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### "FIGHT THE MORMONS."

Just as everything seemed to be moving along in peaceful serenity among the Mormons and the public attitude flashed in a favorable light towards them, from the far-away east comes a report of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church and, among other things, an "overture" aimed directly at Cardston and the awful Mormons here. The germ of this "overture" was conceived in Alberta—not a thousand miles from Cardston either—and carefully transmitted to Montreal for incubation and hatching. By the time it reaches that little spot in the south-western part of the Province called "Cardston," it has completely covered the whole Dominion to say nothing of the trans-Atlantic messages and the Associated Press Dispatches which have gone the length and breadth of the great republic to the south. It is no easy matter to try and overtake it for like the rest of its kith and kin it travels a great deal faster than the truth. There is no particular need to try and overtake it either for the people generally place the proper tag of "misrepresentation," upon it and do not take this dope as seriously as they once did.

Only a few weeks ago, the great howl, from the same source was the lack of "Mormon Loyalty" and "Patriotism" and of their undesirability as citizens of Canada and settlers of the West. They failed miserably to "make good" on these charges, consequently they take an ecclesiastical "somersault" (It was "Dr. Somerville" the first time) and land "slap bang" upon the public school at Cardston. Such theological stunts are not out of the ordinary with religionists who find they are "up against it hard and fast."

The report states that, "The Synod of Alberta asked the Assembly to provide at Cardston a school for education of non-Mormon children. Mormonism is making itself so felt that in that place non-Mormon people cannot get a non-Mormon teacher in their schools. Only the Church coming to the relief of the situation can help the disadvantage to be overcome, as any movement would result in separate school squabbles." Please observe that a couple of months ago the government was importuned to take a hand in the matter but now they are asked to kindly take a side-step. It was owing to their request to have the Government take the matter up that Mr. Frank Oliver, the Honorable Minister of the Interior, ran counter with a whole host of their leaders. The program is changed and "spasm" number two puts on a new bill.

The next paragraph says: "The Presbytery of London overtured the Assembly as follows: 'In view of the correspondence which has appeared in the public press respecting the Mormon question, we, the presbytery of London, respectfully overture the General Assembly as follows: Whereas the presence of the Mormon element in the Northwest is a serious menace to the morals of our land, and whereas the people of the United States have for years suffered very seriously from the same element, this presbytery overtures the General Assembly to take such action as will arouse the whole church to the peril of those parts of the Dominion effected; and at the same time approach the other branches of the Christian church in Canada with a view to taking joint action in the matter.' The overture was adopted." This, in the main, was the "overture" and the Band played on.

After reading the above is there any living man who dares to assert that union of the Christian churches is an impossibility? Can you not see that THE MORMONS ON TOAST will bring all sects harmoniously together for this dogmatic barbecue? It

reminds us of the dedication of a Baptist church down in Tennessee. There was a large debt overhanging the edifice at the time of its completion and the dedicatory services were to have a dual end—first to make a big collection for the liquidation of the building expenses and secondly to attend to the ceremony of setting it apart for the purpose for which it had been erected. The hour for the opening of the meeting was fast approaching and the preacher had already seated himself behind the pulpit. The bon ton and professional people and business men of the town were there. Every available seat was taken and from a commercial standpoint the prospects were glorious. One of the aged deacons nudged the pastor and remarked, "I see a lot of saloon keepers down there. They are pretty good fellows and will donate generously if you don't get them mad by telling of drunkards in hell and the most damnable sin of dispensing strong drinks. Treat them right and they will fill up the plate." Before the good shepherd could mentally re-arrange his discourse so as not to include the "bar men" among the "wicked ones," another faithful son of the new church called his attention to the fact that there were a number of Presbyterians present and he "reckoned" that it wouldn't be profitable to lay it on about the "election of infants" and "predestination." The divine was beginning to wonder where he would get off at when a third officer of the fold reminded him of a "heap of Methodists" who would contribute "right smart" if he left "baptism to the wish of the convert" and kept mum about the particular mode. The man of the pulpit threw up his hands and exclaimed: "You have robbed me of all my plunder and left me nothing to say. What am I going to do?" The deacons were ready with an answer and, with one voice, they cried, "OH, THAT'S DEAD EASY, JUST FIGHT THE MORMONS AND YOU'LL TICKLE THE WHOLE BUNCH." The preacher did as he was directed and it is needless to say that his contributions more than covered the indebtedness of the church. This is the one thing and the one way in which they can all unite. It is in this way that the General Assembly hope to unite all the branches of the Christian Church in Canada and there is not the least reason to doubt but what they will succeed. They are perfectly welcome to their combine—TRUSTS ARE THE FAD OF THE AGE. Be it said to the credit of the General Assembly that they are the first to devise the only really practical solution of this much talked of Church Union. Of course it will require the unification of all the branches of the Christian church to crush about 6,000 poor Mormons out in the North West! Canada has about 7,000,000 people and it only stands to reason that 6,000 (of which 50 per cent. are under eight years of age) are in a splendid position to usurp the Nations' authority and taint her good name and honor! We are a little afraid that those of Mormon-eating propensities will hardly enjoy a square meal with so few to be dished up. However, we shall try and satisfy them to the best of our ability and with all the marrow of our bones. The miracle of the "loaves and fishes" will sink into oblivion alongside this supernatural Mormon Feast. Just to make one or two gentle reminders in conclusion. For eighteen years there was not a Mormon School-teacher in Cardston. The Mormon children were educated by non-Mormon tutors and, in some instances, it was found that these teachers not only misrepresented the Mormon faith and sneered at its teachings but also took occasion to malign and traduce its leaders. Did the Alberta synod or any other "synod" register a kick about that? While it is stated that the "non-Mormon people cannot get a non-Mormon teacher" the falsity of the statement is best revealed in the fact that there is a non-Mormon teacher in the Cardston Public School and also that she has charge of the pupils at that peculiar and tender age when religious impressions are said to be permanently formed. At the town of Magrath where there is larger per cent. of Mormons than at Cardston, there are three non-Mormon teachers. Raymond, the largest of all Mormon towns, has all non-Mormon teachers. Will the Alberta synod or the general Assembly tell us what the United States has "suffered" from the Mormons or would they like to hear what the Mormons

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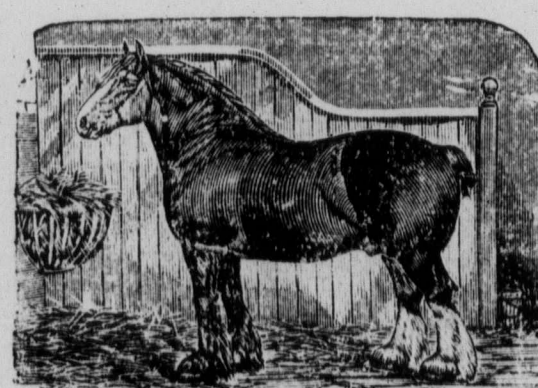
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on Friday.

Mr. Steve Dudley  
was in town on Saturday.

Mr. O. E. Bates left  
for Lethbridge.

D. E. Harris Jr. was  
bridge the early part of

Mr. A. Cazier came  
day from Maple Creek.

George M. Cannon  
Lake City on Monday.

Senator DeVeber was  
for a few hours on Wed-

Baseball Gloves, Mitts  
Balls at Burton's Variety

D. E. Harris Jr. was  
Wednesday from

Mr. Hanson of the  
Lumber Company came

Wednesday.

Cut down your weed  
them. Don't wait until

Mrs. John Powells  
mond is visiting with

Mrs. J. T. Scott.

George M. Cannon  
City came in on

Raymond.

It is expected that  
Lights will be turned

Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John  
turned to their home

the early part of the

Mr. Victor Spence  
home last Friday. He

performing Homestead  
High River.

Miss McCaig of  
spent Friday and

town the guest of Mr.  
William Laurie.

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good time on Dominion

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hold-up games!

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season was given by

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Hall last Friday evening

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first class order for  
Day.

Mr. Thomas Archibald  
sworn in as Mail

Boundary Creek to  
The new post-office was

up the early part of

The Dominion De-  
want it distinctly un-

there are no charges

Horse-racing events  
charges for admission

the Concert and Dance

H. D. Folsom left  
for Macleod where he

the sittings of the Su-  
in connection with su-

entered to recover mo-  
the building of the M-

Three sturdy fa-  
North Dakota were

Star office on Satur-  
were free to state the

looked better in this  
anywhere they had

See the large post-  
to Cardston on Don-

If you can't come  
Day then come the d-

Come both days and  
time.

There will be some  
in the Base-ball Com-

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have taken up the ch-

Municipal Officers and  
heavy odds in despot-

ism" are prepared to

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