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"If there's a hole in a' your coats,
I rode you tent it;
A chiel's anane you taking notes,
And, faith, he'll prent it."

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The Marriage of the Prince of Wales.

WRITTEN FOR THE GRUMBLER.

Once the Norse-man came a conqueror,
Riding through the white sea-foam,
With strong arm and thirsty sword-blade,
Sea and land alike his home;
And the winds his white sails filling,
Unto Britain did he roam.

Till, he came a ruthless conqueror,
Singing o'er the sat sea-foam,
And with blade and battle-axes,
Won and held a British throne;
And upon the page of glory
Left a record of his own.

Now again he comes a conqueror,
Mightier than in days of yore,
And an empire more enduring
Than the old shall he restore;
Love, all-conquering, wet with sea-foam,
Moors his bark on England's shore.

Once o'er Britain did the Norse-men,
Sway the sceptre with the sword,
But a fair and royal lady
For their Queen they now afford;
And love's sceptre, all-subduing,
May she hold with her fond lord.

Now the Norse and Saxon nations
In two noble hearts are wed,
When o'er the latter's wide dominions
The snowy wings of Peace are spread;
And the olden memories waking,
Bright hopes on her future shed.

Dove-eyed Peace, of snowy pinions,
Fold thy wings on England's throne;
Sweet-eyed love, of accents tender,
Make their hearts thy changeless home;
Cherub Hope, forever smiling,
Never from their palace roam.

And when to the sceptre cometh,
May they well themselves approve,
Like to them who reigned before them,
Girded with a nation's love;
And when here they reign no longer,
May they reign with God above.

THE MAYOR ON HAIR-SPLITTING.

According to the reports in the daily papers last week, a wooden subject was introduced into the City Council last Monday se-night, in the shape of a bill to provide for the measurement and sale of cordwood. Ald. Carr, who is a sort of old hen in charge of all walks, gardens, avenues, and woods, was its sponsor. The usual preliminaries having been gone through, the Council went into Committee of the Whole on the Bill, and Ald. Jarvis was called to take the chair. After the second clause had been read, Coun. Edwards, who is not fond of "going it blind," found that the Bill was not printed, and moved that the Committee rise and report progress. Ald. Carr, from some reason not stated in the report, was opposed to this motion, and told the Council if they did not go on with the consideration of the Bill he would relinquish the parentage. The chairman put the motion "that the Committee do rise," (by mistake), which always has the effect of "killing off" any Report or Bill, and the Committee rose accordingly, the majority voting in favour of Coun. Edwards' motion. Tell it not on King Street: publish it not in the Market square! the Mayor actually, to please Ald. Carr, declared the Bill slaughtered. Ald. Jarvis properly characterised this "hair-splitting" conduct of the Mayor as "mean, paltry, and contemptible." The poor people of Toronto who have been long swindled in the wood market, will therefore have to go on submitting to extortion until Ald. Carr comes down from his high horse, or the Mayor gets better posted up in the rules which govern legislative bodies. Verify these worthies have the fullest faith in the old couplet, that

"Doubtless the pleasure is great
In being cheated as to cheat."

Sticking to His Colours.

—When the Brigade Majors were appointed lately, and Colonels of Militia instructed to send their returns through the Brigade office, Col. the Hon. Sir E. P. Tache became virtuously indignant, threw up his commission, and washed his hands of the defence of the Province. We all lamented the action of the "gallant Colonel," and thought that no more would his martial form be seen, clothed in the uniform of Her Majesty. But Mr. Tenson has come again. The *Globe*, in reporting the proceedings relative to the Prince of Wales' marriage in the Legislative Council, says that Col. Tache was attired more gorgeously than any of the other members. The *Leader* reporter, who seems to be better posted in military matters, tells us that Sir E. P. Tache sported his Colonel's uniform on the occasion. The "old war horse" deserves the thanks of the community, now that he has gone back into the traces.

IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OFFICE,
12th March, 1863.

DEAR GRUMBLER—As the country desires an explanation of the Double Majority principle, the Executive Council have determined to present, through your columns, the accompanying lucid enunciation of its chief features. Please accept the endorsed cheque for \$100, and also the assurance of our high consideration:

Yours admiringly,
J. S. MACDONALD.

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On accepting office we found the country on the road to ruin. The gigantic frauds of our predecessors; their awful mismanagement; their hideous corruption; their frightful favoritism; their outrageously unconstitutional acts; their terrible extravagance; all, all, combined to lower this Province to the lowest depth of degradation. We could imagine no single principle sufficient to bring order from chaos, health from disease, purity from corruption, therefore was compelled to look out for a double one to meet the case. Thus sprang into existence the Double Majority System of government. We are not very clear on its practical working, but in theory it is perfectly simple. When defeated by a majority from one section of the Province, the members of the Cabinet representing that section, if they feel inclined, may resign. It is not absolutely necessary that they should, (See note on Rep. by Pop.) but it may be safely said that they may. When this resignation takes place, that portion of the Cabinet which shall possess the confidence of its section of the Province shall carry on the government until defeated; or it may make overtures to the Opposition and select from its opponents a sufficient number to fill the vacant offices. Hence half a cabinet may rule the whole country, or a cabinet may be half Grit and half Tory at the same time. Should the latter be the case, each portion of the Cabinet shall have supreme control over such section of the Province as it represents. This will admit of two policies, being pursued at the same time. The benefits likely to accrue from such an arrangement are obvious. The other principal feature in our present policy is to abuse heartily the acts of our predecessors and take credit to ourselves for the virtue we evince in abstaining from committing what we have often called, their crimes.

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