

### An Unworthy Quibble.

GRIP notices with dismay the shock of surprise which many are experiencing, simply because our Ottawa M.P.'s charge their tobacco bills to the country. Surely each and every laborer in the vineyard is worthy of his hire, and when the loaves and fishes are so few, it is niggardly meanness to make a fuss about a tobacco bill. The difficulties that beset statesmen in making laws, the wear and tear on the mind, to say nothing about the muscles, certainly deserve an adequate remuneration from the public. What delicacy of mind can be expected from a man who has to bother his head about a tobacco bill? Commonplace individuals may be forced to economise, to live sparingly, clothe themselves with frugal care and try to gather together a few dollars in preparation for a rainy day. But an Ottawa M.P. ought to have a soul above buttons and should be troubled with none of these cares. Considering the vast amount of work they do, their devotion to their country, their self-abnegation, it is surprising that anyone can be found willing to deny them a little self-indulgence. GRIP is surprised at the selfishness of the masses and the utter absence of sympathy for the individual. Let the M.P.s enjoy themselves and their tobacco, and so far from carping over a few paltry pounds of smoke, let the country come forward generously and pay for their beer, their shaves and shampooings, their washing and toothpicks. No man can be a successful M.P. without these things, and now that we have protection we should first protect our protectors.

### Marine Intelligence.

Great preparations are being made by the sporting fraternity for the Grand Regatta in West Toronto. Several well-known boating men have entered, and the struggle is expected to be severe. Up to a late hour last night the following boats had been entered: the *Beaty*, *Bickford*, *Morrison*, *C. Robinson*, *Kerr*, *Davin* and *Cunawan*. Some of these are expected to withdraw, but enough will compete to make the race a most interesting one.

Despatches from the U. E. Club report heavy squalls of wind at that port. The *Chieftain*, with the Commodore of the station on board, anchored there for a few days a short time ago, and experienced the full force of the wind. Beyond coming into slight collision with some of the small craft which infest that harbour, the *Chieftain* sustained no damage, and rode out the gale with safety. The *Commodore* sailed for the east on Monday last.

The Government vessels *Bowell* and *Tupper* left Ottawa on a cruise westward last Saturday. Both vessels reached Belleville in safety, where they parted company; the *Bowell* remaining at that harbour, and the *Tupper* proceeding to this port.

The phantom ship, *Protection*, which has been spoken of so much by owners and masters of vessels, has been sighted again. This time this mythical craft has been seen in the vicinity of Allan's Dock, Montreal, where the labourers became so alarmed that they quit work, and refused to resume, unless an advance was made.

### Shameful!

It is only a sense of duty to society at large which could possibly induce us to notice the the slighting allusion recently made in the editorial columns of a most esteemed contemporary. Speaking of the Lieutenant-Governor, a Toronto daily compares him to a "tin-pot." Only a depraved imagination could possibly make a comparison between "His Honour" and a despised article of kitchen use. To mistake a provincial dignitary with his cocked hat, his state robes of chaste splendor, his court suit and his sword, for a "tin-pot," is to be guilty of disloyal flippancy. It is a mistake to imagine that the country will be satisfied with this com-

parison. We have so many noble men in Canada, who make it the ambition of their lives to bring their vast influence into politics, and to suffer for their country, that to belittle the very few rewards that can possibly fall to them, is well calculated to cool their unbounded patriotism. What inducement is there for unfledged patriots to serve their country if the only reward is a "tin-pot." There is something which impresses one with a distressing sense of familiarity in this comparison. If there was ever a time when the Lieutenant-Governor should be spoken of in a dignified manner it is the present. A bran new article is about to take up his abode in this Province, and how can he be expected to strike out in new paths if he is only a "tin-pot." GRIP is surprised at the wrongheadedness and shortsightedness of the paper which could make such a comparison. Fortunately the evil is not irreparable, and even "tin-pots" are useful articles in their proper place.

### The March of Progress.

MR. JAMES YOUNG, M.P., has written an interesting book on the early history of Galt, and in it we get a description of the Grand River country, when it was the hunting ground of the Six Nation Indians. On page 11 we read: "The locality abounded in fish, game and fresh water. These were the chief objects of Indian pursuit, and they lingered long in places where they were plenty." What an idea this simple statement gives us of the vast improvements time has wrought in our beloved country! The locality of Galt at present abounds in factories, foundries, and Grit politicians, and there is no game there to speak of, except base-ball. Moreover, the inhabitants, who are chiefly Scotch and German, spend very little of their time in fishing, and fresh water is far from being an object of their pursuit—while Highland whiskey and lager beer can be obtained. Such are the blessings of the great N. P.!

### "There's Speed'in the Old Hoss Yet!"

That venerable roadster, the *Globe*, is surprising the people by his recent performances on the political track. Everybody thought that his day was pretty well done, and that with the recent lamented demise of his old master, what little spirit he had left would soon ooze away. But on the contrary, the wonderful old nag has begun to exhibit new life, and the speed he has gotten up on the Senate question has fairly astonished the political sports of both parties. This result is all due to the new groom, who appears to be a decidedly fast young Reformer, and began to apply the rod as soon as he was safely mounted. The reckless pace at which the animal has been driven has excited not only astonishment, but alarm, amongst Conservatives generally, and the more staid old fellows of the Reform party, who, like Senator PENNY, of Montreal, have not failed to sound the alarm. On the other hand, the lively young Radicals, BLAKE, MILLS, and their following, are filled with delight. The leader of the Opposition has long had many bright schemes in his noddle, and amongst them is the abolition or thorough reorganization of the Senate; but he had begun to despair of ever getting a lift on his journey from the *Globe*. Now he feels inspired with new hope, and the clouds surrounding the treasury benches already seem to be breaking up. GRIP's impression of the whole affair is given in the cartoon of this number, to which the reader is respectfully directed for further particulars.

The Toronto system of dealing with stray dogs has been adopted in London. This is only net-ural; the Londoners will find it the cur-rect plan.

### A Much-horn Queen.

In the advertisement columns of one of our Old Country exchanges, the announcement of special excursions and performances on a recent auspicious occasion, are introduced with "May 20th—Queen's Birthday—May 20th." This rather puzzles Mr. GRIP's brains. There must be a mistake somewhere. Was Her Gracious Majesty born twins, or is it possible that the Old Country people are really in the dark on this matter, as they are on so many other subjects in which Canadians are well posted? It's all right, anyhow; VICTORIA is a good woman, and she deserves to have two birthday celebrations every year.



### LACHINE CANAL.

#### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

THE construction of Lock Gates advertised to be let on the 31st of JUNE next, is unavoidably postponed to the following dates:—  
Tenders will be received until

**Tuesday, the 22nd day of June next.**

Plans, specifications, &c., will be ready for examination on and after

**Tuesday, the 8th day of June.**

By order,

F. BRAUN

Secretary

Department of Railways & Canals,  
Ottawa, 13th May, 1880.

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### WELLAND CANAL

#### NOTICE

TO

### BRIDGE-BUILDERS.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned (Secretary of Railways and Canals) and endorsed "Tender for Bridges, Welland Canal," will be received at this office until the arrival of the Western mails on TUESDAY THE 15th DAY OF JUNE next, for the construction of swing and stationary bridges at various places on the line of the Welland Canal. Those for highways are to be a combination of iron and wood, and those for railway purposes are to be of iron.

Plans, specifications and general conditions can be seen at this office on and after MONDAY, THE 31st DAY OF MAY next, where Forms of Tender can also be obtained.

Parties tendering are expected to have a practical knowledge of works of this class, and are requested to bear in mind that tenders will not be considered unless made strictly in accordance with the printed forms, and—in the case of firms—except there are attached the actual signatures, the nature of the occupation, and the residence of each member of the same; and further an accepted bank cheque for a sum equal to \$250 for each bridge for which an offer is made, must accompany each Tender, which sum shall be forfeited if the party tendering declines entering into contract for the work at the rates and on the terms stated in the offer submitted.

The cheque thus sent in will be returned to the respective parties whose tenders are not accepted. For the due fulfilment of the contract the party or parties whose tender it is proposed to accept will be notified that their tender is accepted subject to a deposit of five per cent. of the bulk sum of the contract—of which the sum sent in with the tender will be considered a part—to be deposited to the credit of the Receiver General within eight days after the date of the notice.

Ninety per cent. only of the progress estimates will be paid until the completion of the work.

This Department does not, however, bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By Order,

F. BRAUN,

Secretary.

DEPT. OF RAILWAYS & CANALS,  
Ottawa, 29th March, 1880.

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