

ment posts for his friends last year. *There were still more to be secured in the future.* His electors would always find him their faithful and devoted servant. He was comfortably off, and a bachelor, which left him free to look after their interests."

This is delicious. Other members do such things but, as a tribute to public decency, keep them a dead secret. But, Mr. Jeannoté has no mawkish scruples. He publishes his good deeds from the house-top. And, though the meeting was a joint one, and Mr. Tarte was present for the opposition, no one uttered a word of protest. Mr. Tarte cared for only one thing. The Government, in defiance of the Constitution, must disallow the Manitoba school-law. "My heart," he said, "melts at the sight of my fellow-countrymen ill-treated." Mr. Ouimet agreed with him that the one thing needful was that children in Manitoba "should learn on the school-benches the religious principles which make good citizens." How edifying this mutual zeal for religion! It reminds us of the husband protesting love for his wife in public and vehemently kissing her photograph, while every one knew that at home he starved her, stripped her and beat her within an inch of her life. For, while there may be ecclesiasticism, these cannot be religion without morality, and public is as imperative as private morality. From the platform there was only praise for the good Mr. Jeannoté. "Your member" said the representative of the Government to the assembled people, "had the quality of independence, and that was a quality which a Government appreciated. It was from the independent members that they expected and received valuable suggestions for their guidance, and the value of such members could not be over-estimated!"

There is nothing in Pickwick to beat this. If Grip does not draw this picture of "the independent members," it should be sent to Punch. But, what a difficult country Canada is to govern, when politicians openly avow that it must be governed on the principle of buying the members and of the members buying their constituents! Who does not long for a true national party to arise? Will the Patrons of Industry prove to be such a party? As our farmers must eventually bear the main burden of government, purity and economy of administration concern them directly. They represent, too, the best elements of the population, and if they can be aroused and organized, they can do what they please, if only they understand that their great duty is to select honest and capable leaders. A farmer can betray a cause just as readily as a lawyer, and once he has secured an office as his price, he can snap his fingers at angry constituents. The Patrons had better look out for two or three men out of whom statesman can be made. Let them think not of the calling of the Candidate, but of their own platform and of the capacity of the Candidate to get it manufactured into law at Ottawa.

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