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DEATH OF THE THIRD PARLIAMENT.

Dying unhonored let its dead Past lie
Too long it lived, 'twas surely time to die.
There in cold silence let it sleep and rot;
Its history blank—the better, if forgot.

MACKENZIE'S Ode to his Majority—Will ye no come back again?

FENIAN notes just now are liable to a heavy discount on their face value.

A little boy shot a little girl last week with a revolver. Train up a child in the way he should go and when he gets to be a man he will shoot a head.

OUR Irish Catholic fellow citizens have a perfect right to walk. So have the Orangemen. But it would be a great saving of time, money and inconvenience if they decided to walk in opposite directions.

THE English Sparrow is voted a nuisance all over the country. *Home and Farm*. Probably, because it didn't happen to be born an American Eagle, which is only another form of the sparrow-hawk on a larger scale.

RUSSIAN officers are displaying much anxiety with regard to a secret Society of Russian females called "Nihilists." The object of this Society is revenge for political punishment. So it appears that women *can* keep secrets. In this instance the Society may be taken as a case of *nihil fit*.

MODERN improvements are daily occurring in the most ancient of places. They are now to have a railway in Palestine, which will do a good business, and, probably, yield a fair profit. "Isn't it grand to think of?" said a friend of ours the other day, "when one is able to hear the conductor shout out 'Jerusalem, ten minutes for refreshments. Passengers going North change cars for Jericho.'"

THE principle "how not to do it" has been so thoroughly engrafted into the official routine of our Montreal Coroner that we are afraid the suggested re-opening of the Inquest touching the death of the young law-student Mr. CHIMMEN, will, in view of past experience of former inquests, scarcely become realized. The proverb that "there is no fool like an old fool" still holds goods, and that is about as charitable a conclusion as we can come to under the circumstances.

THE subject of atmospheric disturbances possesses much interest to Canadians. On the afternoon of Friday, the 10th instant, while a representative Manitoban was exchanging violent passages at arms with his political opponents at Ottawa, a similar scene was being enacted at the *Graphic* meeting. The same day the United States Congress was also indulging in a concussion of verbal explosives. It is now a question among the *savants* of Canada how far the doctrine of simultaneous combustion of particles of air may be carried, and whether they increase or diminish in proportion to the distance travelled. Until the point is fully determined it will be impossible to know whether the disturbances referred to, first originated in Washington, Ottawa, or Montreal. The solution of the question is anxiously looked forward to as it must materially affect the operation of the Contagious Diseases Act here and across the line.

THE United States Congress which the American newspapers have taught "young America" to shun as a place of evil-speaking, lying and slandering, must give up the palm to the Dominion House of Commons which was in a fair way to become the hot-bed of wrath and "cussedness." Fortunately, the Third Parliament is now no more. But in its dying moments it belched forth its final shriek of

billingsgate and gave up the ghost. "Coward, coward, liar, the biggest liar" were the last words," the *Montreal Witness* tells us, "heard in the House of Commons before its prorogation." Engrave it on the tomb stone of our past legislation and let it go down to posterity as a warning to the youth of our country to cease to become ambitious of parliamentary "honor." But we could have taken a gleam of comfort, for future improvement were it not too late—for in the same journal we read that among the last official acts of His Excellency was the notification of his assent to "An Act to incorporate the Missionary Society of the Bible Christian Church in Canada." We cannot regret too keenly that that Act was so long delayed. Let us hope however, the Society will have a resident Missionary at Ottawa during the next session. So died the Parliament unhonored, unregretted. The end of that session was even *worse* than the beginning.

SHOULD Great Britain go to War with Russia, it is very possible a general European War will ensue. Our Sovereign's interest then would be of the most complex character. Her son-in-law Frederick Charles of Prussia, would have to be "cool" with his wife's sister-in-law, the Duchess of Edinburgh; whose papa, the Emperor of Russia, would insist that there should be a marked coldness between his daughter's sister-in-law, the Princess Alice, and her cousin, King George of Greece. Then George probably would offend his father-in-law the King of Denmark, who, seeing, that his daughter, the Princess of Wales was not friendly with her sister-in-law the Duchess of Edinburg, would use his influence to create an estrangement between the Princess Celia and her husband the Grand Duke Michael. Olga, daughter of the Grand Duke Constantine of Russia would then make things lively for her husband King George; who to make set matters right would probably call in the aid of his other cousin Prince Louis of Hesse, whose wife, Princess Alice, naturally desirous of maintaining the honor of her family, would do all she could to advise her cousin Prince Christian not to speak to that nasty thing the Empress Maria of Russia, her husband's aunt. Then the Princess Alexandra of Saxe Altenberg—but, "confound the thing" we're getting mixed. Anyway, it would make a pretty family quarrel all round, and as nice a case of mixed pickles as anyone can well imagine. But the Royal Mother-in-law, Victoria, would come out ahead after all.

SOME ACTS HELD OVER UNTIL NEXT SESSION.

An Act to control Brewers.
An Act for the clearer elucidation of Argument.
An Act for the avoidance of personalities.
An Act to Prohibit talking against time.
An Act to Prohibit the use of musical instruments during a debate.
An Act to prohibit slang.
An Act to prevent swearing.
An Act to prevent intoxication during business hours.
An Act to provide for the summary ejection of pugilists.
An Act to define the line between Parliamentary and unparliamentary language.
An Act to secure the Service of a competent and fearless Sergeant-at-Arms.
An Act to control the reason.
An Act to amend acts of Intolerance.
An Act to compel every member of the House to behave himself as a gentleman.

"COMPARISONS ARE ODIOUS."

The *Witness* to whom we are under so many obligations had the following in its edition of the 10th instant.

\$5.00 REWARD.—LOST. A Scotch Terrier Dog, answers to the name of "Jack" Slightly attacked with the mange. Return to—St. Catherine Street and receive the above reward.

If "Jack" with the "mange" is worth a reward of five dollars, tell us what should a good, healthy pup cost?

JUVENILE AMBITION.

FATHER (to young hopeful) "Well, Gerald, and what are you going to be?"

GERALD (six years old) "I'se a goin' to be a Member of Parliament."

FATHER (much shocked) "My son, my son I thought better things of you. Far better be a Contractor like I am."