

& then short & sweet. Thee cutest man into thee kounsil was Alderman David, who wuz also a traviller & knew whare aul thee stone quarries were, & wuz also selebrated for havin erected thee Drill Shed into Craig street. And last, tho not least, wuz Alderman Rodden; purhaps there wasnt any man now livin who kood make as menny amendments in so short a period as the wurthy Alderman. He was also a finanseer of thee first water & almost as good an ingineer as Bartley." His wurship also reemarked thet ef Montreal hed thee beautiful roads shee now possesd, it wuz due entirely to thee wurthy chareman of thee Road Kommittee, assisted by Kounsiller Mack Shane.

Kounsiller Mack Gauvran fur himself & familee replide thet hiz partikular 4t wuz turbine wheels, & he hed bin opposd to steem, but thet he kunsidered Alderman Rodden a Hi preshure ingine; it wuz no dout du to hiz nobil exershuns thet the steem ingine wuz presently into hiz plase. But hee wood give way to Alderman Rodden who wuz a 12 hundred horse power on talkin.

Alderman Rodden reemarked thet ef he had arrove to hiz present hi finanshull ability, it wuz du intirely to hiz hevin studied under 2 such mayrs as Starnes & Workman, and heving grate expectashuns in Prescott where he hopes too do a konsiderible stroke of buziness. Sez he, "gentlemen our finanses are hi now, but thay wont be hi long, ef we keep a borroin at thee rate of a million a year. But" (heer most of thee invited gests, et settery, spied me a siten in thee korner and thee krowd kummensd to shout out "thats enuff Rodden,—lets heer Trimble's speech." The mayr trid to reestore order but thay woodn't listen to him, until finally he run over & requested me to restore kam to thee trubbled waters. Brushin thee shampane off my whiskers, i kummensd: "Gentlemen," sez i, "whare is Jakob Kalleper? i hev listend to thee soft sodder wich hez ben a thoin round loose fur thee last 2 hours, & i hev not heerd Jakob's name menshund. When i look around this festive board & see Rodden & thee mayr together, & David & Bernard smilin on each uther, methinks thee lion and thee lam air a lyin down to gether wunse more." Sez i, "there is sum questions wich hez bin neglected here to day, & that is wooden raleroads, thee Bowport Asilum, & thee mountin park and villy lots." Sez i, "ef there's any villy lots to bee sold at less than kost prise i'm yoore man." Sez i, "gentlemen thay hez bin much talk heer to day of grate finanseers, but i kant see thee diffikulty, there is a finansin where it is aul thee time a boryin & isschooling bonds. Mi Betsy sez thet borryin talent is a drug on thee markit. I tride that bizness fur sum time ontill mi kredit got stretchd too mutch. Thee grate finanseer is he who pays up thee principle by strikt ekonomy & dosent borry enny more. It sumtimes happens thet a fello gits rich bi runnin into det, and runnin away to thee Staits, but this is an excepshun to thee rule. But" sez i, "gentlemen a troose to those sad reflexshuns: in konnexshun with thee water question & thee waterworks, we must remember thet ef it hed not bin fur Jakob Kalleper, the steem ingine wood not heve bin in existense; ef shee is pumpin 15 strokes a minnute to day, Jakob is thee man who has done it, & as hee is the only man whoze helth hez not bin drunk to day i propose the same. The tost was drunk with enthoosiasm, but i notisd that Keefer & Lyman didnt look pleasd. The whole kumpany preferred to remane sitting, ez bi this time the wheel hows had bekum slippery. The mayr then kollid on Mr. Lesage for a speech but hee declined and insted thareof amused thee invited gests by startin the Turbine & whistlin thee "Dead March in Saul," in strict time to her revolushuns; whareupon the kumpany separated in joyful humör, sum singin & sum showtin in various kees, & i left, feelin strongly that we hed aul had a pleasing episode. Yoores trooley, ZEKE TRIMBLE.



A TRUE LOVER'S KNOT.

COUNTRY MAGISTRATES IN TROUBLE.

The *Waterloo Advertiser* informs the country that the Magistrates in that section, propose to resign upon the introduction of the new Magistrates' Bill. DIOGENES refers to the debate in Parliament on the Bill, and sees "method in the madness" of the gentlemen who thus propose resignation. In the debate, Mr. Carter said the principles of the Bill "would tend to abate the abuses prevalent in the rural districts through the maladministration of the magistracy." Mr. Laberge "admitted that as a rule, the country magistrates were inefficient." The Premier said "that the existing system was worse than useless, because it led to many abuses, and brought the administration of the laws into contempt. All the magistrates were not inefficient, but scarcely a day elapsed without some grave complaint against the Magistracy or the Commissioners of Small Causes, and it was high time to put a stop to the anomalous position."

Whereupon, DIOGENES, sitting quietly in his Tub, reasoneth thus: Surely these same country Magistrates thoroughly understand the well-worn axiom that "discretion is the better part of valor."

CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR DIOGENES,—

If Mr. Thomas Storrow Brown deserves the laudations bestowed upon him by the *Witness*, for aiding to incite the rebellion (that's the word), and running away at St. Charles; what is to be said of the loyal volunteers who gave their time and means and lives to repress that rebellion?

Perhaps they may, ere long, gather a hint from the result it is said to have produced.

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