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The Mayor and the Meeting.

The meeting called by the Mayor of Quebec in relation to the City affairs, if it has led to no material benefit in regard to those affairs, has established one fact. The powers vested in the Corporation are amply sufficient, for the direction of the City affairs; if they have been abused of by the Members of the Corporation, the fault is with the people in returning men unworthy of their confidence, and in those wise men who are to be engaged and manfully take the affairs of the City into their hands, endeavor by secret means, to misrepresent our condition, and bring our City into disrepute. Why did these persons not come forward at that meeting and show the people how they have been misled, they owed that explanation to them as a matter of gratitude, for the fortunes which they have wrong from the peoples toils. We all expected to hear some gentleman explain the causes of the ruin which has come upon us, but no, these persons evidently have no facts to back up their accusations, which we are fain to believe are mere machinations. If among the community there are men who think themselves capable of redeeming the City why do they not enter the Council and lay their views before the people. If they are sound, there is no danger but what they will be adopted. We believe that the affairs of the City, were not brought into the condition they are in at this moment, by the management of the part of the Corporation, but on the contrary, that they are caused by the apathy of our citizens and the unwillingness of some of the wealthier classes to contribute in the ratio of their profits to the advancement of the City in which they make those profits. It is simply humbugging the people, to make us cry against the Corporation, a means of political advancement, if such were not the intention those who felt themselves really aggrieved by the management of the Corporation, would have attended the meeting called by the Mayor, and exposed the Corporation. We can reckon among the most prominent Members of the Canadian Parliament men who at one time were Members of the Corporation, the Hon. C. Allyn, Hon. H. Langevin, Sir Narcisse Beaubien, as well as Messrs. Justice Curon, and Geo. O'Kill Stuart, Esquire, who are now no longer in Parliament. These men as well as many others whom we could name, were quite as intelligent as any who are now grumbling. We must not take the mere assertion of the *Journal* that the City is ruined, as a fact, for that paper on a more important question than our City affairs, has rendered itself notorious for its tergiversation, and the political career of its avowed Editor is no warrant of his infallibility. The Corporation are quite as respectable a body as a Commission of three would be, and there is nothing to prevent any man from entering that body, let those who think they could remedy our present evils, enter that body and take the affairs of the City, into their own hands, there is nothing in the world to prevent them from so doing, except it be their own unwillingness, to be disturbed in their comforts, for there is a good deal of labor attached to the position of a City Councillor.

MR. SPEAKER,

May I beg of you to appeal to that brother of yours to make less noise in the House, when people are speaking. He really has not the amount of brains, that he imagines he has, and it would be but an act of brotherly kindness on your part to stop him from making any further exhibition of himself.

Yours truly,

THEOPHY DOODLES.

Theatrical Notice.

At both the National Theatres the exciting play of Confederation or the "Union of the Colonies" has been performed to large houses. The Chief Characters were sustained by Messrs. Taché, Campbell and Ross, in one Theatre opposed by Messrs. Smithson and LeTellier, who personated the blood thirsty opposers. Their performance was brought to a close on Monday evening in a manner most satisfactory. In the assembly itself, the Chief characters, were supported by Messrs. MacDonald, Galt, Brown and Carter, with Messrs. Macdonald, Dunkin, Hutton Wallbridge, J. C. as the blood thirsty opposers of right. On the whole this performance, has not been as creditably performed as in the other place of amusement. There is a rumor that Messrs. Dunkin and Wallbridge intended converting it into a burlesque. Mr. Dunkin to perform the gabbling Pantaloon with Mr. Wallbridge as Clown, there is some difficulty as to a Harlequin as Mr. Holton is not quite nimble enough for the Character.

Personal.

JOS. DUPRESNE, is now preparing a "heavy" speech which is to close the argument on Confederation—Our devil says it will be a heavy speech.

We are still bored with the question of Confederation; when will the debate be ended; It is of very little use to continue debating a subject, on which there is a determination to throw no light. We are quietly informed that the powers to be vested in the Local Legislatures, will be explained to the House when the proposed plan of Confederation is adopted. Why not explain so important a matter at once?

We no of nothing which so well illustrates, political probity as the coalition between McDonald, Brown and Cartier. Really these gentlemen ought to be proud of themselves.

On dit.

It is currently rumored that a partnership is about to be entered into between Douglas and Clarke, the Editors of the *Montreal* and *True Witness*. Strange if true.

Heroic.

THE HON. J..... —Rose. Says, he is prepared to die, at any moment, in defense of Canada, such heroism is commendable; but we must remark, that there is no question of war at the present moment, unless such terms about the defense of Canada, as he gratuitously retailed to us in his speech on Confederation tend to trouble. The power in war, should not be made the basis upon which Confederation is to rest, it should rather be shown that it is formed, with a view of peacefully opening out our country, and bringing the subjects of Her Majesty in these colonies, in closer allegiance; in fact, that it is to consolidate the races. Prove this and Confederation is granted.

POLITICAL LENACY is thoroughly illustrated by the Government at Washington, we are afraid the disease is contagious.

Hold-on.

We are informed that several persons found the last number of the *Saw*, not spicy enough, perhaps in time we may make it suit the public taste. Our motto is truth, not scurrility; we deal with public not with private characters. The publishers name is given.

A Fact.

It is astonishing with what little wisdom Canada is governed. An attentive listener to the debates since Parliament has opened would be fully satisfied that the epithet *great* can only be bestowed upon the size of our man, and can in now way be applied to their powers of comprehension.

Not a tea Party.

"Here we are" said Jones of Canonto to his friend, as they seated themselves round the center-table of a well known room on the first flat of the House of Parliament.

What will you have? Friend (Sherry). Jones (Sherry)—Ah! I see you are a wise man, I have resolved, never while the heavy responsibility, which rests upon me, of being a representative of Parliament, to drink anything stronger than Sherry. (rings bell). Boy two sherry's.

Sherry arrives—Friend—who is no other than one of the gentleman who are now drilling the Members. Says "Mr. Jones permit me in pledging you in this wine to state, that I am positive that under your command the "Bloody oath", will never bring discredit on the English army, no Sir I behold in you the making of a noble general, that martial air of yours indicates the stuff from which our best men are made."

Jones (ringing violently) Boy! Boy! Bring a bottle of champagne. This was too much for Jones. As the night advanced the party increased, the conversation was principally on military valor; we regret that we could not stay up until the breaking up of the spree which terminated at 3 A. M.

Grand Concert.

PART I.

- THE ROGUES MARCH, Hon. J. A.
- SELECTION FROM THE BRIGGANS OPERA, Orchestra.
- THE NEEDY KNIFE GRINDER, Ford Jones.
- EN ROULANT LA BOULE, (duo), Cartier.
- THE LAMENT OF THE GREEN GROCER, (comic), Hon. Howland.
- HOOP-DE-DOODLE-DO, (Bango Solo), Bill Powell.
- THE HEART BOWED DOWN, Hon. Geo. Brown.

PART II.

- I'M A YOUNG MAN FROM THE COUNTRY, (In character), Hon. McDougall.
 - BOMBING AROUND, Mr. Jones, (Canonto).
 - THE COVE VOT SPOUTS, M. C. Cameron.
 - AMOUR SACRÉ DE LA PATRIE, Hon. Langevin.
 - WE'LL ALL DRINK STONE BLIND, by the Hon. the Ministers.
- This Concerts will shortly take place, due notice will be given of time and place.