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Comments on the Cartoons.



THE LANDRY EPISODE.—With a few trifling amendments, Mr. Berkley's popular companion pictures are made to tell the story of the late episode in the House of Commons. It was a variation on the old story of the King of France, who

“ With twenty thousand men
Marched up the hill—
And then marched down again.”

The Grit party, as a whole, and a large section of the Bleu party, prior to the Landry motion indulged in swelling words of denunciation against the Government. Their attitude towards John A., prior to the meeting of Parliament, is exactly set forth in the first of the sketches. The stampede which took place when the vote was called on the Landry motion is just as faithfully depicted in the companion picture, and the two proverbs

in one sentence would form an admirable motto for the combination—“ Union is strength, but discretion is the better part of valor.”

THE BUDGET PUDDING.—There is no use in trying to conceal the fact that the dish set before the country by the Finance Minister this year, is far from appetising. The constituent elements of the pudding are debt and disaster, and the sauce is made of deficit. The proof of all this will duly appear in the eating—a process which is supposed to try every pudding. Sir Richard Cartwright may be something of a financial epicure, but in this instance his fault-finding will be excused. The fact that the Government supporters are smacking their lips and declaring the Budget a triumph of culinary art, only proves that their fiscal stomachs are paralyzed with the sweets of office.

AFRAID OF THE “LIVE” ISSUES.—The only reason (that we can think of) why Mr. Blake, as the leader of the Reform party, does not seize upon the living issues of the day and put them definitely in his programme, is that he is afraid to do it. If there is any better excuse to offer on his behalf we would like to be informed of it. It is claimed that Mr. Blake is a better fighting man than Mr. Mowat.

Perhaps he is, but why should he so carefully conceal the proof? And isn't it a little queer to find that a leader with fight in him has got to be prodded up by the organs of his own party? No doubt Mr. Blake is a most faithful and conscientious member of the Commons, and is indirectly doing a good work for the country in exposing the crookedness at Ottawa. If he succeeds in demonstrating what everybody already believes—that the present Government and its parliamentary majority are patriots chiefly for revenue—it will be to his credit. But, meantime, what the people, including the better section of the Liberal party, are hankering for, is immediate decision and aggressive advance on the live questions of the day. These need not be here tabulated; Mr. Blake knows them off by heart.

THOUGHTS

ON SEEING A PARKDALIAN'S SUGGESTION IN THE “GLOBE.”

A RATEPAYER of Parkdale the other day wrote
A very indignant and forcible note
To the *Globe*, finding fault—and it seems with good cause—
With the sluggish, incapable town councillors.
And suggesting that they—the town fathers—should come
To Toronto and take a few lessons—from whom?
From whom do you think? If you must have it, then,
To take lessons in duty from our own aldermen!
Ha, ha! the idea! Why the man must be mad,
Or the Parkdale town fathers uncommonly bad.
If they don't feel insulted it's certainly curious,
One would think they'd be raging and perfectly furious.
If the council of Parkdale is worse than our own
The Parkdalian's have certainly cause to bemoan
Their very hard fate, though our council, it's poz.
This year is much better by far than it was.
Still that Parkdale ratepayer, without any question
Was sarcastic indeed when he made that suggestion.



THE Knights of Pythias are going to have a grand Damon-stration in this city in July.

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BEFORE the settlement of the mayoralty business, our kitchen gal wanted to know why they couldn't solve the difficulty by putting Mrs. Howland in the chair, and letting her worthy husband stand by and tell her what to do. Eliza thinks lawyers are very dull at seeing their way out of an awkward position.

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REWARD.—An exceedingly handsome reward will be cheerfully paid to any person who will give such information as will lead to the detection of the practical gain made by the promoters of the recent *quo warranto* proceedings in the case of Mayor Howland. Address X.Y.Z., care of Fred. Felitz, Grand Opera House.

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MR. HOWLAND is in the Mayor's chair again, and his sneaking assailants ought to be thanked for having increased his popularity and his power for good. When GRIP comes out squarely in support of any man for the Mayoralty—as he did in the case of Howland—even stupid malignity ought to know that efforts to depose that man are vain.