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CHOLLIE—"I ain't at all inquisitive, but bah jove, I've got to see what the deahs ah looking at if I stay heah for an houah."

understanding that he is not to govern or meddle in any way with Government; and as a job worth \$50,000 and extras is not to be picked up every day, he will doubtless, like a sensible man, overlook the presence of a red-



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CHOLLIE (after waiting forty minutes for his turn)—"Well, bah jove, I nevah met with such a sell in all my life."

handed—we mean red mouthed—rebel among his advisers and confine his attention to receptions, banquets, five o'clock teas and salmon fishing.

CANADIANS who dishonor their name and flag and country by prating annexation, should peruse the ringing sentences of Hon. Joseph Howe's speeches.—*Empire*.

NO doubt—no doubt. But Joseph Howe was paid for his loyalty by a good fat office. Probably most of the "Canadians who dishonor, etc.," would consent to be equally loyal on the same terms.

AMONG the names of the Canadian ladies appointed as members of the Advisory Council of the Woman's Branch of the World's Congress Auxiliary, which convenes in Chicago in the middle of May, GRIP is glad to notice that of Mrs. Dobbin, of Montreal. This lady, as well as her two sons, are welcome contributors to our pages, and no one is better qualified to represent Canadian womanhood abroad.



HE bill to "further amend the Pharmacy Act," which will be introduced in the Ontario Legislature very shortly, contains some outrageous provisions. If passed in its present shape no person, who is not a registered druggist, will be allowed to sell medicines of any kind. This will prevent the country storekeeper from dealing in patent medicines, or even such simple remedies as castor oil or paregoric. It will obviously be a great inconvenience to the public as well as an injustice to the general storekeepers who keep these articles on hand. It is well that this impudent proposal to give the druggists a monopoly of the patent medicine trade has aroused a strong feeling of opposition, and that the obnoxious provision cannot, at all events, be sneaked through the House before anyone knows what is done, as is often the case with special legislation.

DR. WILD should divide his lecture on "Canada—Annexation, or What?" into acts, so that thirsty auditors could go out and see a man between it.

**A STRONG CONTRAST.**

PILGARLIC—"Why do they call it the Ancient Order of Hibernians?"

PLUGWINCH—"I don't know—probably by way of contrast to the modern disorder of Hibernians."

**THE ANTIDOTE.**

HAVE you heard Col. Bain, the Kentucky temperance lecturer?"

"No—I never encourage such frauds."

"Why do you call him a fraud?"

"Because everybody knows that the bane of Kentucky is intemperance."