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Comments on the Cartoons.



THE ROARING FARCE.—After an all-night debate the Grand Orange Lodge in session at Goderich, passed, by a slim majority, a series of resolutions in which the action of the Protestant members of Parliament (especially those of them who were Orangemen) in voting against O'Brien's resolution, was condemned. The clause in brackets was subsequently omitted, out of deference to the lacerated feelings of worthy Brothers Sir John, Howell, Rykert, Haggert, *et al.* Beyond this verbal condemnation—which was thus afterwards robbed of its sting—the Grand Lodge voted \$1,000 to the funds of the Citizens' Committee, and—that was all. It made no emphatic declaration in favor of the disallowance

of the Bill, and it uttered no advice to its members to hereafter repudiate the leadership of politicians who had betrayed and disgraced the Order. The outcome was plainly a triumph for the Tory machine, which was represented in the Lodge by a strong delegation. The very fact of the debate lasting all night proves that the supreme object in view was to shield the Government. On grounds of Orange principle alone, there was no occasion for any debate whatever. It now remains for the rank and file to administer the rebuke which the political managers in the Grand Lodge deserve, and if they fail to do it they become parties to their own degradation. The hullabaloo at Goderich was the old minstrel farce in which the well-padded comedian is severely pounded (upon the pad) with a split club, the result being a terrific racket—and that only.

IN FOR A DRENCHING.—Day by day the storm of public indignation against the Jesuit Act grows fiercer. From all parts of the Province come reports of meetings of citizens, lodges, conferences, etc. etc., at which resolutions are passed expressing unqualified condemnation of the action of the Parliamentary majority. The leaders of the Grit party probably begin to apprehend now that all this public turmoil means something. They find that the people will not accept their pettifoggling plea of Provincial Rights as a justification for their betrayal of the general interests of the Dominion, and that they are "in for it" when next they face the country.



HE "Culross Poet" is probably known by reputation to our cultured readers. Like Homer, Shakespeare, and a few other bards of good standing, he is enveloped in some obscurity as to his personality. We do not know precisely what town or village claims him for a citizen—but most likely he lives somewhere in the township whose name he has made immortal. It is enough to be sure that he is one of our native poets, and while he continues to enjoy the divine afflatus, we see no reason to despair of Canadian Literature. These remarks are by way of preface to the following little gem which the Poet has "written for the Toronto GRIP." Aside from its intrinsic literary merit, the verse has an historic value for the future biographer, in throwing some light on the political leanings of the distinguished author:

SIR JOHN'S EPITAPH.

Here lies Sir John, Premier of late,
He died and went to Heaven's gate;
Gabriel met him with a club,
And knocked him back to Beelzebub.

SPEAKING of Sir John reminds us that that very great statesman was last week invested with the honorary degree of LL.D. by the University of Toronto. Thus is political virtue rewarded. In some countries, Universities entrusted with the power of decorating people with alphabetical baubles are not very particular as to the selections they make. They have been known to thus honor men who had shown a bad political example to the youth of the country by popularizing bribery, corruption, gerrymandering, etc., and in one or two instances statesmen who have even truckled to the Jesuits have received degrees. We are glad to observe that our Canadian University displays no such laxity, and reserves its honors exclusively for those who have been a benefit and a blessing to the commonwealth.

HON. OLIVER MOWAT and Mr. Meredith were also decorated on the same occasion for eminent services to the country. The LL.D. in Mr. Mowat's case signifies that he is an adept at Doctoring the Laws and Languages of the Eastern Ontario schools.

"WHY should we give a cent at all? Vote it down!" This is what Ald. Denison is reported to have said upon the motion of Ald. Fleming to send \$5,000 to the Johnstown sufferers. The words are simply brutal, and disgrace both their author and the Council in which he sits. The people of the United States are well able—and more than willing—to accord all necessary assistance to their afflicted fellow-citizens without outside help, true