

reasonable could be asked. The present system, under which, in most places, the purchaser of farm produce does the weighing on his own scales, or through his own hired servants, gives him an advantage over the seller which we may well believe in many cases he makes the most of. As a journal specially devoted to Square Dealing between Man and Man, GRIP gives the movement his heartiest support.



BAY LEAVES" is the title under which Prof. Goldwin Smith modestly sends out for private distribution only, a very daintily printed volume of translations from the Latin poets. It has been owing to the urgency of friends that even this modified publicity has been given to the offspring of the Grange muse, and the author asks

lenient judgment on that account. We are pleased at the opportunity of making the acquaintance of the learned Professor in the new capacity of Poet, and a casual reading of some of the poems, chosen at random, convinces us that the pen which has such a mastery of English prose is equally at home in the poetic department. A careful reading will no doubt justify our suspicion that the little volume is full of gems. "Bay Leaves"! Ah! now we understand why the Professor has of late left the seclusion of his evening fireside to raise his voice in demanding "free and safe access to the Bay!"

GEN. MIDDLETON made a slight mistake in supposing—as he admitted to the Committee at Ottawa—that he was the High Supreme Boss of Creation during the North-West Rebellion, and that he "could do pretty much as he pleased, so long as he kept within reason" up in that country. In confiscating the furs belonging to the half-breed Bremner, and appropriating them to his own and his officers' use, he was acting on this mistaken notion, and now he is astonished to find himself convicted of "looting." But the most astonishing thing about this affair is the conclusion of the Committee as reported in the papers of April 2nd. "The evidence as to the taking of the furs is complete enough," said Mr. Kirkpatrick, and his fellow-committee-men assented. Then the conclusion was reached—mark it—that a report be made recommending the Government to pay to Bremner the sum of \$4,500 to cover his loss!

WHY should the Dominion Treasury be called upon for any part of this payment? Let the looters pay for their own looting. Gen. Middleton gets \$6,000 a year for "commanding the Canadian army," and for his brilliant services in the North-West on the occasion alluded to he got a special grant of \$20,000, besides a knighthood. He can well afford to pay for his own blunders, and ought to be made to. In the name of the already overburdened taxpayers of Canada we protest against the payment of one cent of it by the Government.

LITERARY COPYRIGHT in Canada is applied for to the Department of Agriculture. Doubtless books are regarded by the Governmental mind as a species of ensilage—pressed green stuff, as it were.

THE Emperor William is full of surprises,
To-day it is Labor Reform,
To-morrow is Ministerial crises,
And Bismarck goes down in the storm.



A PROPOSED COMBINE.

GAMIN—"Say, Granny, is them wot they makes apple-sass out of?"
GRANNY—"Yes, sonny."
GAMIN—"Then s'pose we go inter partnership. You furnish the apples an' I'll furnish the sass!"

A PHANATIC'S PHEIGHT.

THERE was a young person named Cholmondley
Who used to behave very rolomondley,
For though dull as a heau
He would say: "I'm not sleau,
And I fancy I am rather colomondley."

He adored a fair maiden of Leicester
With a voice like a howling sou'-weicester,
Said he: "Will you be mign?"
Said she: "Thanks, I declign,
And I will though till doomsday you peicester."

"To his grave a true man she condhames!"
He exclaimed, his tears glittered like ghames.
He cried: "Life is a bour,
I can stand it no mour,"
And threw himself into the Thames.

JONES.

"THUS BAD BEGINS—"



"WELL, begobs, av you aren't the worrst luckin' shpicimin av a —"

BUT WORSE REMAINS BEHIND!"



"Howly Moses, howld on! Oi'll take that all back—luck at this!!"