

MR. FILIBUSTER MCGUFFIN—Shoot the papers. There isn't an independent journal in the country. They're all in the same boat, and they always will be so long as they've got no better reporters. I go in for winding up the Fourth Estate and closing out the business. The only paper there is in the country that's worth a cent is the *Wasp*.

THE CHAIRMAN—This is wasting time, gentlemen. If I may suggest the mover and seconder to withdraw the motion, it will save time. The motion being withdrawn the minutes were read, and after several corrections and erasures had been made, they were confirmed.

MR. MACPHAISTER (the President) then stated the object of the meeting. He said: Gentlemen—As I have no wish to take up your time with any lengthy remarks, I will state as briefly and as clearly as I can why I have called you together. I think it will give *eclat* to this Society and draw the attention of the world to the progress we are making, if we hold our First Annual Dinner as soon as possible (Hear. Hear). True, we have not been formed more than six or eight weeks; but I have got to learn, why, in a country like ours, we should not take time by the forelock and let the public see, that this Society is no mere vision of the fancy, but a creative power that is destined to make Canada an influential country among the nations of the earth (applause). It has, heretofore, been the practice to hold Annual Dinners at the expiration of the current year in the existence of the organization that may choose to celebrate its birth in that particular manner. But it seems to me, gentlemen, with all due respect to the opinions of those who may differ, we could select no better means for enlarging upon those grand principles we have pledged ourselves to sustain, than in choosing to expatiate upon them at a gathering such as I propose. (Cheers) The two great political parties, whose influence I am happy to

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