



"Parliamentary Companions."

GRIP invokes the public sympathy for these two unfortunate individuals, DOMVILLE and GILMOUR. Their circumstances are particularly distressing, even in this day of widespread suffering. They are poor (very poor) representatives of dignified constituencies. They have had the misfortune of being thrust into a public position which makes their poverty painfully conspicuous. Their resources are so very limited that they have hitherto been unable to do anything but follow the steps of their respective parties in the capacity of "backs." But their sorest want, the great need which induces the benevolent GRIP to make this plea on their behalf, is a want of Parliamentary manners. They have recently given a public exhibition of their ignorance of the rules of politeness. Before the assembled Commons they have used vulgar language towards one another, to the scandal of the whole country. GRIP charitably attributes this to their want of knowledge, their education having evidently been neglected, and in the above little sketch he has sent them abroad to collect alms from the sympathetic Public, who may rest assured that anything they may kindly drop into the hats will be conscientiously devoted to the object of securing these unfortunate members the benefits of a training in good behaviour. It is GRIP's intention to place them under the instruction of Prof. FANNING as soon as sufficient funds have been collected.

The Hon. Members.

Extract from Notes of our own Private Secretary, taken at alphabetical interview of M.P.'s to obtain correct knowledge of requirements of different constituencies of Dominion, etc.

FROM J TO L.

MR. JUMVILLE, M.P., Brunswick. Hand-some member this, though features sadly contorted with inward pain. Cares of state, perhaps. Make enquiries. Mistaken! Hon. mem. reminds me appearances are deceptive. Wouldn't think, to look at him, that he would challenge anybody to meet him in corridor. Chief requirements of constituency—more N.P. Says he gets letters every day complaining that flour is too cheap, and that there are some Grits still in office.

MR. KILMORE, M.P., Susanna. Hon. mem. slightly flurried. Cravat in disorder. Says he met Mr. JUMVILLE as he came in, which accounts for it. Chief requirements of constituency—less N.P. Says it is certain ruin. Claims to be little of a politician, however; poetry his strong point. At request recites some original lines, beginning, "I gaze, and wonder as I gaze." Is empha-

tically of opinion that Confederation will be a failure unless JUMVILLE and duelling are suppressed.

M. LESANGUINANE, M. P. *Papincaville*. Hello! what's the matter with you? what on earth has got into all the Hon. members to-day, anyway? This is a very bad case. Visitor furious and wild to an alarming degree. Faces floor like unto a pedestrian coming home on his twelve thousand and sixty fourth and last "lap." Call in guard for protection. Hon. member subsides, but would like to know if we have Responsible Government in Canada? (*Guard withdrawn*). Tell him I am under the impression that we have. Says *No!* we have *not!* If a measure that has passed both Houses of the Canadian Parliament (probably the finest deliberative body in the world, and of which he has the honour to be a *membare*) has to be sent to the tape and sealing-wax office in England to be 'vised by a pack of imbecile, counter-hopping, left-handed relatives of an *effete* aristocracy, then by ten thousand thunders! he (the Hon. gentleman) thinks it high time to—(*Call in guard again*. Remind Hon. gentleman that we have "a dungeon on board."

H. G. apologises for warmth. *Guard withdrawn*. Hon. mem. elevates shoulders and *Exit*.

Mem. Hardly know what I should do in this case, but would advise cold baths and antiphlogistic treatment.

Mixed.

MR. GILMOUR, in his memorable speech on the Tariff, said, "The gentlemen now lowing at the public crib would have the fashion of their countenance changed down in New Brunswick, and be driven forth like NEBUCHADNEZZAR of old to eat grass as oxen." In this striking agricultural simile, Mr. GILMOUR undoubtedly meant to hit the Ministerialists, but he has struck the other fellows instead. The Conservative "kine" are not lowing at the public crib; they have their snouts deep into it, and are switching their tails in ecstasy; it is the Opposition herd that is standing out in the cold and piteously bellowing for a taste.



SCENE.—TABLE D'HOTE, MONTREAL.

WAITER.—Will you have your eggs boiled hard or soft, sir?

FIERY FRENCH EDITOR (*Anti-LETELLIER*)—No, sare! *boil* not at all, sare! I vant zein raw, and if LETELLIER is not turn out, I vant zein *stale*, sare!



The Niagara Clock.

The above illustration represents an elaborate and costly time-piece, of original pattern, recently presented to the House of Commons by the electors of Niagara. In its qualities as a clock, no less than in its external design, it is unique. When wound up and started it is warranted to go for an indefinite period, the passage of time being indicated by a dull, monotonous rumble, instead of a regular tick, tock, as in ordinary chronometers. It is in this respect an allegorical representation of the famous river which shares its name with the constituency, for

"Men may come, and men may go,
But it goes on forever."

It has another peculiarity, namely, that it does not keep time; on the contrary, it wastes it. As may be gathered from the above imperfect sketch, the clock itself is a masterpiece of the carver's skill. The figure is cut from the wood of the *plum* tree, highly polished, and ornamented with brass. It is a classic study representing *Ajax defying the Lightning*, although we are quite prepared for the *London Advertiser* to insinuate that it bears some resemblance to a modern work known as *Fosiah defying the Lockjaw*. When this artistic and ingenious clock was first placed in the House, its presence afforded the members a good deal of amusement as well as instruction, but the novelty appears to have worn off, and many members on both sides now regard it as more or less of a bore. This feeling is plainly indicated by the following epigram, which bears evidence of having been written by some witty member—possibly MACKENZIE:

O, Niagara's Clock should be put on the shelf,
For it stands ninety years on the floor;
It is dryer by half than chaff is itself,
Though it weighs not a pennyweight more.
It gets up on its feet when the House begins to sit,
And it quits when the House doth arise—
It will stop, short, never to go again
When J. B. P. dies.

IT APPEARS that Messrs. YOUNG, FRAZER and MACLEAN charged about \$5,000 for their work in framing the National Policy. This, in connection with the fact that our City Council lately paid \$39 for getting a few fire alarm cards framed, seems to imply that the framing business is in a flourishing condition, notwithstanding the hard times.

DR. TUPPER's Bill provides for a Minister of Railways. The Dr.'s *main-line* of argument is that the Public Works Department is at present too big. We suppose the Opposition will rail against the measure, when it is submitted to their tender mercies, but we engine them to be reasonable, and allow the Minister of Public Works to switch off a portion of his arduous business.