

**THE ROYAL LYCEUM.**

Crowded houses have greeted our old friend Den Thompson since his return from England, and glad are we to see it, as Den is one of the few comedians that even a "Grumbler" cannot fail to be pleased with, when either "doing" the "cute Yankee" Salem Scudder, or the rollicking Irishman, Miles na Coppaleen. Our little temple fairly shook with the boundless applause rendered to Den on his re-appearance last Monday week, and if he had acceded to the wishes of his numerous admirers, he would have played everything over for the second time. Of Mrs. Stevenson it is almost unnecessary to say more than that she fully confirms, in every character she undertakes, the very favorable impression which she created on her first appearance amongst us. Her rendition of "Eily O'Connor," in the "Colleen Bawn," was faultless, and we sincerely trust that Mr. Linden will do his endeavour to retain Mrs. S. on the Lyceum boards. Miss France did the part of Ann Clute with much spirit. Mrs. Rainford's "Sheelah" does not come up to that of Mrs. Ward; for while Mrs. W., on the one hand, made too much of the character, Mrs. R. falls into the opposite extreme, but otherwise is passable. The characters by Miss Lyons, Florence, and Wright, can take a back seat, they are not up to the mark. Mr. Lovelady has evidently studied his part with care, and was thoroughly at home as "Hardress Cregan." Danny Mann is obviously not in the role of Mr. St. Maur, although for an amateur he is very good. Mr. Boswell as "Father Tom," and Mr. Mathews as "Mr. Corrigan," were so so. Kyrie Daly, by Mr. J. C. Williamson, deserves a special word of praise. In any character Mr. W. undertakes, we always find him well up in his part, neat in his "make up," with a full determination that, come what may, he will please the house. Mr. Forbes and Mr. Smith perform their respective parts fairly, although a little more attention to dress by Mr. Forbes would add materially to the character he is cast for. We cannot close without complimenting Mr. Evans, the scenic artist, for the manner in which he has fulfilled his task. The general execution of the music by the orchestra was beyond all praise, and the public should be thankful for so complete a representation of the "Colleen Bawn," under the experienced supervision of Mr. Henry Liuden.

**Local Quere.**

—Can the assets of a bankrupt custodian of stray cattle be ascertained by his number of pigs in the pound?

**Item.**

—It is stated, in relation to the expenses of the emissary sent to Europe on the flax mission, that the Province will have to too the mark. This is the way in which we have always been beetled and scutched.

**Cave!**

—When we are again put to the trouble and inconvenience of going to hear an American lecturer under certain auspices, we trust we shall not meet a re-ward full of jokes, stolen wholesale from a late publication yclept "Momus."

**Let Him Slide.**

—We are somewhat surprised that *Punch* troubles its readers with any reference to that saucy Yankee spouter G. F. T., of Trainway notoriety. Our contemporary has surely not forgotten Dogberry's famous maxim: "They that touch pitch will be defiled." It is equally true of Train-oil. The Yankees, like the Esquimaux, seem fond of oleaginous nourishment. Let them enjoy it—it pleases them, and doesn't hurt us.

**A DISCLAIMER.**

An esteemed friend, who says he takes a great interest in our welfare, desires to know if the GRUMBLER is the Conservative paper of which so much has been spoken about of late. We beg to say distinctly and at once that it is not. We do not desire to state exactly the propositions which were made to us should we consent to become the organ of the Conservative party; it is enough to say that they were handsome and much more liberal than could have been expected. But as we cannot see that either "John A." or the other John who has now got a firm grip of the money bag, is the incarnation of political virtue, we had to decline, and in firm though respectful language assert that the GRUMBLER was not for sale. No, dear public, in our vocabulary there is no such word as *prop.* It is our work to grumble. If in our grumbling we tread upon some of your corns, we beg of you to take it kindly. Keep your toes out, take your hat off as you see us approach, fawn not upon Cabinet Ministers for a life pension, keep your nose clean, and you need not fear. But if, unminful of your walk and conversation, you should violate these simple rules of GRUMBLER etiquette, then look out.

**Federal Navigation.**

—Burnside is a very skilful navigator of the ship of state. He is keeping her up to the wind capitally, and does not want to get too far South. He has doubtless an aversion to sailing Lee-ward.

**Distinction without a Difference.**

—When, some time ago, the idea obtained that the Government would never go to Ottawa, it was rumoured that the new Parliament Buildings would be turned into a Provincial Lunatic Asylum. For the life of us, we cannot see how this alters the original intention of the structure.

**Report of the P. O. Commissioners.**

—The Commissioners appointed to inquire into the affairs of the Toronto P. O. have reported to the Government that the only persons whose removal they advise, are the beggars, who seem to have obtained a lease of a certain amount of space around the door-ways.

**A Moot Question.**

—The cynical editor of the *Saturday Review* says that President Lincoln has no shadow of excuse for issuing the Emancipation Proclamation. We hardly think it can be denied that he has a colour-able pretext for freeing the slaves.

**Change of Colour.**

—It is reported, we know not how truly, that the representation of Halton is about to be dyed. White is to resign his seat to make way for the Hon. Geo. Brown. Now, white (we mean the colour, not the member) is the synonym of purity, whereas brown (no reflections on the ex-Premier) is generally associated with the reverse. The County of Halton is clearly going to the bad, and we shouldn't be a bit surprised if the Sheriff were to ask for the assessment rolls some of these fine days.

**THE MAYORALTY.**

—As the candidates for the Mayoralty are getting rather liberal as the election approaches we have made arrangements to give a weekly list showing the amounts contributed, and the institutions to which the amounts are given.

By Mr. W. H. Boulton :

To L. O. Lodge 000.....	\$2 50
The <i>Watchman</i> .....	2 00
The House of Providence.....	2 60

By Mr. Bowes :

To General Charities.....	2 00
W. Methodist Tea Party.....	1 75
Soup Kitchen.....	0 75

The other candidates have not yet come out in the charity line.

**Papal Aggression.**

—"No Surrender" complains bitterly of the inroads now being made upon our rights by the R. C. Clergy. "Shade of King William!" ejaculates our correspondent, "what is to become of the country, when the Governor-General is a *Mon(c)*; the Solicitor-General an *Abbott*, and the *Pope* mayor of the seat of government?" We refer him to the *Watchman* who does all the "heavy" business. It's not in our way.

**Cassius M. Clay.**

—This noisy agitator continues to rave in his chronic fit of Anglo-phobia. He is of no account, however, for if he and similar mad counsellors continue to control Federal politics, they will soon make an end of the Republic. If the Yankees want to see the last of their boasted government, they had better "commit it to *clay*" at once. Abe, as grave digger, might then sing :

"For a pit of *clay*, for to be made,  
For such a guest is meet."

**A Work of Fiction—McClellan on bagging.**

Panegyric on the Army of the West—Every man's a Hooker.

ASPIRING LOVE—Councilman N. C. seeking election as Alderman in St. James' Ward.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.—It is said that Gen. Pope will return from the Sioux war with an injin dragging his triumphal car.

ON EXHIBITION AT BARRUM'S.—The great Federal Anaconda, stuffed. This is the specimen of Natural History whose coils were to crush the rebellion eighteen months ago.

HOW TO SPLIT THE DIFFERENCE.—Follow "Hon-est John's" plan in the City Council. Speak in favour of a measure and then vote against it, or vice versa.

RETIREMENT.—The Ministry having fulfilled their promises of retrenchment, in discharging 14 messengers and 40 poor devils of clerks, are now prepared to expend \$12,000,000 in building the Intercolonial Railway.

**BUSINESS NOTICE.**

We beg to call attention to the News Depot of Mr. C. A. Backus, Toronto Street, near the Post Office, where can be had all the late publications as soon as issued from the press, together with all the English, American, and Canadian periodicals, Postage Stamp, Stationery, &c., &c. Mr. Backus has built up quite a trade at No. 3, Toronto St., and by his attention to the wants of the reading public, is deserving of general patronage.