



*The gravest beast is the Ass; The gravest bird is the Owl;
The gravest fish is the Oyster; The gravest man is the Fool.*

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THE late opening of the Session will have a beneficial effect if, as appears likely, it results in business being rapidly pushed forward. It used to be the practice to waste at least the first two or three weeks in dawdling over the address and waiting for Government measures to be brought down. There has been considerable improvement in this respect of late years, but there is still room for greater despatch, especially now that there is no fight left in the Opposition. There is no reason why the House should sit longer than a month, especially as the Government is not disposed to undertake any comprehensive measures of reform, but simply proposes to pass the estimates and do the usual amount of legislative tinkering

GRIP is pleased to note that Mr. Meredith, who in many respects is much more progressive in his views than the Ontario Ministry, took exception to the revival of the military parade at the opening of the Legislature. Premier Mowat apparently felt the incongruity of his position as a professed Reformer in connection with this antiquated bit of pageantry, as he put forward the excuse that the occupation of the new Parliament Buildings was a special occasion justifying a reversion to the old practice. We may hope, therefore, that we have witnessed the last of this absurdity.



NOW that Chicago has elected as mayor Carter Harrison, the candidate of the toughs, gamblers and whiskey sellers, by a majority of some 20,000, there is no longer room for doubt that the World's Fair will be a carnival of disorder, crime and debauchery. Mr. Harrison's principal recommendation in the eyes of his constituents was his avowal that he intended to "run things wide open," in other words, that the lawless and depraved classes, who seem to be a majority in Chicago, would, under his administration, have free swing. He will, no doubt, be as good as his word. This triumph of the worst elements upon a square issue is a clear indication of what visitors to that city may expect. The so-called World's Fair will be a gigantic swindle and a disappointment to everybody except those who look on it as a grand chance for plunder.

AS was to be expected, the fool notion of proclaiming to the world that Toronto was anxious to get more manufacturers on any terms, has resulted in bringing down upon us a horde of bonus-hunters. Their audacious demands in the way of free sites and special privileges show that they have sized up our City Council as a lot of simpletons. If it were possible at this stage to get