

## G R I P.

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The grabeſt Beaſt is the Aſs; the grabeſt Bird is the Owl;  
The grabeſt Fiſh is the Oyeſter; the grabeſt Man is the Fool.

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NOTE TO ADVERTISERS.—We have to aſk the forbearance of a number of our patrons whoſe advertisements are unavoidably crowded out this week. GRIP will be enlarged to eight pages before the end of the preſent volume.

## Which and T'other.

MAGISTRATES are generally appointed on the recommendation of the member for the county, to gratify the personal vanity of the appointees and to thereby render secure the re-election of the aforesaid member. These J. P's. are commonly called "Basswood Magistrates."

One of these, so the story runs, once applied a farmer to "take the law on" a thief who had stolen a potash kettle. His Basswood Worship carefully and in a judicial manner took down severally the volumes of the Statutes supplied him by Her Majesty, and carried his index finger down the index of each, with following eye intent on P-o-t-a-s-h K-e-t-t-l-e. Finding no law on that particular subject, he advised the forlorn owner of the article that the law had not made any provision for the theft of potash kettles, and that therefore he could not receive any information nor issue any warrant in the premises.

The foregoing, much amplified and abounding in legal phraseology, was lately sent us by an unhappy Law Student, who complains that he is somewhat in the position of the backwood's Justice, "for," says he, "when I want to find anything in a law-book, particularly a Canadian law-book, I try the index, and although I know there is something in that particular book bearing on the point I desire to look up, I am often forced in order to find what I want to go through the slow process of turning the leaves and examining page after page till patience is exhausted and perseverance rewarded, thus wasting much time in the discovery of what the index should have pointed out instantly." Then follow grievous complaints in which the stupidity of compilers is shown by instances and proofs incontestible; but we have no space for his jeremiad. We know, however, that his wrath is not unreasonable, for he seems to be blessed with more intelligence than the Division Court Attorney who, desiring to look up the law on the power of Magistrates acting out of Sessions, after a patient search at Osgoode Hall Library, pounced upon "Lugden on Powers" with such a grin of discovery as only prevented the articulation of a triumphant "Eureka!" It is not likely he found what he wanted; but we are certain the work was of as much use to him as many an index is to more erudite practitioners.

## Encouragement for Mr. Blake.

SCENE—Departmental Buildings, Ottawa.

HARRIS, of the "Weights and Measures" (reads from the *Globe*, "Let me turn to another question"—down to the lines from TENNYSON)—"Isn't that fine, Jack? Such noble sentiments! 'Pon my word I think it the best speech I ever read!"

PERRINS of the "Cabbage Department" (*Patronizingly*)—"Yes, it is statesmanlike. I think even I could follow such a man as that!"

## Great Expectations.

ALDERMAN BLEVINS, though a most estimable lawyer and citizen, don't know much about railroading, and he was therefore somewhat injudicious when he undertook to dabble in that intricate science at the last meeting of the City Council. But he was just as well posted as any other member as, according to the *Mail's* report, the following resolution was carried unanimously:

Ald. BLEVINS moved, that the Toronto Street Railway Company be required to construct their line of railway along Carlton street, east from Sherbourne street to Parliament street, in connection with their projected and in part constructed railway on Sherbourne street, and that they have the same constructed before the commencement of the present year, 1874.

GRIP always rejoices to know that the City Fathers are "rushing business," but in this instance he fears they are a little too fast for the Toronto Railway Company. This is an age of marvellous mechanical achievement, but we haven't yet got to the point of building any sort of railway in "less than no time."

## Croaks and Pecks.

IN Ottawa, Mr. Blake's great speech in North York is called a roarer!

BY ALL MEANS!—In view of the suggestion of the Ottawa *Citizen*, that some titular distinction should be bestowed on MAJOR FURVOYE, the superannated Deputy Minister of Militia, GRIP would respectfully recommend that the decayed warrior be placed in the *Bath*, and if that does not agree with him, then give him the *Golden Fleecel*!

THE United States has a JEWELL of a Postmaster General. Canada has only a D.A. MACDONALD, and the Tories invariably by thinking of him are led to emphatically pronounce merely his initials, as a monosyllable.

THE Dominion Cabinet has gone into holy orders, inasmuch as they have taken the VAIL. Mr. Ross has retired behind the VAIL, to be Collector of Customs. It is to be hoped that the new Minister of Militia will prove a VAIL-able in case of another Fenian invasion.

"G" off there! It's not right to call him "Crazy Acting Burrows." He signs it "C. Acton Burrows." An inquiry arising as to the first name, some wag suggested "Crazy," and he has since been "CRAZY ACTIN' BURROWS." But "the best laid schemes of mice and men gang aft aye," and we notice that many of our western exchanges, of whom better might be expected, go a "G" on this. We may further state that his associates on the Guelph *Herald* call his salary C.A.B. hire, and consider it a joke of the higher order.

WHAT'S in a Name? A great deal in the case of Mr. KERN, the unseated for West Northumberland. The Grits have a *care* when they name him; but the Tories, doggedly persist in calling him "car."

A Western paper says: "A post-office was opened on the 1st prox." This, we should say, is a case of blunder intense.

VICTORIA COLLEGE is to remain at Cobourg, notwithstanding the bid made by Hamilton. The *Times* of the latter place sugars its disappointment with the charitable reflection "that if Hamilton does not get the institution, Cobourg has to pay more for it." It looks as though the College with the Royal name had been put up at auction, and that the "ambitious city" having bid it up on the "slumbering burg" now glories in its disregard for "vested rights."

## The Early Closing Movement.

WE are almost overjoyed, and we are sure many of our readers will feel a corresponding thrill of pleasure to hear, that the Early Closing Movement is extending to the City Council Chamber. Of this we are assured by our clairvoyant gobemonche, who professes to have seen the rough draft of a bill, which he assumes will be brought forward as soon as ever the efforts of a certain member of the Council to speak against time are exhausted. It will be entitled "A By-law for the Shortening of Speeches in the City Council, and for the Early Closing of the Mouths of the Long-winded Members." Of this important measure which, as "time is money," will effect so immense a saving to the city that all true economists must certainly support it, we believe that we shall break no confidence by giving a copy:

## PREAMBLE.

WHEREAS, It is expedient that means should be adopted for the earlier shutting up of certain long-winded orators, and for affording relief to the reporters and the readers of debates, and facilitating the progressive course of useful legislation.

## ENACTMENT.

Be it therefore enacted, That immediately after the passing of this By-law and thenceforth throughout every succeeding year, it shall not be lawful for any member to get up to speak when he has nothing to say, and, according to precedent, would occupy an hour or two in saying it.

Nor shall it be lawful for any rising representative to rise more than sixteen times in any sitting, or to speak for the mere purpose of hearing himself speak, or to talk against time, or otherwise to exercise his voice in Council for professional or personal advertising purposes.

The accusing of a fellow-member with being actuated by any but the most unselfish motive in planning the route of a sidewalk or the location of a street lamp shall be considered a deliberate waste of time, and punishable by this By-law.

No member shall accuse another with having a cross-eyed aunt or a red-haired uncle, and to insinuate that he is arrayed in his father-in-law's broadcloth for the sake of effect, shall constitute an offence; such proceeding not being calculated to economise time. Neither shall one member insinuate that another is in the habit of imparting an unhealthy swelling to the truth.

It shall be considered unlawful for any Councillor to stand upon the table, or hurl the innocent ink-bottle at the head of an opponent, and any member attempting to change the "order of business" renders himself amendable to the penalties of this By-law.

No member shall hereafter be permitted to partake of lunch, or peruse the leading articles of the daily papers during a session, to the exclusion of more important business, as the Council Chamber cannot