Many a mile hence.
Growing more eloquent,
Spake I still stronger,
Yet she remained silent
Longer and longer.
At last I struck a light,
And to her creeping
Found, O most horrid sight,
That she was sleeping.
With love's recoil I shrank
And so capsized her,
She said, as down she sank,
That I surprised her ;
Said that and said no more,
How the thought paineth !
I pulled myself ashore—
There she remaineth.

MORAL.

Young girl, when next you hear
Love—don't refuse it ;
Don't go to sleep, my dear,
Or you may lose it.

POKEVILLE.

P. QUILL.



HIS QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY SHOOTING TRIP.

TEN MILES FROM ANYWHERE—AND HAD BROUGHT THE WRONG CARTRIDGES !!

If the Scott Act amendment allowing the sale of light wines should become law, there will be little doubt as to the quality of the wine to be obtained. It will be sure to be the ginny-wine article.