

PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT.

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH.

[Special report for the Grumbler.]

QUEBEC, May 19, 1860.

At three o'clock to day His Excellency came down and prorogued Parliament with the following speech.

Honorable gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly.—

It gives me great pleasure to meet you again at the end of another session.

You have now sat nearly three months, and done a good deal of labor. What with buying out old Baby, deepening Lake St. Peter, and other equally valuable works, you have managed to increase the public debt in a very handsome manner.

You have franked during these few months fearful piles of letters and printed documents. You have wasted tons of paper and precious (?) breath *ad libitum*, for which you have richly earned \$600.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly.—

Thanks to my friend Galt, who holds the purse strings, you have not been called upon to alter the tariff. It is still as high as ever, and must remain so, for which you deserve the eternal gratitude of your country.

You have received copies of the consolidated statutes, which I hope you will make proper use of, so that when you meet again you may see the necessity for less legislation. [Here Gould was forced to remark, "He's a cunning old fellow; he's afraid of John A. being defeated if the session should be very long."]

Gentlemen of the Legislative Council.—

You are still the same old fogies you ever were. You have done nothing for which I render you my thanks. It is better to do nothing than be in mischief. However you have managed to draw your allowance very regularly.

Honorable gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly.—

During your short meeting you have managed to waste \$400,000 of the country's money, for which no doubt you have returned them full compensation.

It gives me the greatest pleasure to release you from your duties. Return to your homes and kiss your wives and children, you who have them, and let the youthful Legislators learn wisdom from their seniors. I dismiss you, go!

THE SECRET OUT.

Says the Colonist of Friday:—

"Yesterday having occasion to buy a good trout for a friend, we wended our way towards the St. Lawrence Fish Market, when we had the pleasure of beholding a splendid supply of fresh trout and white fish, just arrived by Vicker's Express from Collingwood and Cape Rich. Our readers must follow our example and visit this market."

Well, this is the richest joke of the season—an editor turned fishmonger—ha! ha! ha! But there is more in the paragraph than that. We have often asked ourselves why the articles in our cotemporary have been so exceedingly stupid; but never before have we been able to find out the secret. The *fishy* style of composition is now fully explained. Who would not be an editor?

A joke from a Grit.

—An ardent Grit is very fond of saying with a significant leer that Atty. Gen. Macdonald is never inclined to place confidence in any statement or allegation, until he gets something in the way of proof (Morton's)

THE COOPER OPERA TROUPE.

The performances of the accomplished *Artistes* comprising this Troupe have, as during the previous week, drawn large audiences. The success of the whole engagement has been most signal and speaks well for the musical taste of Toronto. *Der Freyschutz* was performed on Monday evening in a very creditable manner, notwithstanding the many difficulties with which they had to contend with in the way of producing anything like a proper scenic effect in such a small Theatre. The great success of the week was however, *Lucrezia Borgia*. In this, every one of the performers appeared to great advantage. Annie Milner, as the *Duchess*, exceeded any of her former efforts, delighting every one with her exquisite singing and spirited acting.

Miss Kemp as *Orsini* was everything that could be desired. Her graceful carriage, and captivating features tend to make her an universal favorite. Her singing was loudly applauded and *Il Segretto* met with a well merited encore. Mr. Bowler as *Genaro* sustained his part with great ability, singing *Di pescatore* with much taste. We should notice his performance in *Lucie de Lammermoor*, as it is in that Opera that he appears to the best advantage; his singing and acting reflect the greatest credit upon him. Mr. Bowler is an artist of no ordinary talents and has always been well received. Mr. Cook continues to increase in popularity, and is vociferously applauded on his every appearance. As the *Duke* in *Lucrezia* he covered himself with honor. We have referred before to the different characters in which he appears, and it is unnecessary to repeat what we before expressed. Seldom, indeed, have we had in Toronto a singer of such a standing in his profession, or one who was so well liked by musical people generally. We omitted above the name of Miss Payne who is equally at home in tragedy or in comedy, and always pleases by her correct singing and true personations.

Mr. Boudinot possesses a fine deep voice though not one of sufficient compass to enable him to sing with effect. The Chorus in which we notice particularly the powerful voice of our old friend Mr. Bruno is in good training. We need hardly refer to Mr. Cooper and his wonderful performance on the violin; suffice it to say that it is one of the chief attractions at the various performances. Mr. Miller, the pianist, since his previous appearance in Toronto with the Troupe, has improved greatly; his excellent playing is well worthy of praise.

We are sorry that the Troupe is about to leave for a year's tour in the United States, and we hope as to night's will be their last performance in this city, that they will have an overflowing house. The opera for this evening is *Lucrezia Borgia*, after which the musical farce of "the Quaker" will be given.

Next week the great ventriloquist and magician Love, who has been astonishing the Hamiltonians for some time past will appear at the Theatre.

A Police Item.

—On *Dit*, that our military Chief of Police was actually seen to put his hand to an unruly person at a late fire. Were there not the best testimony for the truth of this statement, we should be inclined to doubt it. But strange things do happen occasionally, and this is not the least strange thing that has come to our notice lately.

M. P.'S. AT A FOOT RACE.

The Parliament "Coon" and the Israelite member for North Hastings had a trial of speed at foot race the other day in Quebec. The former carried a weight of 200 pounds; the latter carried nothing but himself; the former won. The only point in the affair which we desire to call attention to is this: The greater disparity in weight than appears at first sight. The "Coon" has had no government pickings during the present session; the latter has had to the tune of £500, which considerably lightened his heart. He must be very lazy to allow himself to be beaten with such odds in his favor.

Cricket.

—Before the commencement of the present session, the Opposition organs told us the ball was rolling, which was no doubt a fact. It is said that Mr. John Beverley Robinson, the junior member for this city, has made such exertions in stopping that ball, that he will be able to handle the bat, on his return, with more agility than ever. He is not a good felder, particularly in the political cricket ground. He lost his "hales" very easily on a late occasion.

Verdant.

—A rustic friend of ours, who attended the Opera this week, says that Opera airs are beautiful, but the words to which the airs are set, are extremely nonsensical. He listened attentively to one air, and distinguished the following words which, however, did not enable him to see the drift of the song.

Ah.....you.....they
Oh.....will.....but
Aye.....oh.....die
O.....

PIC-NIC.

We have great pleasure in informing the readers of *The Grumbler* that there is a prospect of their being able to spend the Queen's Birthday this year in an agreeable manner. Sunnyside villa, than which no pleasanter spot could be had within many miles of Toronto, has been obtained for the occasion, and the arrangements are in the hands of persons who will see that everything will be done that can be done to make the time pass pleasantly. For those who do not desire to take conveyances of their own, omnibuses will leave Richmond street, in the rear of Knox's Church, at eleven o'clock in the morning. Let there be a good turn out.

REMEMBER

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AT SUNNYSIDE VILLA,

ON THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY,

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