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Comments on the Cartoon.



THE VATICAN TANDEM.—The great Winter Carnival is at the height of its glory while this number of GRIP is issuing from the press, but we hope our suggestion for a turn-out in the "Fancy Drive" may not be too late to be acted upon. It is not unlikely that the four distinguished personages who form the "team" in our design may be in Montreal at the moment—nearly everybody who is anybody is there, you know—and if so, with the assistance of a curé of sufficient avoirdupois, the idea may be literally realized. But if these recognized leaders of the two parties are not personally procurable, then any other prominent politicians picked up at random out of both parties will answer just

as well for purposes of public instruction. The tableau, we venture to say, will be the truest and the most instructive thing in the whole procession, and if it sets the assembled thousands thinking, and from thinking to acting, it will be worth all the other features of the Carnival put together. The bystanders will gather from it the idea that the Roman Catholic Church claims and exercises a political power in this country which make the leaders of both parties look very small. Then they will go on to wonder why the Roman Catholic Church should do this any more than the Methodist Church, when the proper work of both is simply to show poor sinners the way of salvation. This may lead to the reflection that Church and State should be kept strictly separate, the former confining its attention to the souls of the people, and the latter to their bodies and estates; an arrangement under which each man could go to heaven in his own particular way, while all, as citizens, would enjoy precisely the same rights and liberties before the law. Having reached this sound conclusion, the next step would be to convey to the

minds of political leaders the necessity of acting upon it; of determining resolutely to know nothing of any man hereafter as a churchman, be he Catholic or Protestant; to know nothing of any voluntary organization of citizens whether called churches, synagogues or sessions; to deal only with the people of Canada in their one capacity of citizens. Who can measure the good our tableau would do if it set people thinking along this line?

THE DOUBLE PERSONALITY.—At the meeting called to organize the Dominion Evangelical Alliance in this city, on Monday evening, 28th ult., some discussion arose upon the advisability of permitting the name of Hon. Oliver Mowat to stand as President. The special object of the organization is to defend the civil rights of the people of Canada against the encroachments of the Church of Rome, and it was pointed out that Mr. Mowat, however sound his views may be on civil liberty, is a party leader, and must be swayed in his conduct to some extent by party considerations. It amounted to saying that Mr. Mowat is another instance of Jekyll and Hyde. In *propria persona* he is a most excellent, learned, wise and well-meaning gentleman, but the decoction which he swallowed on entering the political arena has developed another personality in him, which exults in the pulling of wires for the "Catholic vote," and in all the other "ways that are dark" of the average politician.



ARE informed that the difficulty which has arisen in the new Evangelical Alliance over the appointment of Hon. Oliver Mowat to the Presidency, is to be solved by making the appointment a double-headed one, and electing Mr. Meredith as co-President. This is altogether a happy thought. It is to be presumed that the leader of the Opposition is just as sound on the question of protecting the civil rights of the people as the leader of the Government, and it is only fair that he should be enabled to stand before the world in that regard on an equal footing with his political opponent. We would be very sorry, indeed, to suppose that there are in this Province, at least, many Roman Catholics who do not heartily sympathize with the object of the new organization—which is to see that all citizens get full justice, and that none get special favors. Do Roman Catholics demand more for themselves than they are willing to grant to others?

ISN'T it queer what pranks Dame Rumor can play with a man's character? It isn't necessary that the old and ill-tongued lady should have any facts to go upon—she can manage out of nothing to weave a reputation for an individual the very opposite of that which truly fits him. We are led to these serious reflections by something which caught our eye in the *Evening Telegram* the other day. It read as follows:

Harry Piper's feelings have been lacerated at the reports of the Zoo cases in the Master-in-Ordinary's Court, claiming that he has been represented as a user of slang phrases, an aspersion which he was anxious to refute. He said the very school-children had been reading the reports, and were pointing him out on the street as a man who used slang. He wanted the Master's protection.

TRUTH v. TAFFY.

CYNIC—"Shut the door."
(*Good-natured friend shuts it, and, not being thanked, says*)—"I'm a gentleman."
CYNIC—"I didn't say so."
G.N.F.—"I wouldn't have believed you if you had."
CYNIC—"Then your unbelief would have done credit to your judgment."