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WHAT'S UP? Things That Are Happening Around Us.

A Great Surprise—How Cameron's Speech Took in the Back Townships—The Old Man's Private Opinion on the Riel Question.

"Well, well, well now, and did you ever?" was ejaculated by many last week when THE SIGNAL made its appearance, and was opened out for inspection...

On the second page I found the cause of my sorrow—it was M. C. Cameron's speech on the Landry motion. On the third page there was Cameron's speech on the Landry motion.

While I was waiting, like Wilkie Micawber, for something to turn up, the boy with the Star dropped in to our place, and for the first time since I became a subscriber to the "Twinkler" I dropped THE SIGNAL before I read every line in it and took up the Tory organ.

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Government on the hangin' av that poor omdahawa, Louey Ray? "I'm well, owd sick," said I, adapting myself to the Phoenician dialect...

McSweeney smiled upon me, took out his snuff mull, took forth a pinch, handed the mull to Paty and me to help ourselves, and then deliv'ed himself:—"Aweel, Mister Ajax, it was a speech that was fine. If it was Cameron, was to be run with a Tory to next election, at a vote of a Hielan'man was for Cameron more shure as never before."

"Yeer moighty, right, Sandy," said Paty, "An' yer maybe down our way are as solid as Malcolin for Cameron every toime. Why, Ajax, me b'y, owd M. C. is a bigger man nor ever before up our way—he is now head an' shoulders over himself on all previous occasions. The Tories can gowl agin' Cameron till they're black in the face, but our part as West Huron will do its duty by the owd member, that's his third year—prayed faithful, and Ajax, me b'y, we'll rowl up a mighty fine majority for the noble owd hero and terror-to-evil-doers next toime he faces the music."

"That was what said we del' for shure," assented McSweeney, and with a hearty handshake all around we parted. —All along the line it was the same. Everybody read Cameron's speech to see why it was the Star thought THE SIGNAL dared not publish it, and everyone who read it came to the conclusion that M. C. C. had given a good and sufficient reason for his vote on the Riel question. I've been told by all the neighbors that the member for West Huron to-day sits in his seat with a more satisfied expression on his countenance than ever before. He has shown that



RIEL'S COFFIN is not going to be a good platform for any Tory candidate to stand upon in West Huron. Of course the self-constituted loyalists, the would-be pillars of the British constitution—the fossilized baronets who cling to the antiquated traditions of old-world feuds and fanaticalisms—those clods upon fair speech and chivalry of affairs—are howling madly over Cameron's speech. They are not satisfied that Riel has been hanged, but they want to brand as accursed all who breathe a word of pity about the insane Metis chief. No man should anathematize a corpse, and no one should upbraid another for speaking fairly of the dead, and for asking that no injustice be done to the memory of the deceased. No one wants to extol Riel as a hero or a martyr. All thinking people, on the contrary, look upon him as a misguided enthusiast with an ill-balanced brain, a creature of frantic freaks and fervid fancies, living away under the shadow of an inordinate ambition. But there were, beyond question, some moments in Riel's life when he brooded over the woes of his fellow-men—the Metis—and when he endeavored to conceive plans for the amelioration of the condition of his unfortunate race. He gave his time, his education and what other talents he was possessed of to the cause of his people, and at last his life was offered up as a sacrifice for their disenthralment. And in his death I am free to confess that he has been more successful for the betterment of the condition of his fellows than he ever was during his lifetime; for never again will a devoted Government in Canada attempt to ride roughshod over the rights of even the meanest or least influential of its people. Riel has saved others; himself he could not save. And now that he has been cited before the great Tribunal, to be judged for his omission and commission, I and many others, have high hopes that the Gates of Mercy have not closed against one who gave everything—yes, even life itself—for the race he sprang from, for the unfortunate people whose rights he sought to obtain for them, for the Metis whom he loved. For my part, I believe of Riel, as was said of Jim Bludso who lost his life in saving the passengers and crew of the "Prairie Belle":

"But on my way back from the post office I met Who-d'ye-call-him from Colborne, who bade me the time of day, and told me that Cameron had the bulge on me this week. I smilingly admitted the corn, but mildly intimated that the Star had been April-fooled. With that he laughed so heartily that a couple of buttons loosened from his vest, and he said, 'Did you notice that? Why, I was as mad as a hatter about THE SIGNAL crowding out your letter, but when I saw that little piece in the Star that said THE SIGNAL didn't publish Cameron's speech, I tumbled right over and laughed till I cried. I guess the Star'll say next week that THE SIGNAL shouldn't've published all Cameron's speech.' And Who-d'ye-call-him hollered like one possessed. When I left him he was leaning hysterically against the weather probability announcement, chuckling over the discomfiture of the Star with reference to Cameron's speech. Maybe he's there yet, if his laughter continued."

Just as I was passing under McCormac's new tailoring sign, who'd come along but Paty O'What's-his-name, from Kingsbridge polling subdivision, and Sandy McSweeney, from Leochalsh.

"The top av the mornin' to yez, Mister Ajax," said he, "an' how did ye like M. C. Cameron's impachment of the

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