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The room in which the great ministerial banquet was held the other evening was brilliantly decorated, and mottoes more or less appropriate were displayed upon the walls. Amongst these was one which bore this strange device—"Milk for the babes; meat for the strong men." It has puzzled a good many to find out the peculiar appropriateness of this quotation under the circumstances. It is suggested that the ministers sought in this round-about way to comfort the hearts of the rag-baby sponsors, and admonish them to go slow in their agitation. Another conjecture is that a scarcity of viands being anticipated, notice was thus given that meat would only be supplied to those gentlemen who commanded big majorities in their constituencies—in other words, were politically "strong men." These explanations are plausible enough, but appear rather far-fetched. Isn't it more likely that the motto was intended to indicate the line which should be drawn when the cloth had been removed—on one side total "babes," who would be bountifully supplied with milk or water, or both mixed; and on the other, the "strong men," who could take strong stuff. The word "meat," as everybody knows, may be used for liquid as well as solid refreshments.

A Bone! A Bone!  
WHAT DID HE SAY?

The *Globe* reports that SIR JOHN, at the "banquet," said in his great speech that MR. MACKENZIE threw the title proffered him, "like a bone to that hungry dog, the renegade Tory, CARTWRIGHT." The *Mail* says SIR JOHN'S words were, "he threw the title to that renegade Tory, CARTWRIGHT, as one would throw a bone to a hungry dog." Others who were present say the language was, "like a bone to a renegade dog, he threw the title to the hungry Tory." Although, indeed, we learn from high authority that what was really said was this: "he threw the title 'boned' from the Imperial Government, like a hungry Tory to a renegade dog." Compliments are so rare among political opponents now a-days, that it is a great pity that the great statesman's remarks were not more accurately reported.

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"GRIP" AGAIN GOOD.—The impartiality of *Grip*, the comic paper, is beyond doubt. This week the *Grip* are receiving the lion's share of attention. The leading cartoon represents Blake, as a member of the "Pinafore crew, in the act of resenting Brown dictation. The Hon Geo. takes the part of the captain, who attempts to 'tax' the insubordinate tax, and put a straight jacket upon him, the poem upon the event reading:

"The Blakittie Grip is a soaring soul,  
As free as a mountain bird,  
His energetic fist should be ready to resist  
A dictatorial word!"

Mr Gordon Brown, eating humble pie, the defeat of Mr. Joly and the triumph of virtue in the person of Mr. Chapleau; the "hum" hunt, and Haalan and the "great big cal" are all laughable drawings, which do the facile pencil of Mr. Bengough much credit.—*Kingston Whig*.