

The Mechanics' Register.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1891.

A Song for the Times.

Hang all emperors, kings, and princes, Hang all nuncios, cardinals, and bishops, Hang all popes, and all their slaves, Hang 'em all for fools and knaves.

Hang the Whigs and hang the Tories, Hang the City and hang the Clergy, Who run o'er us with their horses— Let their necks the lamp post hug.

Hang the bishops—and their livings, Hang them in their steeple of lawn; Hang those who join the patriot ranks, Hang the wretches who join your own.

Hang the parsons all together, Hang 'em—hang 'em every man; Hang the lawyers, hang their clients, Hang the devil—if you can!

Hang the farmers, hang their cattle, Hang the barons, snobs, and peers; Hang the lords—and all of 'em— Hang their lordships in their wig.

Hang up stewards, hang their masters, Hang the keepers of their grounds; Hang the dogs that follow after— Terriers, pointers, spaniels, hounds.

Hang my every politician, Give to each and every one; Hang all preachers—hang their creeds; Hang conservatives, yes, hang 'em, Hang 'em for their shuffling deeds.

Hang the soldiers, hang the sailors, Hang the justices of peace; Hang the constables and bailiffs, Hang the hangings of the police.

Hang Protestants, hang Papists, Give to each and every one; Hang the priest, and, while you're hanging, Hang that hypocrite—the Pope.

Hang the Council, and hang the Assembly, Hang the judges of the law; Hang up Hinks, and hang John Young, Hang 'em up without delay.

Hang all workmen whatsoever, Masons, blacksmiths, cooper, snips; Hang 'em I shall be no work done; Hang the blackheads in their stripe!

Hang the rich, but take their money, Hang 'em poor to keep it too; Hang Jack Ketch, who may be waiting, Hang 'em to hang up you.

Hang the corporation gutters, Hang the corporation bang the mayor; Hang the clerk, and hang the cleric, Hang the member—and his tier.

Hang all orators, and pleaders, Hang their audience while asleep; Hang too tall, hang his leaders, Hang 'em like so many sheep.

Hang all wives, and hang all husbands— Hang their children, hanging best; Hang all bachelors—hang old maidens— Hang their leg dogs, hang their cats.

Hang physicians, doctors, druggists, Hang their surgeries, in their shops; Hang 'em up as you would count 'em, And exchange their pills for drops.

Hang those learned fools who fumble Over books and dusty tomes; Hang which you can't do better, Hang a rope and hang yourself.

In the columns of the Courier proper this morning, we have briefly stated what we conceive to be the proper qualifications of a Member of Parliament, and here we consider it not altogether inappropriate to say a few words respecting the duties of Electors, and that more particularly as it refers to non-Electors. Our remarks may not be very cogent if it were not for the fact that we are to fill up, as Justice O'Trigger says, and that is a great merit in the present dearth of subjects.

It is very pertinently remarked, by a certain English writer, that the various conditions and relations of mankind impose various duties upon individuals. One commands another to obey; one requires to think with liberty, another with prudence and caution; one matures his solitary thoughts, another steps boldly out into the arena of public life. And besides these, there are duties common to all, arising out of our common humanity, and in this diversity of obligation, there are some common principles which regulate the whole, and into which the whole are resolvable. The moral world is not to be disposed of arbitrarily by a few precepts, without any regard to time, place, and persons; the law interprets a different code, not only for classes, but even for individuals. But let us descend to particulars. The population of Montreal is 50,000, and at the usual computation there are among these 10,000 heads of families. From among these 10,000 the law selects 4,000, who, it says, have votes for a Representative, to the exclusion of the others, and these 4,000 are selected on a principle purely adventitious and with no regard to their moral or intellectual qualifications, and these 4,000 are brought forward to the hustings to manufacture a law-maker by their votes. Now, if the duties of society were in a pure and definite circle, this elective element must very certainly affect and disturb this circle of duty. It is, therefore, one of the greatest importance to ask at this particular time, what the duties of Electors are as Representatives on the one side, and as non-Electors on the other?

It is perfectly and rationally clear that these 4,000 voters in the City of Montreal all inhabit with proper union, amity, and patriotism, they ought to vote with the question of duty. They would say, let the whole society do the business of duty. If it is right, and they would accept of no honour implying the degradation of others equally deserving. The selection of these 4,000 voters, on the principle on which it is made, does not make them any better than they were before, and certainly not a bit wiser to others who have no vote at all. Could these voters look in this way at the question, they would suppose a privilege gained at the expense of their neighbours. They are selected in order that they may select. Yet, in a really just and educated country, term selection is relative to families should be unknown. We pass over the absurdity of the selection with only one remark. Who is it that selects? The Legislative Assembly do the duty of selection, and then the selected select the Legislative Assembly. The Members of the Assembly make Parliament almost; could make their own makers; they, by their ideas and negotiations choose out their own choosers, like brainless crabs affecting to choose their own, gratifying a vanity, a vanity to choose a man to be chosen, and do not consider in the position in which they are placed, whether they will use the power placed in their hands to damage

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