



**MR. PUFFER VISITS THE PREEMYER AND ASKS  
SUM ASSISTENS IN THE ELEKSHINS.**

HIS PERPOZETTS FUR REFORMIN THE SENNET.

RUM VALLY KORNERS, *Feb. 10, '87.*

TU MR. GRIP,—Arter I rekuvered fully from the effeks uv mi intervyyoo with Sir John az deskribed in mi last letter, it okkurd tu me thare wuz a lak uv deffynit-ness about his promis tu give me a Senneturship. I koodent recollek all the chieften hed sed tu me, but I remembered them wurdz, "You air a Sennetur en prospektyoo," which hed so thrilled me with delite.

Our darter, Sally Ann, who goes tu the hi skoole, told me this wuz lating and only ment "in prospekt"—and that Sir John wuz likely laffin at me for an ole fule—and I hed ben a sennetur "en prospektyoo" fur 20 yearz and wood never be enny uther kind uv sennetur.

I boxed hur eers smartly fur hur impudenz (girls is puttin on airs now-a-days) and yet when this view uv the kase struck me I wuz mad enuf to kik miself and Sir John too:

I made up mi mind to go rite bak tu Ottawah and make mi kalling and elekshin sure and to get sum assistents fur inflooining the free and independent elekturs on the 22nd, and also tu lay mi plan fur reformin the Sennet before the Guverment.

I left mi boy Hektur (named arter the grate pollytishin) in charge uv the Salune and tuk the fust trane tu the kappytel.

I arrived only 17 hrs late and went at wunst to the palas uv the Preemyer. . . . He dident seem much pleezed tu see me, tho' he salooted me as "deer Puffer" and embrased me and ordered whiskey and segarz fur too. I thanked him fur hiz kindness but deklined the likker. I had gone on bizness—I wanted "Assistents"—and not likker.

"Sir John," sed I, "I hev sum veews I want you to make a note on about that vennerable institushin, the Canadien Hous uv Lords."

"Sir John," sed I, arizing and sooring into mi loftiest flite uv eloquense at wunst, "they speke about reformin the Sennet and sum turn-kote tories are beginning tu pipe tu the same toon. Dont you know that the Sennet and the salune both rize and fall together? They are the two rite hands uv our konservitive party. They are both trooly aristokratik in thare tendensy. You kant have a party uv troo gentlemen in enny kountry without em. The ideal salune keeper and the ideal senneter are both members uv the aristokrisy. They are both nesser-

ary tu the state, and what is more they are both nesserary tu us. We kant live without em. . . .

Reformin the Sennet! forsooth! Its the Kommens that needs reformin. That Hous uv Pleebeans is never in true sympathy with us. Let us abolish or reform the Kommens! And now, sed I, Sir John az the temperenz kraze is about rooining the salune keepers who have deserved well uv thare kountry and ought to be kompensated, open the Sennet tu them. Theez air my views.

The Preemyer thanked me hartily and promised to take em into serius konsideration, and I kame home loded up the other way. Yours trooly,

BLOOMINGNOZE PUFFER.

**A LADY'S IDEA.**

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PRIMROSE HILL, LONDON, ENG.,  
*February 10, 1887.*

DELIGHTFUL GRIP,—As a rule, the receipt rather than the gift (at least of money) is considered the greater blessing in this age of thinly, if at all, veiled mammon-worship. But as every rule has its exception, let me assure you that it is with genuine pleasure I enclose my subscription for the year ending 28th February, 1888. May you long flourish, and continue to smite, hip and thigh, all humbug, fraud, dishonesty, whether of governments or individuals, and ill of every kind!

Faithfully and admiringly yours, E. C. FELLOWS.

THE Annual Convention for 1887 of the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance for the suppression of the Liquor Traffic will be held in Toronto, on Wednesday and Thursday, March 9th and 10th, commencing on Wednesday at 2 p.m. Sessions of the Convention will be held during both days and on Wednesday evening.

[We don't expect our readers to recognize the above as a brilliant joke. Those of them who are in the liquor business especially will fail to see anything funny about it.]

**HIS OPINION.**

YOUR last number of Feb. 5th is, in my humble opinion, one of the best you have published.

Yours very truly, DEXTER A. VAN ZANDT.

P.S.—I have often thought your paper was well named, for it is the "devil" on bad government.

SAULT STE. MARIE, *Feb. 12.*

D. A. V. Z.

"CINNAMON," says a contemporary, "has been successfully introduced as a fashionable perfume by social leaders in New York." We see nothing spicy in this; cloves were long ago introduced as a "fashionable perfume" by social (or better still, sociable) leaders all over the continent.

**OUR ELECTION NUMBER.**

GRIP's special election issue out to-day, is very good. It has a double-page cartoon of the triumph of the Conservative party, showing Sir John and his ministers seated in a triumphal chariot, while the Reform leaders are chained by their side. The last page showing how the N. P. elephant blew the Grit boys into smithereens is a capital hit, and will create many a hearty laugh. The publishers have prepared a large edition in anticipation of an enormous sale.—*Toronto News.*