

Pictures of Society.

BY ASPER.

No. 2.—YE OLD POLYTYCIAN.

Ye old polytycian is a great character. He is a man who hath, during his lifetime, seen many and bitter struggles, and not uncommonly knows more about what measures are ye best adapted to serve ye publik than any statesman, however famous, of either ye Tory or ye Whig party. He doth pass his time when election times are not at hand in catching his friends and acquaintances by ye button-hole at ye street corners, and in ye clubs, and expounding to them ye true and correct principles of polytycal economy and other puzzling questions of ye state. Nor doth he let them go easily, but if they do, to ever so small an extent, endeavour to break away from him, he doth all ye more din into their ears ye same refrain again and yet again.

If he be of ye Whig persuasion he doth in ye roughest terms abuse ye Tories and their leaders. If of ye Tory party, he doth, on ye contrary, stud no measure of good whatever in ye opposite side, but doth denounce all them that hold views contrariwise to his as knaves, or fools, or both. Nor doth he always give a full meed of praise even unto his own leaders, but oftentimes saith, that in ye distribution of offices they do shew neither discernment nor judgment. He doth accuse them of passing by ye just claims of those who have stood by their party in ye brunt of ye fight, and of putting into comfortable positions young upstarts, who have done their cause more harm than good. He doth generally conclude his dissertation by a prediction that if this course is pursued much further, it will ruin ye party, and alienate from it men of good principles and correct views.

But when ye time comes in which ye voters do exercise their franchise, then, indeed, is he in ye height of glory. No longer doth he abuse his leaders, but is always ready to defend their actions of however destructive a character. He doth take his place at ye committees, of which he is oftentimes made ye Chairman, and doth shew to ye uninitiated and inexperienced how profound is his knowledge of all things and persons.

If any person doth express a doubt as to how such an one may vote, he doth sagiently, and with a wise look upon his venerable countenance, exhort them "to leave him to me, and I will see to him." He doth thus in many cases deter ye eager from canvassing ye voters, and doth persuade them to leave it to him, in which event ye most probable result is, that ye voter will vote for ye party contrary to what was expected of him.

As ye election contest approacheth its consummation, oftentimes this old fox will enquire as to where ye money will come from, and when told that there is no money, will declare that ye elections are not what they used to be in ye good old times; and in many instances he will then retire to his home disgusted and disheartened, and will take no more interest in ye elections. The reason of this is hard to discern, although some evil disposed scandal-mongers do darkly hint that these old persons do come out of elections in which there is plenty of money with their pockets more replete with wealth than when they went into them. This, however, may be slander, and ye writer doth not vouch for ye truth thereof.

When ye votes are polled, again doth ye old polytycian come forth in glory (that is, provided that his side are victors in ye strife) and doth shout himself hoarse in loud sounding praises of his candidate. But if ye

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N. P. Jokes.

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The Quebec Government's motto—No tri-FLYNN!

That the N. P. will LEONARD (*lean'ard*) on the poor man, can now be authoritatively denied.

The *Globe* man evidently intends to hammer away at the N. P., TILLEY either busts it, or vice versa.

"Can TUPPER Canada be relieved for a short time, from building railroads for the whole of the Dominion?" is now a pressing question.

Quite likely a number of those who are quoting With approval E. BLAKE on compulsory voting. Should the boon be bestowed they so ardently long for, Would turn round on the system they go in so strong for, "Down with tyrannous laws! British freedom forever!" What, vote on *compulsion*? No never, sir, never.

The most profane nobleman in Europe—the DUKE OF MECKLENBURG *Schroerin*,

other party do gain ye day, he doth remain at home, and doth declare to all comers that he did always foretell defeat, and doth say that ye new and young blood do not perceive how to properly manage affairs of such moment and importance, and that if ye election had been organized and conducted as he desired, ye result would have been widely different.

And afterwards he doth repair to ye winning candidate, and doth boldly proffer his request, and being refused, doth betake himself of ye nearest hostelry, and therein doth, in a cup of sack, drown all his cares and sorrows.

A Catechism on Natural Selection and the Survival of the Fittest.

BY ZEDEKIAH TIMBERTOP.

Q.—What do you understand by the term "Natural Selection?"

A.—The term "Natural Selection" may be defined to mean, that phase of mind by which a person, or persons, naturally choose that which they like best.

Q.—What do you understand by the term "Survival of the Fittest?"

A.—This may be explained as just the opposite of the old saw "The weakest goes to the wall."

Q.—Can you give an instance of "Natural Selection?"

A.—Yes, the result of the last General Election, when the people naturally selected those who promised to do the most for them.

Q.—What is the end scientists hope will be reached by this theory?

A.—A gradual approachment of the various races existing on the earth's surface to perfection.

Q.—Can you give any instances either in the case of races or individuals in whom some result of this theory is apparent?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Name them?

A.—Well, there is "Canada's Greatest," the "*Globe* Magnate," the Canadian people, and the average Canadian Politician.

Q.—As to "Canada's Greatest?"

A.—Well, nothing is more clearly shown than "Natural Selection" in his case in the occupation (politics) he chose for himself, for the way in which he hoodwinks men, and twists them round his finger, shows that nature intended him for nothing else than a Politician, and then he is about the only survivor of all his early contemporaries and that proves the survival of the fittest.

Q.—As to the "*Globe* Magnate?"

A.—The theory is sufficiently proved in this case by the fact that he is the "*Globe* Magnate," if further proof be needed, it may be stated that he is also "The Grit party," the Ontario Government, the editor of all the Grit newspapers in the Dominion, and a great many other things.

Q.—As to the Canadian people?

A.—They have proved their right to be examples of the theory for all time, for, having lost their heads, is it not natural that they should have an "N. P." and should now want a National currency?

Q.—As to the average Canadian Politician?

A.—Well, the average C. P. proves his claim to this distinguished position, seeing that it is second nature to him to select the fattest jobs he can lay his hands on whenever he gets the chance, and he will live longer, and grab more in the course of his life, than any dozen ordinary men.