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Cartoon Comments.

LEADING CARTOON.—The Franchise Bill monopolizes nearly all the time of Parliament, and nobody now doubts that it will go through regardless of any human power. Not one word has been uttered by tongue or pen in the way of serious denial of the charge that the Bill is framed to serve party, and party only. It is now as clear as day—it never was at all doubtful—that Sir John simply made up his mind to have another term of office, and conceived that to ensure that coveted blessing nothing could be better than to take possession of the ballot-boxes. Judged by his own actions, he has forfeited the confidence of the people, and dares not come before them on the merits of his party's record. He will assuredly get another term of office. How he can enjoy the honor under such circumstances if he is really the upright man the *Mail* believes him to be is a mystery.

FIRST PAGE.—The delay in commencing the investigation into the alleged mismanagement of the Central Prison is telling severely against the Local Government. Considering the gravity of the charges and the boldness with which they are made, the case is one that demands immediate action. There is as much reason to suspect Mr. Mowat in connection with the delay of this trial as there is to impute motives to Sir John for delaying that of Riel, and a fusillade of writs for libel under the circumstances does not improve the position of the

Government or its servant one whit. Let the evidence be heard, and at once.

EIGHTH PAGE.—The Manitoba Legislature has passed an Exemption Act which protects the residents of that Province from the discomforts of legal execution for debt up to a very large amount. Mr. Norquay appears to have made a political application of Mr. Lar-mour's idea of the rifle-shield. Of course there is a terrible ado over the Act wherever creditors of Manitoba settlers live, and strenuous efforts are being made to have it disallowed by the Dominion Government.



THE NEWS LIBEL SUIT.

Mr. E. E. Sheppard, of the *News*, is to be tried for libel—one of his reporters having inserted an interview in which the person interviewed related some alleged facts of a disgraceful character about the 65th Regiment, of Montreal. It is presumed the case will be tried upon its merits, and if the editor succeeds in proving the truth of the allegations thus published, he will be duly acquitted.

It is noteworthy, however, that the case is to be tried in Montreal, on the technical ground that the *News* was "published" there when it was mailed from the office in Toronto. There is no good reason why the defendant should not be tried in this city, where the paper was really published, or at least in this Province, where his native language is spoken. Especially is it unfair to take the matter to Montreal in the face of the fact that, ever since the complaint was entered, several of the French journals of Montreal have been doing their best to excite

the rage of the populace against the defendant, not hesitating to lie about him with profusion. It is to be hoped he will at all events be tried before an English judge and jury, which would be a measure of simple justice under the circumstances.



Mrs. T. Charles Watson gave her promised entertainment in aid of the Volunteers' fund at the Grand on Friday night before a moderately large audience, including the Lieutenant-Governor and suite, Mr. GRIP's Reporter and other distinguished personages. Mrs. Watson is a very pretty woman, and lost nothing in charm by the tasteful stage-fittings with which she surrounded herself. Her programme was divided into three dresses by Worth, in accordance with announcement duly made in the daily papers. The material of the recitations was very handsome, and her delivery was marked by the most dainty silver brocade. Her voice is well modulated and is a perfect fit. In the Shakespearean scenes she brought out the beauties of the moss-green velvet train to perfection. Her humorous selections were also capitally rendered, and her bewitching smiles at some happy god in the gallery between the numbers were heavenly. NIBBS.

[NOTE BY EDITOR.—We suspect that Mr. Nibbs was as usual under the influence, as he has evidently got the elocution mixed with the millinery in the above brief effusion. We feel it our duty to add that Mrs. Watson's talents are of a high order, and that her entertainment in its purely literary aspect was much enjoyed. She announced her attention of returning in the autumn, when we trust Toronto will give her a worthy reception.]

MR. NEEBRITCHES YET AGAIN.

DERE HOLD GRIP,—I avent ad the pleshur of hairin my opinion in your pleasin collums for some time, prinpsly for the reason that i am again in survice with an unfeelin broot of a marster—ow i do ate that word—of whom nothink too bad can be sed. He ackshly objects to his "menyals"—for so he stiles them as follers his beesly bohests and draws their selery, from ritink to the public press. Owever i defeated him in his hobject, and once more come be4 you as a litery man.

The queshn just now moast debated is "Wot to do with Reel." I, like all other deep thinkers, has my own opinion. Now, what shall I susest? Simpy this. Sum people says hang the man: others says make a senuter of him. What i say is—and Sir John A. will take my advice—give him a copy of some *Hinglish comic paper to read* and there he is: wy, i harsk, ung a man wen simpler and ekally effecteral one can be found? wy? wot says Hecho? wy, i admire the picters in *Punch* as much as any loyal Henglishman, but i must hown hup to the fact that the humor in the leter-press is flat: it havent the ring of old days, somehow, and it strikes me that it gets wus and wus. i do admire the Brum-magem *Blaid*, and wy? because I see GRIP's best articles in it: but not credited as they ort to be.

Not avin as much leasure as i should like on account of my brootal marster i shall ave to cut this letter short, so, with the best wishes for your success as ever,

Yurs fathefly,
CHAWLES NEEBRITCHES.