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NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

OUR friends are reminded that the magnificent lithographed plate, "Prominent Conservatives," issued as a supplement to Midsummer GRIP, will be sent to every subscriber applying for same and enclosing five cents for postage.

Comments on the Cartoons.



MERELY A CHANGE OF LABEL.—In 1883 a pamphlet was prepared and circulated amongst the Catholic electors of Ontario in which it was demonstrated that the Ontario Government was intensely anti-Catholic. If this was true in 1883 it must be true still, for it is not alleged that any legislation has been passed in the meantime favoring the Catholic body. The school act amendments, etc., which form the subject of current discussion, were all passed before 1883. It is now charged, however, that the Government is intensely pro-Catholic, and it appears that this charge is made by the very people who issued the pamphlet referred to. A more utterly comical *contretemps* could hardly be imagined—though at the same time it reveals a shocking amount of political hypocrisy. Sir John Macdonald, Mr. Meredith and Mr. Bunting stand charged with the real authorship of the pamphlet of 1883, and their plea to the indictment is awaited with interest. As yet only one—Mr. Bunting—has pleaded "not guilty." As soon as the others join in the plea, the *Globe* promises to produce conclusive evidence now in its possession to prove the charge. Mr. Bunting is confessedly the leader in the present agitation against the Government on high Protestant grounds, and Sir John Macdonald, though he has taken no active part in the discussion, is no doubt willing to see Mowat defeated by means of it. Mr. Meredith (since our cartoon was engraved) has denounced the "No-Popery" cry in eloquent terms, and is entitled to full credit for having done so. Had he been a little more prompt in his action he would in fairness have been omitted from the interesting group in the foreground of our picture.

WHY THE PARTY LEADERS LAUGH.—In response to the appeal of Prohibitionists the party leaders point to the queer state of things existing in many if not all of the Scott Act counties—the spectacle of an anti-Scott council elected by the people to "enforce" the Scott Act. The consequence of this inconsistency on the part of the electors is, of course, that the Act is *not* enforced, and that Prohibition is represented as an impracticable measure. But the politicians draw the further inference—and it is not an unfair one—that the people who have voted for the Act, vote for the hostile councillors for the

express purpose of nullifying it—that, in other words, public opinion is not prepared as yet for prohibitory legislation. In view of this, no political party will adopt it in their platform. Now, the remedy for this lies with the Scott Act voters, who must stop voting for county councillors who are not known and professed Prohibitionists.

THE *Globe* indulged in some jibes at the *Mail* over the matter of Alderman Fleming's bill to reduce the number of liquor licenses, but the temperance people of the city have not failed to make a note of the fact that the *Globe* itself did nothing in support of the measure, and there is a prevalent belief that the reason was it *dare not*. On the other hand the *Mail*, as well as the *News* and *Telegram*, gave the bill an honest and earnest support. We never expected to live to see the old Liberal journal dominated as it now appears to be by the saloon interests.

THE NEW "SHEPPARD."—The workingmen of Toronto have put two excellent candidates in the field for the Local House, and for the Commons they have chosen Mr. Sheppard, of the *News*, for West Toronto. We hope they may elect all their candidates. We particularly wish to see Sheppard at Ottawa, where young men of brains and moral stamina are badly needed. Heretofore Toronto has been scandalized rather than represented in Parliament, and we congratulate the workingmen on choosing representatives who will be a credit to themselves and their fellow citizens.

THE HOLY WARRE.

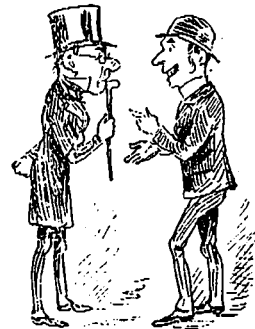
BEHOLD how goode a thyngc it is,
Likewyse becomyngc well,
The way we Scotchyerrianees fyghte,
With wordy weapones fell.

In Ulster as in Canadie,
Like fightinge cockes we be,
With ruffled winge and cruel spurre,
We at each other flee.

With brethren reverend and beloved,
We fence and sparre and thruste,
Nor ever doubten their goode worde,
But take the lie on truste.

Eh-how! how Nick dothe cocke his hornes,
And twirle with joy his taile,
To hear each reverend brother's tongue
Go threshyngc like a flaille.

Now doth he see the tyme approach,
When men who preach and pray,
His work of strife can carry on
While he takes holydaye.



DEMANDING A RETRACTION.

Col. Ponsonby.—I understand that in the last issue of the *Bugle* you said Major Ryan was my *falus achates*.

Editor.—Well, yes, colonel, I did.

Col. Ponsonby.—Well, I want you to understand he is nothing of the sort. Major Ryan is one of the best friends I have.

WHAT are Mr. Julian Hawthorne's specialties? Biography, criticism and fiction. 'All in one?'—*Boston Beacon*.