

hope he'll be so hoarse to-morrow that he can't speak above a whisper. Surely at last—

Shunted again! Chairman—confound him!—says:

"We will now have a few remarks from Mr. Blathers." Member of Committee whispers: "Sorry to give you the go-by old man, but you know Blathers is a doubtful man and we want to nail him." Nice way to treat a man, isn't it? Here I've been working for days to get up a real first-class address and I'm to stand aside for a bull-headed lout that hasn't got a single idea and can't speak a sentence without making the most frightful grammatical blunders—just because he's got "influence." Fancy that shambling, big-eared galoot having "influence!" Why, he hasn't even a decent suit of clothes!

Now the crowd are getting restless, and some of them are beginning to go out. No wonder! What self-respecting man would listen to a fellow who says: "Them men which has been sent to represent us has done many things they hadn't ought." Wonder if they expect me to stay and speak to empty benches! Apparently not, for Committee man whispers to me: "We'll have to bring the meeting to a close. Will you move a vote of thanks to the chairman?" No indeed! I'll see him—! Why, I call that adding insult to injury!

I shall vote for Maclean. I don't agree with his politics, of course, but after all, the Tories have more sense than to put up a lot of blathering nincompoops and half-baked ignoramuses to talk, and keep men of brains and intelligence in the background. I've no use for any such party.

### ALL IN DUE FORM.

A CANDIDATE'S SUSPENSE RELIEVED AFTER FIVE DAYS WEARY WAITING.

THE following correspondence explains itself:

#### DUPLICATE RETURNS FOR EACH CANDIDATE.

By virtue of a Writ of Election for the Electoral District of the City of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario and Dominion of Canada, dated the ninth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, to me directed, I hereby declare Nelson Gordon Bigelow, Esquire, duly returned to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario for the said Electoral District of the City of Toronto.

As witness my Hand and Seal this fifth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two.

PETER RYAN [L.S.]  
Returning Officer.

To PHILLIPS THOMPSON, ESQ., Toronto.

TORONTO, May 5, 1892.

PETER RYAN, ESQ., Returning Officer.

DEAR SIR,—

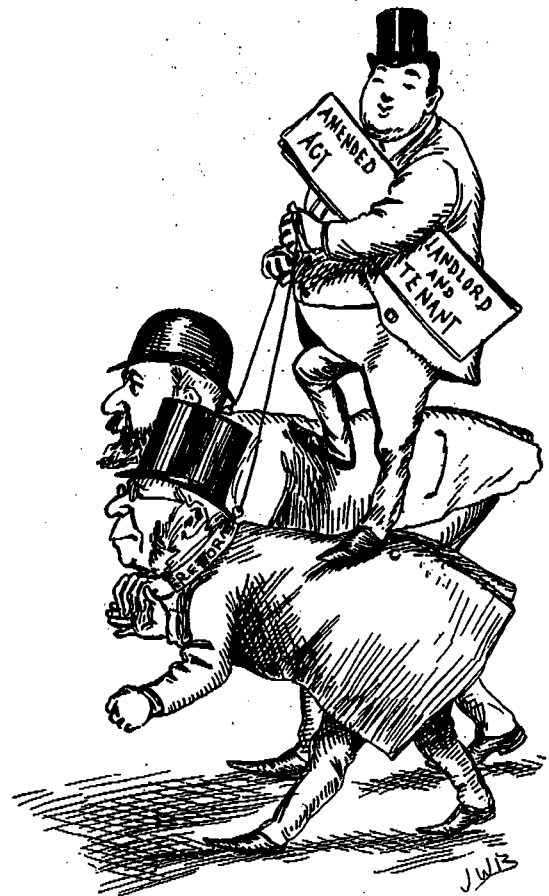
Vours of to-day duly received. Many thanks for your kindness in taking the trouble to relieve my suspense as to the result of last Friday's contest. The announcement that Mr. Bigelow has been elected was not altogether unexpected, as some rumors to that effect have been in circulation. It is, however, always more satisfactory to learn the cold unpleasant truth in these matters at the earliest possible moment, than to continue cherishing expectations which in the end prove unfounded.

I trust that you have by this time also broken the tidings as delicately as possible to my fellow-unfortunates, Messrs. Kent and Macdonald. I am sure that your words of cheer and sympathy in this hour of affliction will tend to lighten the blow and assuage despondency. For myself I am pleased to have this evidence that even the stern duties and responsibilities of official life cannot altogether eliminate from the human breast those kindly emotions and love for our fellows which tend to uplift humanity and strew flowrets, as it were, along life's rugged and ungranolithic pathway.

I trust you will pardon the suggestion that you might communicate the result to the newspapers, as it is quite likely that others in addition to the candidates may feel some slight degree of interest in the matter.

Yours truly,

PHILLIPS THOMPSON.



THEY BOTH SUPPORT THE LANDLORD.

### OH! VIVE L'AMOUR!

THE City Council propose to await the decision of experts who have been sent to investigate the Love system in Chicago, before deciding with regard to the street railway motor. The *Mail* points out that "it remains to be seen whether the action of the Love system will be effective after the wear and tear of years." Judging from the evil notoriety which Chicago has obtained in the matter of divorce, its Love system must be radically defective. "Let Love through all your actions run" is a good motto, but we don't want it exemplified by a series of actions against the city.

### TOO PREVIOUS.

FAIR CANVASSER—"I have called, sir, to ask you for a contribution to Foreign Missions."

POLITICIAN—"Why, my dear lady, don't you think it a little premature. No use talking about Foreign Missions till Canada gets the right to make her own treaties."

### BOTH WRONG.

PLUGWINCH—"Which is right—'Your vote and interest is requested for Ald. Leslie,' or 'Your vote and interest are requested for Ald. Leslie?'"

BORAX—"Both wrong. It's wrong to ask votes for any such man; no matter how you put it."