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## Some of Mr. Finnen's Ideas.

Sir,—I'd a discourse wid Tim anit his visit to the state of Govern-ment, and was tinkin you might be pliz'd to hear it.

It's good to see ye, Tim, siz I; sure you're none the worse for your trip to Ottawa, harrin it might be a little savy impression about the eye.

Faith, Mick, siz he, but it's a great place intirely for divilments and de-viations.

Do ye mean to say ye was at the ball wid the mimbres? siz I.

In coorse, I do, siz he, and the ball was niver bair for the illigance, the sup, and the jollification by the list wate that iver was in ould Ire-land.

The mimbres were at their best, I'm tinkin, siz I.

You may say that for many of them, Mick, siz he; wid the list of talents for a break-down, wid plenty of champagne to the fore.

The Governor General was bair intirely wid the janus of the mimbres for the furnishing of impty bottles for the faste.

I'd be tinkin, siz I, wid the stame up, the mimbres would astonish the ould countee imperials.

You may say that, siz Tim, but when the creatures got hater up to high Canadian civilization, they were partitioned off from the rist, and lift to their own peculiar dimon-ustations.

You should see the mimbres, illivated to the honor of a separate devation hall, and installed at their eye.

Leap frog, mimbres peg, burly brier, heels over head, boxing tilts, horse traders, watch swops, randy green horns, cat calls, and iver other divilments, the high talents and great experience of the mimbres could invint or call to mind were in order.

Faith, siz I, but they're rare ould game ones for mimbres of Parliam-ent.

You should see for yourself, Mick, siz he; you'd niver believe in the agility of the ould chaps till then.

It's a fine display of legislative feagery to see a round, dapper little mimbres jump a ponderous Sinitor at leap frog; but that's nothing to see the ponderous dignified Sinitor (with double vision) attempting the same feat wid the little mimbres.

His botheration wid the seeing would generally direct his honor, like a battering ram against the stern posts of the little mimbres upholding him intirely, and having a place for the burly ould Sinitor to roll over on his beam ends at his convenience.

Then more serious collisions at this time honored game, and not a few of the mimbres will need a dale of re-pairs. I'm tinkin Mr. Tilley will have to add a few thousands to the fortunes.

It may be, though that he does not join such sessions, he will have the mimbres to pay their own expenses and repair damages.

Faith! siz I; but they're a musical lot of ould game.

Is it musical, siz Tim. You should hear the chorin "We went go home till morning," &c.

Sure, Tim, siz I. They should be a hardy set of gamines to stand day and night sessions wid so little damage.

You would think that, Mick, siz he, say I to you, if you could see them droop to sleep on a snow bank, an early morning, wid the thermometer at zero, and come to their breakfast, sobered wid a bottle of Cognac, you'd niver know the difference.

Tim, siz I, you might say they're all of 'em the same heavy ould Bucks?

No, faith, siz Tim, there's a dale of 'em that niver bother their heads wid these jolly night sessions, but just stick to temperance and hard work.

MICK FINNEN.

## The Railway Tax in Elgin, A. C.

Sir,—The decision of the Supreme Court at Fredericton in connection with the Petitedale and Elgin Branch Railway Bonds, has caused much talk in Elgin and revived in many the old fear that the parish will yet have to pay that unfair and unjust tax.

Now, to a person unacquainted with the way in which the Company have cheated and defrauded the parish of Elgin, it might appear that the people should pay that (which it is said they once promised to pay). It is true that once there were found in a ballot box a small majority of votes in favor of the parish paying some \$13,000 to assist put the rolling stock on the then proposed branch. In order to induce the people to tax themselves, all sorts of inducements were held forth.

A pamphlet was written by the President of the Company and others, in which were painted in beautiful colors the benefits of a branch, and distributed there through the parish. The people were told that all depend on them, and that it was now or never; that the Local Govern-ment had offered \$5,000 per mile and the Dominion Government had offered to furnish the rails; that the company had subscribed some \$10,000 to assist put on the rolling stock; if these offers were not accepted they would never be given; that a man stood ready to contract the road for the \$5,000 subsidy per mile with the rails found; and now all that remained to be done was to have a railway by taking \$13,000 stock in the company to assist put on the rolling stock.

Now after a majority of votes were found in favor of the parish assisting the Company at once contracting with a Mr. Hallett for the construc-tion of the road. What Mr. Hallett

received, is something I do not know yet. Previous to the vote the people were told it would be built for the amount given by the Govern-ment. Perhaps Mr. Hallett got less than that, as the company might want a little ready pocket money.

But let this be. It may, some \$65,000 or \$70,000 (I do not here include the rails) of the people's money was wasted in constructing one of the most shameful of a thing that ever disgraced the name of a railway, and yet before the crooked thing was even completed, the com-pany leased or gave the road to Mr. Hallett for 99 years. For what? For nothing! Not a single cent in return for over \$100,000 of the people's money given away for 99 years!

That is if Mr. Hallett does not see fit to remain after the engine and cars are worn out, station house tumbled down, the sleepers rotted, the rails worn out, the lumber all out of the parish, and everything worn out so that the road does not pay working expenses! Then, Mr. Hal-let, if he chooses, can go away whistling "paddle your own canoe."

Clever little Company! that they are not content with having given away to a stranger more than \$100,000, they want more, while they them-selves have not paid one single cent of the stock they subscribed! Now is not the parish cheated? They should have had a branch of railway where in reality there is none, and the thing that is owned by another man who runs it when he likes and charges what he pleases. Is it fair that the people of Elgin should be taxed to buy cars and engines for Mr. Hallett to have as his own, and when worn out in his service to go away if he chooses and leave nothing to the people; is it any wonder that nine-tenths of the people of the parish say that the tax is unfair and dishonest? that they will not pay it until they get the railway as they were promised it? Now, what in-duced the company to give the road away? was it because they were ashamed of the thing? Well, I do not think so; my opinion is, and I believe I am not alone in such an opinion, that the company gave Mr. Hallett the road as his share, and he found his own engines, cars, &c., and they themselves retained the parish bonds as their own share of the game. The people are indignant and protest loudly against paying anything so unfair. It is not fair to suppose that nine-tenths of the people of Elgin are rogues and the Court should consider the matter fairly before deciding against the people.

Yours, etc., A. G. Elgin, February 26, 1879.

## Elginism.

DEAR MR. EDITOR.—The hard times are felt here this winter, as well as in other places; but I think that every other place which have visited, of late, feel the depression more than Elgin. This, I believe, is largely owing to the enterprise which is being carried on by Messrs. Hallett & Bright, who have erected a

NEW SPILL FACTORY on the site of the one which was burned last December, and who have given employment to a great many men and teams, and in the work of rebuilding the factory, but, also, in cutting and drawing spoil wood, of which they have out about 800 cords. The new factory is much larger and handsomer than the old one, and, also, into the dry-house where it is of great service in preparing the wood for immediate use.

When everything is completed (which will be in about a month) they expect to have, in addition to the saw, 20 spool machines in operation. Already one set of saws are running, and there are a number of men employed in setting up machines.

MR. C. A. HALLETT, of the company, has just returned from Great Britain, where he has been spending some time in the interests of the business; he is looking well after a double trip across the Atlantic in winter.

ROWDISM. This element has not entirely vanished yet. For one evening after the Revival meetings which were being held by the Rev. Eliza Cory, some of the congregation took an old horse, belonging to a poor widow woman, and immersed him in a large brook which runs through the village. These parties claim that their motive was pure, viz. to see what effect it would have. The old dip came near causing the horse to give up the ghost, in which case the experiment might have been costly.

"Spirits"—Since their Raid in November

have been very gentle here until a very short time ago, when there were some more very powerful demonstrations among the members of the family whose house was at-tracted at that time. This time the "spirits" were not kind and loving as before, but rather the reverse, though

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They first effected the taking of the family, especially of the "old man's" two sons, causing them to eat each other some very plain truths about their indolence and bad conduct, and interspersing these statements with many

FAMILIAR QUOTATIONS. Then they seemed to effect the nervous systems of these two young champions causing their feet to fly about somewhat, and being at the time, in very close proximity they happened to bruise each other's faces and ribs considerably; while the lady members spoke with much power and energy. What the end of these things will be, time alone can tell.

If I should have the pleasure to visit this beautiful place during the coming spring, or summer, I hope to, I will try to send you another item.

## More School Troubles.

MR. EDITOR.—I see by your paper that District No. 5, Botsford, has not been fairly dealt with by its Trustees, and No. 2, twice I, Sackville, can complain as well, when it had on hand \$98.97 for the year 1877, and the expenses of that year were \$96.48 leaving, as will seen, a balance of \$2.49; but Trustees hired \$19 and some cents, to most ex-penses of said year. They would insist that the Auditor was wrong in stating that there was a balance, without hiring any money; and when he showed them that there was a County Draft of \$15 that had been received and not credited, he was told that they had paid it to the Teacher for 1877, and that crediting it made no difference; reminding me of the Irishman, who found a Government blanket, and rolling it up, put it under his arm, and walked off say-ing: "Yas, that's mine—U, for Patrick, and S. for McCarly; he me soul, but this learnin's a fine thing, as me father would say; for if I hadn't any education I wouldn't have been after findin' me blanket."

They would only allow the Auditor to pay \$80 expenses he was threatened by the Secretary, who with an action brought against him and called anything but a gentleman by Secretary of '78. These are the men who are always advocating cheap Teachers; and crying out against those in the District who want good schools, good County Drafts, and fair play. Not wishing to trespass longer on you, and the readers of your widely circulated paper, at present, I would say that the letter from said District in Botsford, too nearly resembles Beech Hill, District, No. 10, Sackville.

Yours truly, A RATEPAYER.

## The Legislative Council.

To the Editor of the Post.

Sir,—I noticed an article in your last week's paper strongly favouring the abolishing of the Legislative Council of the Lower House of New Brunswick. To have an Upper House now in the place of the Legislative Council is like a plan for a few persons who want some Legislative positions, and what money they can get from the Treasury, for being men observing of the doings of a body of men in-vested with power to do the business of the country. The time ought not to be far distant when this Legisla-tive Council will go down and out to return no more. We ought also to do with a less number of men in the Lower House. Two members for the Assembly for Westmorland County is as good as four, will do the same business in hard times as well as good times. It is all non-sense having so large a number of men to do the local business for New Brunswick. Our population is small, the results is small. We do certainly need retrenchment in some form or other in politics, and to accomplish it will no doubt be difficult to do, as most of those of our Rulers are generally desirous of retaining their positions as long as it can be done.

Yours, &c., C.

## Enquiry Respecting Penitentiary.

MR. EDITOR.—As retrenchment and economy is the order of the day, now, I would like to ask how it is that the work supposed to have been done by the official in charge of the agricultural department of the Peni-tentiary farm in Dorchester has to be done by that official hiring help and paying for the same in kind and from the property under his charge? As I understand the same labor was paid for by the Government again, it being in his bills for 187- and 187-. How is it that over 200 loads of manure, which should have been sold out last year and the year before, are still lying at the barn, wasting away?

How is it that the ox team, which belongs to the Government, is often seen employed by private persons? Does the Government receive any remuneration for it, or does it go to fatten said official's pocket?

Will some more enlightened paper inform the readers of your paper as regards these things?

By giving the above space in your valuable column, you will greatly oblige, Yours, THOMAS RAMSAY. Beech Hill Road, March 4.

## The "Oatcliff" in a Storm.

MR. EDITOR.—I send you a brief account of a gale of wind we had during our voyage South, and judg-ing from what we witnessed after it had abated, what must have been the fate of some less fortunate and frail-er craft than the good brig "Oatcliff."

The storm began on Sunday night, January 20, and lasted about thirty-six hours, wind blowing a heavy gale from the S. E., ending W. N. W.; lat. 35° 40'; long. 65° 50'; W.; barometer 28.70.

We expected several times to have our decks swept, and we had to dis-pense with part of our deck-load in a hurry.

After the storm had abated we saw floating around us part of a mast, a hatchway, three cane-bottom chairs, one stool and some other cabin fur-niture, that we could not see plainly enough to describe. There was the body of a man also seen by one of the sailors.

By inserting the above in the CHICAGO POST, you may give some idea to the unfortunate vessel.

We arrived at this port on Sunday, after a voyage of 26 days, and with the exception of the storm, had a very pleasant voyage. F. HARRIS. Demerara, Feb. 11, 1879.

## Immigration.

There is a noticeable increase in the number of immigrant passengers and settlers arriving during the past year as compared with the two pre-ceeding years. The total number ar-riving was 40,032 against 35,285 the preceding year. Out of this number 29,807 have reported their intention of settling in Canada.

During the year 11,232 immigrants passed through Canada for the United States, an increase of 5,886 over the year 1877. These im-migrants were principally en route for the Western States.

The total cost of immigration, in-cluding all establishments in Can-ada, the United Kingdom, the Con-tinent of Europe and the United States, for the past year amounted to \$177,044.53 or \$5.94 per capita.

## A Duty on Human Corpses.

From London Truth.

Red-tapeism is not a plant special to these realms, and it thrives in Italian soil as well, if I am to be-lieve the ghastly story which is just reported from Naples. A family of well-to-do merchants of Toledo street had made, in their own carriage, the pilgrim of Monte Virgine, when, on coming back to town, they were hurried down over a precipice. No less than seven persons—father, mother, daughter and sons—lost their lives by the dreadful concurrence, their remains lying three days in the street before they were removed from the fatal spot and brought down to the city. Now, what do you think the gentry at the Otari did under the circumstances? They al-leged that whereas there was no re-spect for "human meat" on the list of duties, the seven corpses could not be allowed to enter the town gates except on the payment of the general duty on fresh meat! The relatives of the dead family ob-jected, and disputed the case; but it was of no use. They had to submit, and to pay down 350 lire for gaining admittance.

## The Mysterious Hotel Guest.

From the Detroit Post, Feb. 28.

Yesterday morning a well dressed man entered the room of the Russell House, and affixed his signature to the register. He wrote in a legible hand the words, "Milwaukee, Luhnzer Plutans." Mr. McCready, the clerk, glanced at the name, and noticing the unusual way in which it was written, turned his attention to the guest and saw that he was an Indian, apparently to the manor born. The clerk asked him if he would have a room, when to his sur-prise the red man grabbed his hat and strode to the office. And was not again seen. Later in the day a letter arrived at the hotel addressed "Russell House, Detroit, Mich.—an Indian letter." It was post-marked Saginaw, Mich., and was addressed to the top of the envelope were the words, "A tansoo narvateke ka na tansoo se ni in ton sava." The letter was opened and found to con-tain two sheets of closely written of the same description as that which appeared above. The amount of the letter belonged to the mysterious stranger.

FUNNY THINGS are often found in life insurance proposals. Here is one, who says he uses liquor "only in mince pie;" another wants his in-surance paid to "his legal sisters;" this one says his brother was "drowned in the Thames;" and another declares his occupation to be a "fater."

"Rare Ben Johnson" liked a hater.

This girl like the new song, "Put your arm round me boys." It sounds so much like, "Put your arm around me, boys."

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Our Minister's Wife.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 16, 1877.

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