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Cartoon Comments.

LEADING CARTOON.—The Budget speech is of course the feature of the week at Ottawa. The Financial Minister's statement always makes a red-letter day in the session,—or rather several days. This year the Statement and subsequent debate are unusually warm and interesting, though the dispassionate observer who stands by and listens to both sides will find it as hard as usual to make up his mind whether the country has reached the acme of bliss, as per the Ministerial orators, or is on the verge of ruin, as per the Oppositionists. Mr. G.R.I.P. is in the position of such an onlooker, and simply adopts the showman's invitation—"You pay your money and you take your choice." There is only one consoling thing about the Budget Speech—it invariably delights both parties.

FRONT PAGE.—It is but justice to admit that, to some extent, our artist drew upon his imagination before he drew upon our first page.

EIGHTH PAGE.—The ancient author who wrote the nursery literature here quoted, probably did so without knowing that he was writing an allegory exactly setting forth the facts in relation to the great matter which is at present agitating Toronto.



PROF. FOWLER EXAMINES YOUNG CANADA'S HEAD.

Taking advantage of the visit of the veteran phrenologist, Prof. O. S. Fowler, to Toronto, Mr. G.R.I.P., like many other proud parents and relatives, took his protege, YOUNG CANADA, to hear what the Professor would advise as to his future training. Seating the youth on a chair, and placing his fatherly hand on the boy's head, the Professor proceeded in his quaint fashion as follows:—

"Ambition, sir, is your predominant characteristic, and it takes the form not so much of show as sense. You desire to be well spoken of both at home and abroad, and you will work like Jehu to make a name for yourself. You are proud of your Canadian ancestry on both sides of the House, and would as willingly live under uncle Blake's roof as with your more aristocratic relative, Sir John—provided, of course, that they gave you the proper kind and degree of Protection, and nourished and cherished you equally well. You have a very strong love for home—home pets and home industries, and dearly like to gaze at the tall chimneys on your father's factory and boast to your playmates about your father's success. You are frank, generous and genial in your manner—too much so for your own good. Cultivate suspiciousness, reserve, caution. Take a leaf out of Sir John's book, and have more policy about you. You are fond of society; let this faculty have free scope among your own people, but don't be carried away by the charms of Miss Columbia over the way. Matrimonial union with her would be the fatal mistake of your life—and you are so promising as a boy that I should hate to see you marry at all if you didn't do better than that. Better look for a wife on your mother's side; and don't think of marrying, or even courting, without consulting her.

"You have remarkable literary faculties, and could be very successful as an author. Tell your uncle LEONARD this, and see if he won't give you half a chance to compete with the neighbour boys. You need encouragement, not criticism.

"You are quick to learn, and must not see the inside of a school-house this side of 15, and you will be the smarter man the less book-learning you get before 16. Wait till the school regulations are changed; for 'cramming' in your case would mean murder. You are too smart now. You need muscle. You can be an orator, a poet, a statesman—which you choose, or all if you like.

"Don't allow bigger boys to impose upon you; cultivate combativeness. You are smart enough—even if you ain't very big—to make your own treaties with your playmates, and

your mother ought to give you free scope in this direction. Fighting your own battles will strengthen your muscle.

"Restrain your appetites, and be careful to sleep all you can. I notice a strong predisposition to intoxicating liquor. If your parents and relatives love you wisely they will remove all these temptations so as to save you. You are conscientious, and strive to do the right thing every time, and right up to the handle. You are benevolent to a high degree. Look out better for number one.

"You have a strong grip on life, and if you get over the effects of the monopoly vaccine that is now in your system, you can increase in vigor as you grow older. If you want to have a happy and successful future, be particularly careful how you conduct yourself now. You may go."

While the youngster was preparing to leave, Mr. G.R.I.P. asked the Professor if he didn't think Canada was sufficiently well protected now, to which the veteran bumpologist replied in the affirmative, stating that he observed an abnormal growth in the boy, and hence had warned him to sleep well.

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