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Cartoon Comments.

LEADING CARTOON.—The tone of assurance
 in which the *Globe* announces the intention of
 the Government to bring on the general elec-
 tion immediately after the present session, con-
 vinces us that its "unquestionable authority"
 for the statement can be no other than the
 Premier himself. Indeed the *Globe* itself de-
 clares that in making the announcement it has
 done the work of a regular government organ.
 The *Mail* would have a right to feel cut had
 Sir John seen fit to make his confidential com-
 munication to a paper belonging to the Op-
 position, but as it is there is no cause for com-
 plaint, as the *Globe* some time ago declared
 itself to be the organ of no party. The Premier
 deserves credit for using the Independent press
 on great State occasions like this—that is if he
 did really authorize Mr. Brown's paper to make
 the announcement.

FRONT PAGE.—For appropriate comments on
 the subject of "Spring Openings" our readers
 are referred to the ladies who do the shopping
 this month, and for ornamental variations on
 their comments, apply to the heads of the
 households who furnish the purses.

EIGHTH PAGE.—This cartoon, which we copy
 from London *Funny Folks*, sets forth the
Closure question exactly. Gladstone's measure
 is intended to "smooth the way," and the
 state of the road makes it absolutely necessary.
 No amount of howling and yelling on the part
 of the "dogged" Opposition will make the
 country believe the traction engine to be a
 foreign monster.

**Grip Printing and Publishing
 Company.**

The inaugural meeting of the Board of
 Directors of this Company was held on Tues-
 day, the 7th inst., for the organization of the
 Company. The charter of incorporation, granted
 under the Joint Stock Companies' Act, was
 read. The Directors were all present, namely,
 J. L. Morrison, Geo. Clarke, J. W. Bengough, S.
 J. Moore, and Thomas Bengough. Mr. Morri-
 son was elected President and Mr. Moore sec-
 retary of the Provisional Board. A number of
 By-laws regulating the affairs of the Company
 were adopted, and arrangements were made for
 taking over the business of Messrs. Bengough,
 Moore & Bengough. The Secretary reported
 that stock to the amount of nearly \$28,000 had
 been subscribed, and it was decided to make
 calls according to terms of prospectus. Mr. J.
 W. Bengough was appointed editor of *Grip*,
 with sole literary and artistic control of the
 paper. Mr. Moore was appointed Manager,
 and the Quebec Bank, Bankers for the Com-
 pany.

The first annual general meeting of the
 shareholders will be held in Toronto, on Friday,
 21st of April next, timely notice of which will
 be given through the press.



A "SOFT MONEY" FABLE.

One day as an able Finance Minister was
 walking abroad, he came across a poor man
 who was laboring upon a public work.

"Well, William" said the Minister in a pleas-
 ant voice, "and how are you getting along?"

"I am doing good solid work, sir," replied
 William, "every stroke of my pick enriches the
 country."

"True," responded the Finance Minister,
 "and I hope it is also enriching yourself."

"Well, sir, I regret to say it is not," replied
 William sadly. "I was paid my wages for last
 month in bank bills, and on presenting them to
 my grocer, I was informed that the bank had
 just broken, so that I lost all my wages, though
 the country received the full results of my
 labor."

"That was very sad indeed!" remarked the
 Finance Minister, with deep sympathy. "Let
 us hope you will have better luck next month!"

"Thank you, sir," responded William "but
 it would suit me still better if you made some
 arrangement by which labor would be paid for
 in some medium more sure and certain than
 bank notes. What's the reason I couldn't be
 paid in Dominion notes, with the security of the
 whole country to back them?"

The Finance Minister looked very thoughtful
 indeed, and walked slowly away without answer-
 ing the question.



A far greater audience would have assembled
 at the Grand Opera House on the occasion of
 Mrs. Owen Flint's entertainment, if the music-
 loving citizens of Toronto had been familiar
 with the name of Miss Nora Clench, which in
 the advertisements was modestly given in sub-
 dued type. This young lady—or rather little
 girl, for she is only about thirteen years of age,
 is a marvellous performer on the violin. She
 is a daughter of Mr. Clench, barrister, of St.
 Marys, who is himself a good violinist. Miss
 Nora has had the advantage of tuition under
 some of the best teachers available, amongst
 them being Remenyi, who is enthusiastically
 proud of her genius, and considers her an or-
 nament to the Dominion. Her playing is dis-
 tinguished for purity and depth of feeling, and
 has a large measure of that peculiar quality
 which marks the performance of the great Hun-
 garian violinist. We hope this gifted young
 Canadian may visit Toronto again shortly,
 when we feel sure she will receive a welcome
 such as she deserves.

At the Royal, Mr. Herndon and Company
 are playing a round of popular pieces, amongst
 them being *Rip Van Winkle* and *Touffles*. The
 audiences have not been so large as the perfor-
 mances deserved, though it is safe to predict a
 rousing house for the regular Saturday matinee.

Editor "Passing Show."

Sir,—Don't you think it would be a good
 idea for the proprietors of our two Opera
 Houses to pool their interests, and give us just
 one first-class theatre at popular prices of ad-
 mission—say 75c., 50c., and 25c., according to
 position. We venture to say it would be mone-
 y in the pockets of both gentlemen, and if I mis-
 take not it's money they're after.—Yours,
 AN OLD STAGER.

Toronto, Mar. 7.

Conceive him if you can.

Professor Daniel Wilson, President of Uni-
 versity College, has refused certain young lady
 undergraduates of the University admittance
 to lectures in the College, on the ground that
 it would interfere with the discipline of the
 institution. One of these young ladies, an un-
 dergraduate of the third year, with high stand-
 ing in first-class honours in Classics, has applied
 for and been admitted to lectures at Queen's
 College, Kingston, whose liberal-minded Prin-
 cipal, Dr. Grant, in sympathy with the practice
 of some eminent American and German Uni-
 versities, sees no very alarming impropriety in
 the attendance of young ladies at the regular
 lectures of the College.

Conceive him if you can,
 This matter of fact old Dan,
 With his notions antique,
 And his masculine pique,
 This girl's bete noir old Dan,
 Who won't let them learn,
 In our College halls stern,
 Because of the awful,
 Outrageous, unlawful
 Results he can discern,
 Of such a modern plan,
 This behind the times old Dan,
 This very dogmatic, by no means Quixotic,
 Not very co-education Dan!

CUBERS.

The offer of \$5,000 to the inventor of a
 "humane cattle-car" has brought out 700
 models, none of which come up to the mark,
 however. What seems to be wanted is a car
 carpeted with Wilton, furnished with mirrors,
 and roomy enough so that all the old cows can
 have lower berths.