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THE RESULT.

The New York *World* speaking of the explanations given by the Hon. Geo. Brown of his retirement from the Cabinet, says: "Those who pretend to understand matters thoroughly, affirm that Mr. Brown was in favor of annexation, and even went so far as to broach the subject in the Cabinet; but, finding that he was premature with the measure, he found it expedient to adopt the apparently opposite policy indicated in his explanation before the House, in order to retain some portion of his former political power in the government." Who those are "who pretend to understand matters thoroughly," we know not. It may be the *World* newspaper, but we cannot but think that the world at large might be justified in coming to any such erroneous conclusion from the very unsatisfactory explanations given by Mr. Brown. This is only the result, or, perhaps one of the results, of such a miserable sham as the "explanations," so much talked of and so much looked for. When a man in Mr. Brown's position pretends to justify himself in taking such an important step as he did, in leaving the Cabinet, by such a shallow artifice, he must submit to be misjudged, and must expect to have his reasons misconstrued. It would have been far better for Mr. Brown to have come out boldly and said the cause was "personal grievances." People would have believed him and have given him credit for it.

THOSE EXPLANATIONS.

The agony is over and we breathe again! But we have had a dreadful time of it. Indeed it is a mercy we were not asphyxiated! What we have passed through! Well it's nobody's business. The alarming labour of the mountain, with its portentous throes and fits, followed by the illustrious birth of a tremendous mouse, was a grand historical event compared with the petty, peddling product of the explanations. Think of it grave, thoughtful reader, think well of it. Here is a population of three millions thrown into a state of anxiety and bewilderment, bordering on frenzy, and at a most critical time too, by the resignation of a leading minister of the Crown, who, for many years, has claimed a monopoly of the public virtues, and has been looked upon as the incarnation of the purest patriotism. Surely there was an adequate cause. There must have been some gigantic swindle afoot, some foul conspiracy against the liberties of the Canadian people; and the peculiar infamy of the contemplated or consummated crime was, that the whole Administration, one alone excepted, were involved—"among the faithless faithful he alone." What could it be? When would the iniquity be cleared up? These were the questions; and how they racked the brain and tortured the heart of universal Canuckdom! Well the day of revelation came. Dies Ira! Ha! retribution was about to overtake the guilty. The great expounder arrived. He rose in towering majesty, he spoke, and—he fizzled! The unpardonable sin, the monster crime was, that Canada, by its Minister of Finance, in the absence of the great man, had sought a renewal of the Reciprocity Treaty; whereas the American people should have been condemned to come to us and to sue for it in *forma pauperis*! He could not stomach the indignity—why, or wherefore, deponent saith not, but of course the vulgar surmise that it was a small piece of spite is too contemptible to be entertained. O Mr. Brown, Mr. Brown, Mr. Brown! You've let yourself muchly down, muchly down, muchly down.

A NEW BATTALION.—It is intended, we believe, to organize the extra messengers of the two Houses of Parliament into a Volunteer Infantry Battalion. This battalion will consist of eight companies, to be designated by the following letters of the alphabet, L. O. U. N. G. E. R. S., respectively. The names of the Officers will, as the *Citizen* would say, be published when they are gazetted.

REGULAR INFANTRY.—The Cadet Corps.

PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT.

Reported specially for the **BEE**.

On Monday the Speaker hid himself in the Chair at one and-a-half minutes after three, precisely.

Considerable time was lost in bringing the honorable members to order.

MR. FRANCIS JONES, the distinguished orator, rose majestically to his legs, and stretching forth his hand said, Mr. Speaker, having, as this house well knows, a large quantity of a very useful metal in my composition, to which I mainly owe what success in life I have met with, I am moved to seek after that which is materially valuable to me. I therefore ask this House to grant a committee to enquire how the copper mines north of Lake Superior can best be worked.

Hon. J. S. McDONALD wished to know whether that portion of his hon. friend's composition which was allied to copper was in danger of becoming exhausted. If so he would suggest that his hon. friend be re-lacquered.

Mr. McKELLAR thought that his hon. friend had laced up enough already.

Mr. W. F. POWELL considered that if there was the slightest probability of the supposition of the hon. member for Cornwall proving correct, the House ought to grant the committee, and thus avert the threatened danger to the House in the loss of the hon. member for North Leeds, whose present peculiar composition was of the greatest service to his party.

Mr. DUNKIN, as usual spoke three times on this question; but as his remarks were, as usual, of no pith or moment, it is unnecessary to give them.

The committee was granted, much to the relief of the member.

After some desultory talking, the House adjourned, and met again on Tuesday, when they did nothing; but feeling rather tired from their extraordinary exertions thereat, and wisely remembering that the country had to foot the bill, adjourned at an early hour.

On Wednesday the House met again, when the following bills were introduced.

Hon. J. H. CAMERON—To incorporate the Canada Wine Growers' Association.

By the same—To amend the Act respecting the Supreme Courts of Civil and Criminal Jurisdiction in Up-paw Canada.

By ditto—To amend the Common Law Prowcejaw Act of Up-paw Canada.

By ditto—To amend the law relating to Crown Debtlaws in Up-paw Canada.

(The **BEE** respectfully begs to ask if the hon. gentleman is one of the Crown Debtors, and whether he desires to have the law amended so that these debts may be cancelled.)

Hon. GEORGE BROWN—presented a petition for an Act to incorporate the *Globe* Printing Company.

The hon. gentleman explained, or intended to do so, that having struck "ile," he considered that, slippery as it was, a much surer way of making a fortune than by carrying on so slippery and shifting a thing as the *Globe*.

Mr. POPE introduced a bill to amend the Fishery Act, to allow of certain fish being caught in Lower Canada at any season of the year.

Hon. J. S. McDONALD thought that in view of the approaching election, if the bi