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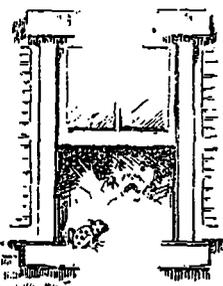
THE POLITICAL "QUEEN'S OWN."—Major-General GRIP, having drawn up the gallant Thirteen, the Parliamentary "Queen's Own," addressed them in the following terms; Soldiers, I congratulate you. Though overcome, for the time being, by superior numbers, you have really achieved a brilliant victory, and your names will shine brightly in the annals of the nation. In the hour of battle you stood true to the interests of the Queen and Constitution, casting aside the considerations of party expediency which proved too strong for one hundred and eighty-eight of your colleagues in the House of Commons. You thus nobly earned the title of the "Queen's Own," for the vote you were called upon to give

was really a decision as between the Queen and the Pope. You stand firmly upon solid ground, and the vast mass of the people give you their cordial thanks and support. The near future will decide the political fate of those who proved recreant to the trust reposed in them. You, on the contrary, as patriots tried and true, they will advance to higher honors.

IN AN EASTERN ONTARIO SCHOOL.—Evidence is accumulating to prove that Mr. Ross was widely astray in stating, on the authority of certain Inspectors, that the English language is now taught in every public school of Ontario. It is boldly declared by newspapers published in the Eastern counties that there are still many schools in that section in which no attempt is made to teach English, for the sufficient reason that the teachers themselves are entirely ignorant of the language.

THE growth of Toronto is a theme of comment all over Ontario. We are certainly progressing famously, and, what is better, our prosperity is, for the most part, based on solid values. Many causes are assigned for the phenomenal development of the city—such as our advantageous situation, good civic government, etc.; etc., but the real cause has not as yet been touched upon even by the Protectionist press. How it has escaped mention by these profound logicians is a mystery. It must be plain as a pike-staff to those who are in the habit of attributing the prosperity of the country at large to the Tariff. Reasoning along these lines it must be clear that Toronto owes its magnificent advancement to the Yonge street toll gate.

MR. T. P. THOMPSON, more familiarly known to the Canadian public as "Jimuel Briggs, D.B." is with us once again, after a well-meant but unsuccessful attempt to reside in the Old Country. One year of the distressful climate and constrained social relations of the tight little island was all our genial colleague could endure, though he bravely struggled against the *ennui* by writing good things for these pages during his absence. The fact is, that to a man in sympathy with the life of this continent and imbued with its spirit of freedom, the air of Europe is stifling. Few, indeed, are the cases in which Americans settle down to live out their lives in the old land. In this instance what is *Punch's* loss is GRIP's gain, and we welcome "Jimuel" back.



HOWEVER genuine the *Globe's* desire may be to save the country from the Jesuits, its anxiety to "down" the *Mail* is evidently still greater. Day after day its readers are nauseated with rant about the "Bunters and Smashers," and with childish twaddle about a nefarious but very transparent "plot" that is being worked from the office of its hated rival against the Mowat Government. All this is only weakening the influence of the *Globe*. The people are quite competent to judge for themselves the purity of the *Mail's* motives, and the popular verdict seems to be that they are at least as much above suspicion as the *Globe's*. For ourselves, we do not observe any evidence in the *Mail's* columns of the consuming desire to "save Sir John and his Government" which the *Globe* sees so plainly. Evidence that the *Globe* is exceedingly anxious to ward off all criticism of Mr. Mowat and his colleagues would be much more easily produced.

A PARLIAMENTARY Committee, appointed to reduce the expenses at Ottawa, have cut off the chaplain of the Senate, thereby effecting a saving of \$400 per year of good, hard money. Some pious people, we observe, are horrified at this drastic action of the committee. But aside from the well-known fact that the present brand of Ottawa statesman is ready to sacrifice anything for economy, there is really something to be said in defence of this apparent sacrilege. The business of the Senate chaplain is to conduct Christian worship in that chamber, which is very pretty and proper, but what is there to show for it? There is certainly nothing in the proceedings of the Senate to attest that Christian prin-