

upon the reputation of a lady to injure her husband. The coward who strikes at a political opponent over the shoulders or through the heart of a woman to gratify party vindictiveness, is deserving of the contempt of all decent, fair-minded men who do not wish to see Canadian party conflicts reduced to the level of savage warfare, sparing neither sex nor age. The *Globe's* treatment of Mr. and Mrs. Foster has been brutal and ruffianly—in short, in keeping with its record during its worst period of scurrility.

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IT will be just as well for the citizens to go slow before giving their sanction to the viaduct scheme. The cost is estimated at four millions, but we all know that first estimates are seldom borne out by the final reckoning, and in all likelihood, if it is once undertaken, it will stand us in double that amount in the long run. Then, again, before any liabilities are incurred, there ought to be a binding arrangement with the railroad companies to secure their payment of a fair share of

the cost. We may depend upon it, that if this matter is left to a vague understanding, we shall get nothing out of them afterwards. And lastly, the undertaking is admittedly going to increase enormously the value of real estate in the neighborhood. This, we fancy, is the secret of much of the public-spirited activity displayed by the promoters of the Citizens' Association. Well, then, why should not the real-estate owners of the localities specially benefited be made to assume a large proportion of the cost, and subjected to a special assessment as under the local improvement system? The citizens should see to it that these points are thoroughly considered before the taxpayers are saddled with a debt of six or eight millions, incurred mainly for the benefit of grasping railroad corporations and cunning real-estate speculators.

THE JOKE MARKET.

NOV. 8.—The advent of cold weather has resulted in active demand for stove-pipe and plumber jokes, and several consignments have been disposed of at good prices. Picnic, ice-cream and summer resort humorisms unsaleable. Mules and mothers-in-law firm, but demand limited. Boulangers flat, with downward tendency. Bystanders brisk, and the market well supplied. Fine old-crust conundrums, vintage of 1849 or older, readily saleable in small lots for the country trade. A lively movement in fall election jokes is anticipated, and dealers are preparing to unload large supplies of last season's brand as soon as the candidates take the field. Owing to the peculiar municipal situation in this city, dealers having Third Term jokes left on their hands since the Grant campaign in the United States will, it is thought, be able to dispose of those still in good condition at a fair price. A good article of Mowat joke is much in request, those now on the market being decidedly inferior. Anti-Jesuits change hands freely at moderate figures. The stock of machine-made Irish and Jew witticisms is fully up to the requirements of the trade, and prices somewhat depressed.

THE ALL-ABSORBING SUBJECT.



"Now I wonder what those two little chaps can find so interesting in that newspaper. Innocent little fellows. I suppose they are trying to unravel some knotty prob—"



"Aw, say! what do yez want? Is yez tryin' ter crawl? Didn't yez lose on de Brooklyns? Go on an' gim' me dat dime, yez buck face dago; or I'll hammer de whole jaw off of yez."

TRADITIONS REVERSED.

FIRST GIRL GRADUATE—"I hear that you are going to get married to your coachman. Is it a fact?"

SECOND GIRL GRADUATE—"Yes, he is such a delightful fellow, and I love him so; but, of course, I intend to send him to school and educate him for a couple of years before I marry him."