

God and man.

About the same time, a small Methodist congregation which had assembled on Dundas Street, about a mile south of the village, was removed to Davenport Road, near Carlton Station, by the exertions of George Cooper, Esq., its original founder. It was afterwards taken in charge by the Rev. Jonathon Scott and the Rev. D. Wood, both men of eminent position in the Methodist body.

#### George Brown and his "Grit" Globe

When George Brown became editor of the Globe (1844?) it was not long before we of the newspaper press became aware that the system upon which the new journalist meant to conduct his paper was the astute denial of all inconvenient truth, the exciting of religious antipathies by any and every means possible for his own purposes, and the throwing overboard of one set of allies as soon as another and a more profitable set were to be found. When some time afterwards, I was myself editing the Daily Colonist, it was a regular part of my duty to explore, year by year, the fables in the shape of history that were unblushingly woven into the Globe's annual summary of "Current Events".

Mr. Peter Brown was much better liked. I did him a small service on one occasion, which he did not forget, and we often met in friendly gossip. One day, I was pointing out to him some misstatement in that morning's Globe. He replied, with his customary shy twinkle of the eyelid, "Ou aye, Geordie's vara economical o' the truth!"

#### Insobriety in High Places

To write a faithful record of the history of either England or Canada during this century without alluding to the widespread habit among public men of indulging in champagne and still more intoxicating liquors to excess would be simply an impossibility. In Canada, in the early days, whiskey ruled supreme. How many young men of amiable dispositions and good abilities have I seen sent to the grave from the effects of strong drink in early life, utterly lost to all sense of religion or morality, and deserted by even their dissolute companions. In the years 1853 to 1860, when the Victoria Bridge and the Grand Trunk Railway were under construction, great numbers of English railway men were brought out - fine handsome fellows generally, but given much to strong beer in excess. Speaking on the subject to one of the section men on the road, he said that so much was the case, that scarcely an employee of the company was free from habits of intoxication, which was the cause of frequent railway accidents.

Mixing as I was compelled to do, with judges, ministers of the crown and public men of all sorts, I could not fail to be aware of what was taking place. County members of the legislature - men of good principles and highly respected in their own localities - were carried away in the vortex. The refreshment rooms of the Houses in Toronto and Quebec too often witnessed disgraceful scenes of excess and even of obscenity, and few who frequented them escaped the contagion. Lobbying hangers-on from all parts of the two Provinces plied the members perpetually with champagne or brandy. The Ministers of the Crown, to do them justice, kept their senses about them as carefully as they could.