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Comments on the Cartoons.



LATEST FROM THE WILD WEST.—In the American Senate, a few days ago, in the course of a speech on the Fisheries Treaty, Senator John Sherman came out squarely and emphatically for free trade between Canada and the United States, declaring that the abolition of the customs houses along the boundary line would greatly benefit both countries. This is very significant, considering that John Sherman is one of the most prominent leaders of the Republican party, which is at the present moment engaged in a death struggle in defence of its high-protection policy. We happen to know, also, that Sherman's attention has recently been called to the matter of free trade with Canada by Mr. Wiman or some of his influential fellow-workers in the Commercial Union cause, and the emphatic response of the Senator is a tribute both to the ability with which the case has been placed before him, and his own intelligence in recognizing the merits of it at a glance. Under the circumstances, it is right that 'Rastus the Irrepressible' should have the credit of making this notable capture. We picture the event in "Wild West" shape, as it is probably known to everybody that Buffalo Bill's performances on Staten Island this summer have been under the auspices of the Canadian "King" of that resort.

SIR STEPHEN STEPS OUT.—Sir George Stephen, Bart., has resigned the presidency of the C. P. R. His action is due to falling

health, and the belief that, in the interests of the company, a professional railway man is henceforth needed in the presidential chair. It is stated that Sir George has become the owner of a desirable estate in the County of Kent, England, and intends shortly to take up his residence in that happy land. It is further alleged that there is a strong probability that before long he will be honored with a peerage and a seat in the House of Lords. There is no reason why Canadians should find fault with this brilliant termination of a successful business career, though there is certainly a disposition in some quarters to carp at it. Rather, those who think highly of Queen-given honors should be ready to heartily congratulate Sir George, should all these glories fall to his lot. If he has made a few additional millions out of the great railway enterprise, so much the better for him. He got the opportunity, and very sensibly took advantage of it. If there was anything wrong about the opportunity itself let the blame be placed where it belongs—on the shoulders of the Macdonald Government.

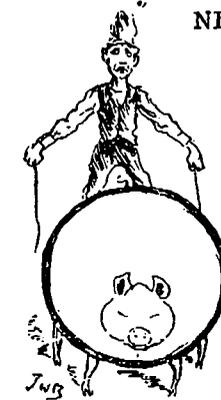
VALEDICTORY.

BY THE PRINTER'S DEVIL, EDITOR PRO TEM.

READER,—

I'm bounced out of my position jest when I was gettin my hand in nicely. I thought the editor was off to the seaside like the other swells, but he came back just the day after I got out last week's paper and told me I could resume my duties up-stairs. So that ends it, and I've got to scoot. It panes me to bust these tender ties, dear Reader, as it was a big sight easier to sit here and mold public opinion than it is to wash rollers up in the printer's department. But such is fate, and all I can do is to be frugal and save up a few millions and start a paper of my own. That is now my aim in life, and I will do it or perish in the attempt. I will not say farewell, but only so long, as you will hear again some day from the individual who now signs himself

THE P.D.



NLY a couple of weeks more and the band will play the opening selection for the great Industrial Exhibition, and visitors will flock from the ends of the earth to see the brave show that Manager Hill and his colleagues have made ready for them. Heading the list of attractions is our bran-new Governor-General, who will exhibit himself in the graceful act of performing the opening ceremonies; after him will come an array of acrobats, baloonists, horse-racers, fat cattle, fancy stock, marvellous inventions, poultry, ladies' work, fire engines, brass bands, etc., etc., such as will make any other "greatest show on earth" hide its diminished head.

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GRIP is glad to find these vigorous words in the *Evangelical Churchman* :—

"Pressure is being brought to bear upon the Dominion Government to disallow this Jesuit Act. Can it be true that there is a single Protestant on either political side who will not raise his voice in condemnation of the Act of Premier Mercier? If so, such faithlessness should bring swift and certain judgment. The man who would barter the liberties of his fellow-men, and the safety of the Constitution upon which so peculiar an organization as the Confederation of the Canadian Provinces depends for its very existence, is deserving of the obloquy with which history will inevitably cover him. There is still time to avert the ratification of this Jesuit Act, so full of omen for the future. Let it be done."

Yes, it *must* be done—let Sir John Macdonald make a note of that. Not only every Protestant, but every Catholic who is loyal to his Church, should spring to arms and help to crush this reviving monster of Jesuitism. Mercier's infamous bill must be disallowed!