

"FACTS" OF THE "TIMES."

No. 1. "A month since the Steamer brought us an account of Sir Allan McNab, with a dozen or two brother Legislators, diving in public, drinking destruction; both of body and soul, to the Governor General's responsible advisers, and standing in a balcony after dinner to see the chief of them burnt in effigy before the windows."

Speaking of the Conservative party the "Times" observes,

No. 2. "Low as they are in numerical strength, they are still lower in character and fortune."

No. 3. "Suspected parties were marched off to gaol, and when the post left, order triumphed at Montreal."

No. 4. "It is not a bill for indemnifying rebels."

No. 5. "The bill does not, because it cannot exclude everybody who took part in the Rebellion."

Punch has for many years believed the maxim that "the king can do no wrong," he has also believed it to be a "great fact" that the "Times" could not lie; and he is confirmed in that belief. The public have been deceived as to the proceedings at the "speakers" dinner on the day alluded to by the "Times." The ministers were present to be sure, but Punch is assured that the hon. Mr. LaFontaine proposed the toast, dooming himself and colleagues to "destruction, body and soul" which was drunk with enthusiasm. Of course, Sir Allan, out of politeness, was compelled to join in the nine times nine which followed it. Nor was this strange, the ministers brought in a measure which has destroyed them, why should they be prevented from pouring out, or rather pouring in, libations to their own destruction. It is well known that one of them, Mr. Hume Blake, would willingly destroy anything.

Concerning fact No. 2, Punch admits his error. He fancied the party opposed to the Rebel-paying bill was composed of the leading merchants, the elite of the learned professions, and a large majority of the landed proprietors, agriculturists, shopkeepers and artisans. The "Times" has convinced him he is deceived. It is made up of bankrupts in character and fortune. Punch must retire from the ranks.

Fact No. 3. "Suspected parties were marched off to gaol, and the town was quiet." Punch fancied that several of the aforementioned bankrupts were rashly arrested by the government and then liberated on their own terms, and that the tranquillity of the town was evidenced by the Governor General being compelled on the very day he wrote to Lord Grey to say all was peaceable, to leave government house by a round about way, in order to escape the indignation of the brutal minority; who however managed to convince him all was not so quiet as he had had the temerity to assert; and that since that period he had been cooped up in Monklands, solacing himself with his "dignified neutrality." But "Punch's" belief is a delusion and a snare." The "Times" says all is quiet, and Punch believes the "Times."

Fact No. 4. "It is not a bill for indemnifying Rebels." Of course not; the "Times" says it is not. But, the leading Journal adds; "the bill does not, because it cannot exclude every one who took part in the Rebellion" Great "Times!" Wonderful "Thunderer!" Foolish opposition, stupid bankrupts! You fancy a bill might be so worded as to exclude Rebels; the "Times" says it cannot. Bow your heads before the "Times."

But an idea has struck Punch after much pondering. "It is not a bill for indemnifying Rebels; says the "Times;" but you cannot exclude Rebels from being paid says the "Times." Then is it not a bill to pay Rebels!—yet Rebels will not be paid, says the "Times." Punch agrees with him, **REBELS WILL NOT BE PAID.**

PROTECTION FOR "TULLY."

We understand that the Government are about to raise a corps of respectable matrons to take care of Mr. Tully's police. They are to be under the command of the lay Editor of the *Pilot*, and are not to be mounted. Each of them will be furnished with a copy of the Kingston Penitentiary Commissioner's report, and their instructions are to threaten to read these reports to the mob, should they attempt to be violent. It strikes Punch that this is the best plan derived yet for strengthening the "Strong Government."

KEEPING THE PEACE.

Mr. McGrath has proved the stupidity of the Council in not electing him as Chief of the Police, by committing an assault upon Mr. Wilson who voted against him. Punch will subsidize the ex-candidate if he will thrash all the Council.—One down, tother come on.

GROSS DECEPTION.

The *Montreal Gazette* some few days since made an announcement, which we have since ascertained to be not founded on truth. Punch is sorry that his love for veracity compels him to brand that broad-sheet with the red-hot iron of his indignation. The "Gazette" broadly stated that the Shad-flies had made their appearance, and that the shad-fish would follow them in a day or two. We believed this—and finding our office filled with shad-flies, we equipped our boy with hooks, lines and landing nets, and elevating him to a seat on the counter instructed him to wait for the fish. After three days and nights anxious watching, not a fish made its appearance, although the flies were abundant. The "Gazette" has deceived us. Will the "Gazette" send us a salmon as a recompense?

AT IT AGAIN.

The Duke of Wellington who insists on contributing to the columns of the *Courier*, has been writing a marvellous letter headed "Ces sacres soldats" under the signature of R. A. P. Had Punch been present when R. A. P. was inditing his epistle: he would have given R. A. P. a r-a-p over the knuckles, which would have spoilt his epistolary powers for a considerable period. If the private conversation of gentlemen is to be made the subject of tittle-tattle letters to newspapers, there is an end at once to the observances of society; an end to all free interchange of thought, to all social comfort. We are sure the Editor of the *Courier*, on sober reflection would be the last man in the world to defend so gross an outrage on gentlemanly feeling.

ANGEL'S VISITS.

The much praised and dreadfully worried ruler of the Canadas, has received so many visits from sympathisers of all sorts that his nerves were not more than usually astonished by the "Men of Ottawa," although even "Jeames" the butler of Monklands, expressed an anxious desire for "Levindair Waiter," the moment their approach was announced. The little Irish-man from the neighbourhood of Lochabar, who calls himself a surveyor, looked very small as he approached the retreat of "dignified neutrality" and evidently felt puzzled between his position as one of the deputies of Aylmer, and his first appearance in a clean Dicky. Can the "Men of Ottawa" send us no better specimens of their loyalists: there must be some to send, for "Doran" would never ring his Dinner bell with such punctuality to feed a set of scare-crows. Punch will visit Bytown shortly and judge for himself.

HORRIBLE TORTURE.

We mentioned that there is a man in town who has read through one of the *Pilots'* three column leaders. He says he was told it would remove his gout, and that it did do so, but brought on spasms and ague. Punch's dog Toby has been endeavoring to find him out, and when he does, his artist promises to give a sketch of him. All Punch knows of him at present is that he has got an Aunt Mary, and lives in Griffin-town.

CAPITAL OPPORTUNITY.

To be sold or let cheap, the City of Montreal, (the Capital of Lower Canada) situated on the river St. Lawrence, with the mountain in the rear, and commanding a fine view of the Island of St. Helen's in front. This is supposed to be very favorably situated for trade, and would be a first rate speculation for a keen enterprising Yankee. Amongst the buildings are the ruins of a fine Parliament House; and a Monastery known as Monklands, (formerly the residence of the unfortunate hermit, James Bruce,) within a pleasant drive of the place. For particulars and terms apply at Dolly's Chop House.