



*The gravest beast is the Ass: The gravest bird is the Owl;
The gravest fish is the Oyster: The gravest man is the Fool.*

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The names continue to come in, and the choice is pretty evenly divided. All the premiums offered are cheap at the selling price given, and as they are offered free, or nearly so, it's no wonder that a big lot of people take advantage of our offers. When you get tired of these we'll offer others, but from now until further notice every one who sends in two dollars for GRIP for one year in advance, whether new or old subscribers, will receive

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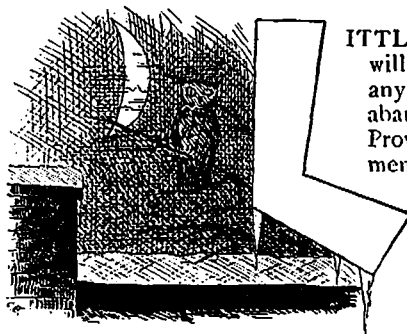
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LITTLE or no objection will be raised from any quarter to the abandonment by the Provincial Government of the so-called minority representation system as applied to Toronto. The principle of minority representation is

right in itself, but it was unfair to apply it to a single constituency only, with the obvious motive of seizing a party advantage; and the device of giving two votes only to each elector where three candidates are to be chosen, is a clumsy and ineffective method of applying the principle at best. If it is really desired to give minorities the opportunity to make their influence felt in proportion to their numbers, that can be accomplished by the grouping of constituencies and the introduction of cumulative voting. But whatever system is adopted should be general throughout the province.

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THE *Empire*, which has frequently complained of the injustice inflicted upon Toronto and the Tory party by minority representation, assails the Government as bitterly for abolishing the system as it ever did for maintaining it. It is just this spirit of senseless and indiscriminate abuse and cavilling at whatever the party in power does, or does not do, that destroys the incentive to good government. If an administration knows that it will be assailed and misrepresented, regardless of its actions, it will be apt to become heedless of public opinion. The Ontario Government deserve credit for acknowledging the failure of their "experiment" and abandoning it, especially as the strength and servility of their following enables them to despise Opposition criticism.

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A MEASURE of tardy justice is also promised to Toronto in the increase of our representation in the Legislature to at least four Members, which will be still fewer than we are fairly entitled to. If the right hand of Premier Mowat has not lost its cunning he will probably manage in re-arranging the metropolitan constituencies to provide a tolerably safe seat for Mr. Joseph Tait, who would otherwise be thrown out by the repeal of the minority representation provision. The absence of Mr. Tait would deprive the Legislature of one of its strongest individualities, and the Grit party of a redoubtable oratorical champion.

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MR OLIVER MOWAT has plainly intimated that he will not support a prohibitory measure for the tangible reason that the Provincial Government has no power to pass a bill of that nature. He may be right—it would probably take a judgment of the Privy Council to decide that question—but it is curious to note how anxious both Governments are to disclaim authority when the temperance question comes to the front. Premier Mowat's pre-