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My grandpa's always talkin' 'bout the winters long ago—
Never nothing like o'm now, the ones he used to know.
Many's a time we've heard him say, me and Bob and Billy,
When "bad colds" an' rain an' mud made our mothers sily,
"I'll tell you what it is, boys, 'd fill me full of joy,
To see a good old-fashioned winter, like we had when I's a boy.
Give me ice and give me snow,
Give me sleet an' give me blow;
Give me cold 'at goes clear through,
Give me sleddin'—sleddin', too,
And them's the things, I tell you, 'at makes you glad you're livin',
An' a good old-fashioned winter, boys, I hope we may be given!"

Since New Year's eighteen-ninety-three my grandpa's changed his tune.
Funny how big folks, you know, can change their minds so soon!
Funny, too, how they'll forget all they've said to you,
An' say jes' 'actly different things, like they meant 'em, too!
For grandpa's growling every day, in-rainin', noon an' night,
An' all the folks at our house 'll tell you I am right.
'Cause there's ice an' 'cause there's snow,
'Cause the natural gas is low,
'Cause the cold jes goes clear through,
'Cause I say it's bully, too!
Do you 'spect he 'spects to see, though he calls it "beastly weather,"
A good old-fashioned winter an' August come together?

[FOR THE CRITIC.]

IN THE LOBBY.

"They say
They'll sit by the fire and presume to know
What's done in the Capitol."

—Coriolanus.

When I heard so much ante-session talk about lopping off "mouldering branches" from the National Policy, and such great protestation of tariff reform during one or two recent by-elections, my memory was ironical enough to recall a bit of Horatian philosophy learned in my school-days under the suggestion of the rod:—"Quid dignum tanto foret hic promissor hiatu? Parturiunt montes; nascetur ridiculus mus!"

The Budget is down, and Mr. Foster has produced his "ridiculus mus" in the shape—1st. Of removing the indirect protection given Canadian petroleum in respect of the transit dues heretofore exacted from imported oil, and—2ndly. In reducing the duty on binder twine from 25 to 12½ per cent. A brilliant and masterly stroke of state, to be sure! I must say, frankly, that I never believed the government to be quite sincere in their declaration of sudden and radical tariff reform. I was afraid the manufacturers had too strong a grip of them to be shaken off in so summary a manner. The Budget of 1893 is a make-shift affair viewing it in the kindest possible light. Indeed the Finance Minister is candid enough to admit that the country at large demands a lightening of the burden of taxation, but he craves time before taking a decisive plunge. In short, he simply does what he has so long accused his adversaries of doing—"looks to Washington!" In justification of the course he is pursuing he avers that Canada had very short notice of the recent political turnover in the United States, and that as our policy was necessarily affected by tariff conditions there, he and his colleagues thought it wise to await developments in that direction awhile. But Mr. Foster fails to show this country any satisfactory reason why we should dance to Brother Jonathan's piping now while a year or so ago, with all his rhetorical wealth of utterance, he told us that were a craven thing to do! Come, come Mr. Foster, let us have no temporizing or shilly-shallying at this crisis of our history! You are an astute financier—the ablest Canada has ever had in many ways. This young nation is the product of Conservative statesmanship, and its people have an abiding faith in the ability of your party to lead them by sure and steady steps to the fullest measure of national greatness. Don't abuse that faith and so lose it. The National Policy was an heroic remedy applied to our commercial and industrial existence when sick unto death. It wrought the desired effect at the time, and now it is necessary to modify that treatment or you will have your patients sick again with some new ailment. The Conservative party need not be afraid of the charge of inconsistency from their opponents if they come down to a tariff for revenue purposes only, for no "lightning change artist" on the theatrical stage has ever equalled the celerity and facility with which Mr. Laurier and Sir Richard Cartwright have taken up and cast off policies during the past few years. There are heaps of common sense and encouragement in the old saying that wise men change their opinions, but fools never.

Wouldn't it be a pity if the present government didn't rise equal to the occasion? It is composed of such splendid stuff—pretty nearly all wool and a yard wide into the bargain. The combinator microbe must be exceedingly fatal if it kills such an aggregation of brains and physical energy as the Thompson Administration.

I learned with pleasure to-day from a friend who occasionally comes out to have a chat with me in the lobby corridors that Mr. Robert Sedgewick, Q. C., the Deputy Minister of Justice, is to be appointed to the vacancy on the Bench of the Supreme Court of Canada, created by the elevation of Mr. Justice Strong to the presidency of the court. I am sure all Nova Scotians will be pleased at the distinguished honor which will thus be accorded Mr. Sedgewick. The new Judge came to Ottawa with a splendid reputation as a member of the Nova Scotia Bar, and he has added to that by his capable administration of the Department of Justice as its executive head. He will be an acquisition in every way to the Federal Judiciary, and his success in this new sphere of labor is assured.

Mr. Sedgewick's appointment to the bench from the position of Deputy

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