



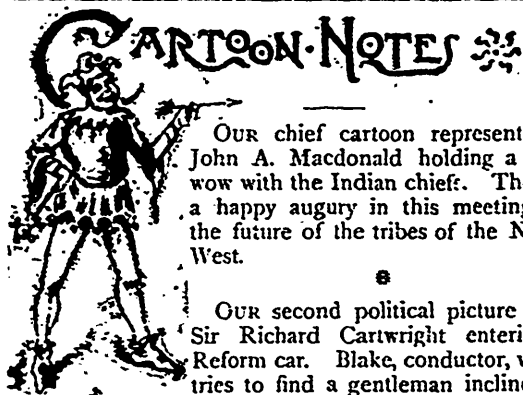
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OUR chief cartoon represents Sir John A. Macdonald holding a powwow with the Indian chief. There is a happy augury in this meeting for the future of the tribes of the North-West.

OUR second political picture gives Sir Richard Cartwright entering a Reform car. Blake, conductor, vainly tries to find a gentleman inclined to vacate his seat for the lady.

AMBITIOUS WILLIE.

Of all the young parties that ever I knew,
 I never have known one who greedier grew
 Of public positions than W. B.
 McMurrich, I.J.K.L.M.N.O.P.

The letters I've given may not be the same
 As he tacks with much pride to the end of his name,
 Perhaps not sufficient for W. B.
 McMurrich, I.J.K.L.M.N.O.P.

He's a Sunday school teacher, he sings in the choir,
 And a few years ago he played much on the lyre,
 When the Tories defeated poor W. B.
 McMurrich, I.J.K.L.M.N.O.P.

An alderman too, and a mayor beside
 (That he has attained prominence can't be denied),
 And an Odd-Fellow also is W. B.
 McMurrich, I.J.K.L.M.N.O.P.

In all "ancient orders" he's sure to be found,
 He knows the societies down to the ground,
 He's a great little man, Captain W. B.
 McMurrich, I.J.K.L.M.N.O.P.

But in spite of the letters attached to his name,
 And the way he has worked the society game,
 He will wait for some time yet before M.P.P.
 Is, in part, the description of W. B.

J. A. F.

POINTERS.

THE exposure made by the *Globe* of the income of prominent citizens, as given in the assessment rolls, is provocative of a few reflections.

In the first place, it will be very hard to persuade the general public that more than one-third of the incomes or money value of personal property earned and held in Toronto is given in those lists. For instance, one lawyer, who is down for \$1,000, told me that last year his professional income was \$7,000, and he has other resources besides. Two doctors, whose incomes are given, actually draw as much from insurance examinations as they are credited with getting altogether, and both have large practices and own insurance stock besides, which, if the companies' annual reports are to be believed, pay them handsome dividends annually.

THE personal property of one of the largest manufacturers in the country, in his line, is given as \$4,500, while his machinery alone, to say nothing of stock on hand, manufactured and otherwise, cost from \$25,000 to \$30,000. This same gentleman's income is given as \$800, a good deal less than he pays to eight or ten of his employes.

I HAVE said that the public do not believe that more than one-third of the income and personalty liable is taxed. I don't believe myself that even one-fourth of the correct amount is accounted for.

Is it not eminently ridiculous to say that in a city where the value of realty is \$60,546,816, the personal property is only worth \$7,692,063? And it must be borne in mind that not one foot of property could be bought at the value given in the assessment rolls.

WHO, in the name of fortune, is the owner of all the horses and carriages, all the shop-fixtures, all the household furniture in the city of Toronto? Who owns the stocks of merchandise carried by our merchants? Who owns the goods and stocks of our manufacturers? If we divide the amount up we find that *per capita* we own about \$64.00 worth each. This is simply bosh.

THE incomes are given as \$4,338,025; which simply means that Toronto is a first-class place to stay away from, as the average income of a worker in this city is \$127.50 *per annum*. And this, mind you, while house rent is so high and the price of gas away up.

IT is taking a reasonable view of the matter to say that the true value of personalty and incomes is \$25,000,000 in advance of what is represented. That amount added would bring the rate in the dollar down to twelve mills or thereabouts, and the burden would be much more equably distributed.

BUT there is another point. As the law stands to-day, some \$13,000,000 worth of property are exempted in Toronto. If these estates, belonging to the religious bodies and Government, paid their fair share of taxation, we would have a perfect paradise of a city for the poor man and the man of moderate means, with the taxes below 1 per cent.