

THE CANADIAN POLITICAL CATECHISM.

WHAT is meant by the State?
The people.

Who are the people? Those who have influence.

What are the others called?
The masses.

How are they distinguished from one another and classified? Those who have influence are seen at public balls and dinners, and are also called the rich. Are the others not seen anywhere? It is generally believed that great numbers of them can be seen, but nobody seems to notice them; they are also known as the "lower classes," and are called the "poor."

What do the rich save? Bonds.

Will bonds furnish food and clothing? Food and clothing can be had from those who make things, in exchange for interest on the bonds.

Are bonds ever paid? No; they are sometimes converted into other bonds bearing other names, but if they were paid it would be ruinous to the people at large, because interest would cease.

Are all the people at large? Only a minority; the others are not fit to be at large, because they give bonds, and pay interest on those their fathers gave.

Do they therefore live in bondage? Yes.

What is the whole duty of man? To get there.

Where? Into Parliament, and, if possible, into the Government.

What is the whole duty of the Government? To levy, collect, and expend the revenue.

Why is a revenue required? To support the Government.

How may one get into Parliament? By getting votes enough.

How are votes procured? By making promises of tariffs, railways, post-offices, bridges, etc., and sometimes by paying cash.

Could anyone keep all these promises? It is never necessary, as it may be shown that the other fellows prevented their being kept.

What is bribery? The act of buying votes at retail.

Is bribery fashionable? Only in cases where the other way cannot be adopted.

What is the other way? Buying a whole province or county at least.

What is a statesman? One who can get a good living without work.

Are all such called statesmen? No; if the living is small or not permanent, they are known as confidence men, cracksmen, sharps, crooks, and the like.

What is treason? Unfaithfulness to the State.

What is loyalty? It is a sort of worship.

How is it generally evinced? By wearing a piece of highly colored cloth and making much noise.

What is the chief difference between civilized and



IT CAN'T BE DONE.

PHOTOGRAPHER (to sitter)—"Now do try and look pleasant."

SUBJECT—"Impossible, sir. I am Sir Richard Cartwright."

uncivilized nations? The uncivilized nations are deficient in men of influence and jails, and have no poor-houses.

Who are of the most importance to the welfare of a country? The bone and sinew.

Who guide and aid the bone and sinew? The gifted speaker.

To do what? To elect the gifted speaker.

Does the gifted speaker aid the toiler to make things? No, the speaker has not the ability in mere matters of toil, and the toiler is only guided by his necessities.

Why do the opponents of yellow and green, respectively, object to their being worn? Because.

Why does the adversary insist on wearing the offensive color? Answer the same as last.

O. G. WHITTAKER.

ONLY A FEW OF THEM LEFT.

WELL, Skeesicks, how are you getting on with your scheme for bringing out a new paper?"

"Oh, so-so."

"Got your company organized?"

"Oh, yes."

"Lots of capital, eh?"

"No trouble at all about that, got more than we want."

"Got an office yet?"

"Yes, first-class."

"Presses and type ready."

"Oh, yes."

"Then why in thunder don't you start?"

"Well, the trouble is that we haven't been able to find any long-felt want."