

GRIP.

EDITED BY MR. BARNARD RUDGE.

The greatest Beast is the Ass; the greatest Bird is the Owl;
The greatest Fish is the Oyster; the greatest Man is the Fool.

TO CORRESPONDENTS AND CONTRIBUTORS.

"DOUBLE EGGS," Point Fortune. Thanks. Will be happy to comply with your desire about the papers. Will write you soon.
"J. L."—Kindly send us your address.
"G. S.," Ottawa.—Glad to welcome you again.
ATTY.-GEN. MOWAT.—Certainly. Members of the Local Legislature may subscribe for *Grip*. There are many precedents.

TORONTO, SATURDAY, JANUARY 10TH, 1874.

POLITICAL INTELLIGENCE.

THERE is no truth in the rumour that Mr. JAMES BRATY, M.P., is to succeed Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD as leader of the Conservative position on the reassembling of the House. Mr. BRATY is going to retire, his arduous public duties, particularly his oratorical efforts, having worn him out.

It is said that Hon. M. C. CAMERON declines the nomination of the Reform Party as their candidate for Centre Toronto, in the room of Mr. ROBT. WILKES.

A despatch from a reliable source says that Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD declares his determination to appear in the field as a candidate for Parliamentary honours in the coming campaign.

The Canadian party have issued their platform, from which we fail to gather anything to justify us in believing the report that Hon. GEORGE BROWN is to be brought out as their standard-bearer.

Hon. THOS. NICHOLSON CHISH, member for South Ontario, will oppose the MACKENZIE Government, although he is a good Reformer, and believes in Parliamentary purity.

Hon. EDWARD BLAKE has written to a private friend, intimating his intention of offering himself for re-election. This comes from a trust-worthy source.

The *Belleville Intelligencer* has published a poem, entitled "Organize!" addressed to the Conservative party. It is in the form of a war song, and contains the following original sentiment:

"Rally round the old flag, place the Lion in front,
Cast each craven heart out of your band,
And in Council and Camp, and, mid fierce battles brunt,
Be united in heart and in hand.

The author is evidently a man without music in his soul, or he would never insinuate so meanly, as he does, that the members of the battalion band are more "craven hearted" than their companions in arms. But again:

Gather round your old leaders, the trusted and tried,
And your noble old battle-cries shout,
Till from ocean to ocean 'tis known far and wide
'That your foes are all put to the rout.

Here again the author's hidden treachery to his party crops out, in his characterizing the "old leaders" as

"The trusted and tried."

Surely it's enough that the Grits should make everlasting reference to that "trust," and its betrayal; and that "trial" with its accompanying verdict of "Guilty," without professing Conservative poets embalming the stigma in imperishable rhyme. The poem concludes with the line:

"Cast no golden moments away!"

There is both beauty and force in this injunction; and in view of the approaching campaign, Grip would (with the permission of the author,) substitute the word "dollars," for "moments," have it printed in *italic*, and screech it with equal shrillness in the ears of Reformers and Conservatives alike.

LIGHT WANTED.

MUCH as it always pleases us to do a favour for our neighbour, we must once for all decline the friendly task of pointing out the precise sense of the following telegram, which seems to have been a source of great anxiety to readers of the *Globe* on Wednesday morning:

THE PLYMOUTH CHURCH DIFFICULTY.—New York, Jan. 6.—A despatch from Washington says it is stated confidentially that diplomatic despatches are not included in the Virginius correspondence sent to the Senate, as it would complicate matters, and render future relations with the new Ministry of Spain unpleasant, without gaining anything on the part of our Government.

"GRIP" TO THE RESCUE!

OUT of pure sympathy for the yeomanry of this Dominion, who are at present anticipating the advent of a general election, *Grip* has originated the petition hereto appended. He has no doubt it will be eagerly and joyfully signed by every intelligent elector in the country; and he hopes that under the moral pressure of the prayer and the physical pressure of the paper that will overwhelm the authorities from all quarters when these petitions are returned, this philanthropic project may be eminently successful:

THE PETITION

Of *Grip* and the Citizens of Canada to the benign Head of the Executive, humbly sheweth:

1. THAT some time ago one JOHN A. MACDONALD, then being the Prime Minister of the Dominion of Canada, did make a most unhappy and unlucky slip, whereby he the said JOHN A., did not only bring the said country into contempt, but did utterly destroy his own reputation as a most shrewd and accomplished doer of smart tactics:
2. And whereas since the said slip and fall, the Newspaper Press, the Parliament, the Orators, the Writers, together with every other known agency of intelligence and information, have employed themselves diligently and incessantly in detailing and reiterating the facts and circumstances of the aforesaid slip and fall:
3. And whereas such discussion, reiteration, narration, declamation and exposition has been accompanied with untold lying, defamation, and slander on both sides:
4. And whereas the people of Canada are now full and completely cognizant of all and sundry the said facts and statements:
5. And whereas the said people of Canada are universally

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of hearing the Pacific Scandal rehearsed so often:

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that all orators and speakers, both Conservative and Reform, may be prohibited from reciting the afore-mentioned scandal more than thrice per day during the general election campaign, which is at present unhappily imminent.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

(Signed) *Grip*.
JOHN SMITH.
JOHN A. MACDONALD.

(Other Signatures to follow.)

* * Friends in different parts of the country may send on their orders for copies immediately.

LITERARY NOTICE.

"PACIFIC ORATIONS; OR CONSTITUTIONAL UTTERANCES ON THE GREAT SCANDAL," by Hon. E—D B—E, Q.C., M.P., Toronto, (not) Mail Publishing Co. 1874.

GRIP has been favoured with advance sheets of this important and able work, which is to be published in suitable calf this week. We regret that in the present notice we have not room to go greatly into the merits of the Hon. gentleman's brochure; so a few general comments must suffice. The book purports to be a faithful reprint of certain orations delivered at various places, on the subject of JOHN A.; but that profession is not adhered to. On the contrary several fine passages which occur in the newspaper reports that appeared originally, are wanting; and several other still finer passages that evince stody and deliberation, now occur for the first time. With these exceptions the reprint is faithful. The orations are embellished with cuts—rhetorical cuts, at Sir MAC and others. A portrait of the author—which, by the way, was also omitted on the first delivery of the speeches, graces the front page. At astefully designed skull and cross bones, with the legend "*Sic Semper Tyrannus*," is emblazoned on the cover.

The re-issue will undoubtedly prove a two-edged sword during the coming campaign.

"THE STORY OF THE PACIFIC SCANDAL."

Condensed from *The Globe* of Wednesday.

There was a Premier named JOHN A.,
Who, wishing in office to stay,
To one ALLAN did barter a great railway charter—
And he dated his ruin from that day.