



"PUBLIC OPINION" (IN REGINA).

Nicholas Flood—There! If that doesn't settle this anti-monopoly nonsense, I'm a Dutchman. Here I've got the signatures of Mounted Police, C. P. R. employees and Half-breeds to testify that the present arrangement is a blessing to the country. I hope they'll think well of me at Ottawa for this special service.

NOTES ON WEDDINGS.

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A TIN wedding is considered very good fun. Many people are invited, and everyone who has the requisite tin to buy the necessary tin accepts the invitation. Anything is appropriate, from a tin pan, bright enough to see your face in, to a tin-type, on which your face equally alluring in expression and beautiful in contour, is permanently represented. Tin whistles, tin drums, tin rattle-boxes, tin cymbals and tin horns, in the hands of numerous and vociferous infants, greatly add to the harmony and increase the tintinabulation of the occasion. A lovely and valuable gift, which also marks a delicate sense of humor in the giver, is a handsome jewel case, wherein is found, reposing on sumptuous purple velvet, a complete set of jewelry—rings, locket, breast-pin, ear-drops, necklace and bracelets, all made of solid 18-karat tin. This sort of present, it is believed, will not be valued for its intrinsic worth alone.

At a wooden wedding a regular address and presentation is in order. The address should not cover more than ten foolscap sheets, and its literary style should be redundant, prolix, and polysyllabic. It should be exceedingly eulogistic, not to say taffyistic, in its epithets, and should be followed by a single toothpick, borne by two men and presented with a low bow, or salaam, made in the Oriental manner. The grateful and flattered recipient, after the few moments in which he is allowed to recover from his overwhelming surprise, and control his emotions, should now arise and say that he would state, that he would never have believed anything would affect him so much, and that it would melt a heart of wood and cause a wooden leg to vibrate; that after gazing upon the clothes pins (new clothes pins) and sticks of wood (all cut and split) lying in gorgeous profusion around him, he would thank his friends from the bottom of his heart, and would request them to join him in singing that new and stirring song entitled, "I Would not Live Away."

A paper wedding is conducted in a similar manner, except that here a beautiful picture of Her Gracious

Majesty the Queen may be the crowning gift of the day. This may be constructed in the following manner. With a pair of shears, or with the aid of steam from a boiling kettle, carefully remove an old postage stamp from a letter, and paste it exactly in the centre of a large sheet of paper—newspaper preferred—which, when suspended upon the parlor wall of your friend's home, will ever be a gratifying reminder of your good taste and generosity.

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THE PLATFORM.



THE concert of the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society, on Monday evening, 7th, was, as usual, well attended. The proceedings were opened by vice-president Falconbridge, who delivered a very eloquent address, abounding in poetry and other embellishments. Mrs. Caldwell sang a new solo, entitled "Carnival of Venice," which took the audience by storm. Mrs. Mackelcan added much to the occasion by her winsome appearance, but her singing was a disappointment. Miss Alexander gave a couple of recitations in her own graceful and natural manner—a manner which the other young reciter of the occasion would do well to copy. Messrs. Warrington and Richards contributed solos, and Mr. W. E. Ramsay did some character songs, which the cultured audience enjoyed more than any other feature of the programme. Mrs. Harrison acted as accompanist.

Concert lovers are to be well looked after this season. The following attractions are already announced:—

On Friday evening, November 25th, Mrs. Scott-Siddons will re-appear, after a long absence from Toronto, at Association Hall. She will also give a matinee on Saturday afternoon.

At Association Hall, November 26th, Mr. Frank Lincoln, the musical humorist, will give one of his unique entertainments, assisted by Miss Barnes, contralto, of Buffalo. Mr. Lincoln made a tremendous hit in Toronto last season, and will be welcomed back by all who enjoy "an evening of intellectual fun."

Early in December a concert will be given in the interest of the McLachlan testimonial, on which occasion Miss Alexander will recite some of our grand old poet's pieces. We are glad to note that the committee in charge of the testimonial are earnestly at work, and will shortly have the subscription books ready for signatures. Every true Canadian will want to have the honor of giving something to show his appreciation of Alexander McLachlan.

"JOHN BULL CONVERTING AFRICA."

APROPOS of this cartoon in a recent number of Grip, Canon Farrar, of England, writes:—

"I thank you for the design. Would that all could see it, and that it would arouse the national conscience. F. W. FARRAR."

A MAN who can live by the 'air—The barber.

LIKE author, like book. This proverb did not apply to Thomas Carlyle.

IF he is most loved who has most bags, the mail carrier ought to be a happy man.

IF Bacon did not write the plays of Shakespeare, it was the biggest mistake of his life.—Henry T. Finck.