



### A FINE DISTINCTION.

MAMMA—"What! Ethel! dipping your bread in the gravy! Don't you know that's exceedingly bad form?"

ETHEL—"It may be bad form, ma, but it's *good taste*!"

### IMPORTANT MEETING.

A MEETING of Newspapers was held at the office of GRIP a few evenings ago to take into consideration the burning question of the moment—that of assisting the unemployed. MR. GRIP was, of course, voted to the chair, and having called the meeting to order—a somewhat difficult task, as the Newspapers as usual showed a propensity to get into each others' wool—he asked for a few words from the *Globe*. That eminent journal spoke as follows: "Canadians have truly much to be thankful for, being more favored with the bounties of nature than the people of other nations. And Ontario seems exceptionally favored among the Provinces. Yet in Toronto, the capital of the most favored Province, capable and earnest men are in need of food, while the products of labor are accumulating in few hands, the more favored occasionally graduating into the millionaire class. Such is the inevitable result of Governmental restrictions."

*The Empire* was the next speaker. He said there was no doubt a good deal of distress at the present time—perhaps more than usual, but as his friend *The Globe* had well said we in Canada had good reason to be thankful, and when the condition of Canada was compared with that of the United States, the reason for thankfulness became very obvious. Canada's prosperous condition was brought about by the policy followed by the Dominion Government, viz.—that of protecting home industry against foreign labor. He did not see what more could be done, though it was certainly a pity that any persons willing to work should be unable to earn a living.

*The London Advertiser* being next called upon said he did not wish to open a controversy with his friend *The Empire*, but he thought it only right to remark in passing that the United States, where distress was so very marked at present, was under a policy identical with that of Canada. Why were not like results produced? As to the question before the meeting it was certainly strange that so many people should be begging in vain for work, when, on the other hand, there was so much work that required to be done. There was evidently a screw loose somewhere.

*The Hamilton Spectator* said he had done a good deal of thinking over this matter of late, and his conclusion was that it was altogether a very queer thing that there should be so many thousands out of employment. Of course, it was only right to remember that many of these persons did not really want work, but, making all due allowance for these, it was unquestionable that much distress prevailed—especially in the columns of his Grit contemporaries.

*The Kingston Whig, Montreal Witness, Brantford*

*Expositor, Ottawa Citizen, London Free Press*, and other leading journals spoke to much the same effect, and there was a general desire for a few closing words from the chairman. MR. GRIP rose and said:

*Eminent and esteemed contemporaries*: You have spent this whole session in getting nowhere—merely stating the obvious fact of the prevailing distress, and of course regretting it in various forms of words. We met here to enquire what is the cause and what the cure of the condition which is patent to everybody. None of you have touched either point. Most of you do not know what the cause is, and those of you who know the cause are afraid to touch the cure. I will not detain you with any lengthened exposition at this late hour, but I just submit one sentence for your earnest consideration. The cause of the prevailing distress is monopoly—first of the earth itself, and then of certain franchises which naturally belong to the people, as those of railways, telegraphs, telephones, etc., and the cure like the complaint is a double one—the destruction of land monopoly by a tax on the rental value of land; and the nationalization of all business enterprises which are necessarily monopolies. Fellow journals, read, mark and learn the truth, and then tell it out regardless of consequences to your Parties.

The meeting then adjourned.

"HOLY SMOKE!" exclaimed Pat, when he saw the priest swinging the censor.

"I WAS towld to make yez stand 'round," said the Irish foreman to his gang. "an' the furest wan I see doin' a shstroke at work, he'll be bounced!"

SOMETHING that ought to be called down.—A speaking-tube.

"I'M completely stuck on you!" as the vessel said to the rock.



### SIMPLICITY.

The Government announces its intention to simplify the tariff, but it will pass the wit of statesmanship to make it as simple as the Workingman who believes in Protection.