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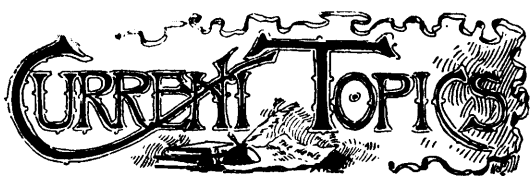
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The Awful Disclosures of Tranby Croft.

The enormities of the Heir Apparent have been so vividly pointed out by the great moral newspapers—to say nothing of the less brilliant lights—of Great Britain, Canada and the United States that it would seem unnecessary to here expatiate on them. Nothing so appalling has evidently come to light for many a day, and the resources of the English language have been exhausted in enlarging on the crimes and reckless depravity of the Queen's eldest son. That he should perpetrate the solecism of playing cards with a party of friends in an English country house; that in the game he should use a set of counters which had been given to him by some personal friend; that, contrary to all usages of English society, he should play this game for money; and to crown the iniquity—that on learning that one of the party, a man high in social and military rank, was cheating, he should not have instantly handed over the offender to incur the ostracism and contempt of all the social world—make up a volume of wickedness that is unequalled in the history of the decade. Of what avail is the record of his universal courtesy, of his willingness, nay eagerness, to accommodate all sorts and conditions of men with his presence and influence at public entertainments, at charities, at the opening of great institutions or any measure of public interest or advancement that would gain *eclat* or a more substantial emolument by his attendance; or of what effect have been his efforts to publicly preserve the dignity of his Royal mother, his wife, and his large family on an income totally insufficient for the scale of living he is expected to keep up; what are all these against the orgies at which the great and lesser moralists of the day hold up their hands in horror? Nothing whatever; his previous honours are but feathers in the scale against the heavyweights of a press and of a stern array of public teachers. All their former loudly-voiced protestations of loyalty and respect are now righteously admitted to have been but empty words in the face of the vicious action of the Prince as revealed by the disclosures of the card party at Tranby Croft.

A Manly Apology.

But the PRINCE OF WALES can console himself with the knowledge, that however much he may have erred in playing cards for money and in endeavouring to shield a man of high rank and of still higher reputation from social extinction, he has made manly and honest efforts to atone for his mistake by placing himself on the level of a commoner in every feature of the resulting trial, and by a public apology before the representatives of the whole nation; and that the most manly and honourable exponents of public thought in the Kingdom, while expressing regret at his action,

dealt fairly with his case, and, although not withholding blame, have given credit where credit was due. The intelligent mass of the English people will recognize and respect his efforts at reparation; while to the narrow-minded and venomous radical, nothing good, bad or indifferent that may be done by any one of Royal blood can appear but as deserving calumny and condemnation, heightened by every accompaniment of slander and falsehood. To many of a better type who have on this occasion taken an active part in the campaign of unqualified attack, regret will in time come that they have lowered themselves by falling into line with the most malignant and least just of the American and English press.

The Premier and the C.P.R.

It is a curious phase of the Canadian politics of to-day that the most hostile criticism on the Governor-General's action in having entrusted the position of First Minister to the HON. MR. ABBOTT is not on the ground of the personal unfitness of that gentleman for the position, but largely because he has been connected in a legal capacity for many years with one of our two great railways. The attack is the more unjust from the fact of it being well known that MR. ABBOTT promptly resigned all connection with the road immediately on his acceptance of the Premiership, and went to the rather extreme point of disposing of all his stock in the Company. In reading the utterances of some of our papers on the subject a stranger would imagine that to have been connected with the Canadian Pacific Railway was a disgrace, and barred out a man from public usefulness; but on his learning what that road has done for Canada,—aided by Canadian money and land,—with what speed and solidity it has bound together the East and the West of the Dominion, with what skill and enterprise it has been conducted, and that to-day it is excelled by no railway in the world, he would naturally think that to have been connected with such an institution is rather creditable than otherwise—something of which to be proud rather than be ashamed. That the fact of a veteran like the Premier having been until recently connected with the Company would influence him in showing it undue partiality is contrary to common sense; to a fair man the very fact of the public knowledge of such a connection and its consequent scrutiny of his action would naturally lead him to be especially wary to avoid giving his enemies an opportunity for attack on that score, and would discriminate, if at all, rather against the interests of that road than in its favour.

Note.

In answer to many enquiries, we wish to state that our last issue—the number illustrating the funeral of our late Premier—is entirely sold out.

Note Extension of Time in PRIZE COMPETITION.

Literary Competition.

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5th—MS. to be written in ink, and on one side of paper only.

6th—Stories on Canadian subjects are preferred.

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The Dominion Illustrated Prize Competition, 1891. QUESTIONS.

FIFTH SERIES.

- 25.—Quote where it is stated that a certain prominent literary society held a session during the summer of 1890?
- 26.—Where is mention made of a fire in St. Johns, Que., in the 18th century?
- 27.—In what building in Montreal was H.M. 39th Regiment quartered after the Crimean war? Quote the sentence.
- 28.—Where is mention made of a tobacco pouch being made out of human skin?
- 29.—Quote a few lines by Thackeray, unpublished until very recently?
- 30.—In what one sentence is mention made of three prominent Nova-Scotians?

NOTE.—All the material necessary for correctly answering the above questions can be found in Nos. 131 to 152 of the "Dominion Illustrated," being the weekly issues for January, February, March, April and May.