

A CURATE'S TROUBLE.—In the first place, I want to know why church carpenters make the kneeling-boards at reading-desks with such utter disregard in the conformation of the human leg. A curate's leg is human—very human. For twelve months I have alternated between slipping down, till my head was lost in the big prayer-book, whilst I felt as if in a douche-bath, and perching myself up like a frog on the look-out for flies. If I knelt up all the time, my back ached. My back is not strong. If I let myself gently down into a state of occultation, people rebelliously said I was asleep. Fanny said it looked irreverent. N.B. Fanny could not see me when I subsided below high-water mark. She liked to see me. She said so. Talking of marks: there are book-marks. I wonder who first invented those infernal—! beg pardon—those infamous machines for the confusion of curates. They are sweetly pretty. Fanny's were. I tried to use them. For her sake; that was how she put it. But they acted like half a dozen pairs of braces mixed up among the leaves of the prayer-book. If one was in the right place it never would work with another that wasn't. The psalms interferred with the collect, and the collect clashed with the litany; and both objected to the Athanasian Creed. I was always reading in wrong places and tearing the book to get the right ones. My conscience tells me that I did incalculable damage to that portentous volume. At last I managed it. I stowed all the book-markers away by themselves out among the Thirty-nine Articles, and having an occasional loss of place, and substitution of morning for evening service, and vice versa (I am so fond of classical quotations), got on pretty well. I used to start it at the neighbouring village church sometimes, when I got a Sunday out. It led me into difficulties. In the first place, Fanny said I was "wandering." I thought I was, mentally, sometimes. I have wandered alas! bodily and mentally now. The first church I officiated in was St. John's. There they were very correct, and had the altar on a "foot pace." In plain English, there was an unnecessary inequality of six inches in the limited amount of floor I had to stand on. I forgot this, and came down with a gasp in the middle of the Fourth Commandment. It shook me. I suppose I was "wandering" then. I only wanted to get my pocket-handkerchief. I had a cold. I often have colds, and they always come on in the longest places, like the Fourth Commandment. The doctor said it was nervousness. It felt to me like tickling. Then in the pulpit there was an elaborate brass desk that worked up and down with complicated machinery. I am tall. Fanny says graceful. Some persons allude allegorically to a lamp-post. They are rude. That desk at St. John's brought my manuscript about the level of the lower part of my stomach. I cling to my manuscript, and dislike rant. The fact is, I am not equal to it. In a misguided moment I tried to alter the desk, and the whole of the top came off in my hand. I turned a screw with the other hand, and then nothing would persuade that refractory top to go on again. I tried it, and it wobbled. If I had left it, it would have fallen over and hurt an old lady. My manuscript did, but that (in Fanny's silk velvet case) was not so heavy. I need not say I was covered with confusion. I blush very readily. That is not meant for a pun. I hate puns. I felt like an ecclesiastical Marquis among the ruins, and the clerk had to come up and repair the thing with a hammer before I could get on. I needn't say it ruined the sermon. I never officiated at St. John's afterwards. I never shall again, or anywhere else. I am reckless, as I think I said before, and when my moustache has grown, shall turn bandit or pirate—or I would if the sea agreed with me.—Collaris's New Monthly Magazine.

The Liverpool Courier, June 11th, says:—Mr. Charles Moore, the Dominion merchant who was robbed at "the Stork," is to be complemented on the astuteness he displayed on Saturday. The phenomenon of a "chock full" portmanteau would not strike every one as being a symptom of felony; but Mr. Moore has seen the world—two worlds—and is "up to" the ways thereof. Through his smartness he saved himself and others from serious loss, and secured well deserved punishment for a

"respectable-looking young man" who might otherwise have been preying upon other hotel lodgers at this time. William Moffit is the name of the thief, who took lodgings at the Stork Hotel, and filled his own bag at the expense of his neighbours, and was seized and given into custody by Mr. Moore. Young Moffit has been sent to gaol for six months. If he again operates in hotels he will, doubtless, avoid Canadian visitors.

A lady of Newburg, Maine, has framed the verdict a jury gave in her favour in a suit for breach of promise of marriage, and has hung it in her parlour, as a warning to triflers.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, OTTAWA.

TUESDAY, 11th Day of June, 1872.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

ON the recommendation of the Hon. the Minister of Customs, and in pursuance of the provisions of the 5th Sec. of the Act 31st Vic., Chap. 6, intitled: "An Act respecting the Customs," His Excellency in Council has been pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that Silver Islet, Lake Superior, be, and the same is hereby constituted and created into an Out Port of Customs, under the survey of the Port of Sault Ste. Marie.

WM. H. LEE, Clerk, Privy Council.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, OTTAWA.

SATURDAY, 25th Day of May, 1872.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

ON the recommendation of the Hon. the Minister of Customs, and in pursuance of the provisions of the 5th Section of the Act 31st Victoria, Chapter 6, intitled: "An Act respecting the Customs," His Excellency has been pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that Salmon River, in the County of Albert and Province of New Brunswick, be, and the same is hereby constituted and created into an Out Port of Customs, and placed under the survey of the Port of Hillsborough.

WM. H. LEE, Clerk, Privy Council.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, OTTAWA.

SATURDAY, 25th Day of May, 1872.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

ON the recommendation of the Hon. the Minister of Militia and Defence, and under and in virtue of the provisions of the 12th and 15th Sections of the Act 31st Vic., Chap. 4, intitled: "An Act respecting the Militia and Defence of the Dominion of Canada," His Excellency has been pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the County of Soulanges, one of the Regimental Divisions in Military District No. 6, established by Order in Council of the 1st day of Oct. 1868, be divided into two Regimental Divisions, to be known as the 1st and 2nd Regimental Divisions of Soulanges, respectively, and that such first Regimental Division shall consist of the Parishes of St. Joseph de Soulanges, St. Ger and St. Leovace du Chateau du Lac and the Village of Soulanges, and that such second Regimental Division shall consist of the Parishes of St. Polycarpe, St. Telesphore, and St. Zotique, and the Village of Chateau Landing.

WM. H. LEE, Clerk, Privy Council.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, OTTAWA.

SATURDAY, 25th Day of May, 1872.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

ON the recommendation of the Hon. the Minister of Customs, and under the authority conferred by the 12th article of the 123rd Section of the Act 31st Victoria, Chapter 6, intitled: "An Act respecting the Customs," His Excellency has been pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that Horses and Mules or other pack animals, bringing provisions or other merchandise from the United States Territory across the Southern Boundary of the Province of British Columbia, be admitted without payment of duty on Bonds being given in an amount equal to double the duty on the animals brought in and conditioned for the due exportation thereof within a period of three months from the date of their entry into such Province, or the payment of the duties upon due entry before the expiration of that delay.

WM. H. LEE, Clerk, Privy Council.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, OTTAWA.

TUESDAY, 21st Day of May, 1872.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

ON the recommendation of the Hon. the Minister of Public Works, and under the provisions of the 5th Section of the Act 31st Victoria, Chap. 12, intitled: "An Act respecting the Public Works of Canada," His Excellency has been pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the following rate of toll be, and the same is hereby imposed and authorized to be levied and collected on Timber passing through the Government Slide on the River Duomoine, that is to say:

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J. O. BEAUBIEN, Commissioner.

Department of Crown Lands, Quebec, 2nd July, 1872.

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- "Precipitate of Copper." "Aniline Salts used for Dyeing Purposes." By Command, R. S. M. BOUCHETTE, Commissioner of Customs.

Ottawa, June 10th, 1872. 5-25 e

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