

**My Mother.**  
(NEW EDITION).

I.  
Who on a stool me firmly held,  
And vermin from my head expelled,  
Whilst I resisting, kicked and yelled?  
My mother.

II.  
When from the school I'd stray away  
To swim, or fish, or base-ball play,  
On my return who waxed me? Say!  
My mother.

III.  
When brother JOE my blood had shed,  
Who made me, ere I went to bed,  
Ask Heav'n to bless his ugly head?  
My mother.

IV.  
When home I brought my chosen wife,  
My joy, my precious spice of life,  
Who filled that home with howling strife?  
My mother.

V.  
Who yanked and bored my children's ears,  
And made their life a vale of tears?  
Whom did they hate beyond their years?  
My mother.

VI.  
When late from lodge I homeward hied,  
And swore the goat was hard to ride,  
As an excuse, who said I lied?  
My mother.

VII.  
"Where is she now?" You ask me where?  
I dare not say, but say I dare  
Where'er she is, there's trouble there.  
My mother.

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**Canadian Celebrities.**  
BY ASPER.

No. 8. SIR RICHARD JOHN CARTWRIGHT.

The honourable Knight who forms the subject of the present sketch was, when our Reporter approached him, on the point of starting on one of those brilliant electioneering campaigns in which he has lately so greatly distinguished himself.

The political character of Sir RICHARD is one which stands far above that of any other statesman who has ever lived in Canada. It is great in many respects, but especially for the manifold and wonderful contradictions of which it is composed.—Sublime because having bravely withstood the onslaughts of journals that in former years attacked him as "an old foggy Tory" and a "mixer and muddler," it still, like a mighty oak that has braved the storms of centuries, stands erect and receives in stern silence and as its just due the adulations and praises of those very newspapers, and of the very same party that formerly could not say anything bad enough for him. It is a thing which is interesting because of its uncommon occurrence,—instructive because it shows how a great mind can overcome the prejudices aroused by an early education in a bad school—to hear one who was born, bred and brought up as a Tory of the deepest dye, rejoicing that "Ontario is Reform to the core."

"I am just about setting out," said Sir RICHARD, in answer to a question, "on an expedition in the course of which I propose to irrefutably demonstrate to the people of Canada that they are suffering more from poverty and destitution than the inhabitants of any other country in the world,—in fact that unless a change is made very soon—unless they return to power a government that knows that legislation cannot do a

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country any good—they will be utterly and irretrievably ruined. I shall cause the electors to perceive that a cabinet that is always trying to better the country that it governs is in reality only sinking it into more deplorable depths. The buzz of flies on the wheel is better than the hum of the N. P., and the free and independent voters must be made to see it."

"But, Sir RICHARD," said our Reporter, "with the price of wheat going up and a general prospect of better times, will it not be difficult to convince the farmers of all this?"

"The farmers," said he, "will see that if the N. P. sends up the price of wheat, it will make bread expensive for the English consumers, therefore it will be disloyal to charge the increased price. If the N. P. does not send up the price of wheat it is no good. Ergo the tariff is not a benefit. If, on the other hand, it brings down the price of manufactures it will ruin the manufacturers, and our farmers will thus have no home market, as the former will be obliged to shut up their factories and leave the country. If it on the contrary causes the price of manufactures to rise, it is an outrage on the farmers and a drain on their pockets. Thus you see that under any circumstances it is a thing that will do infinite harm. The best trade policy and the soundest doctrines of political economy are based on the principle that it is best to let things take their course and trust to a kind Providence to fix the price list of everything on a proper scale. But you have seen all this in the reports of my speeches in the Globe, so there is no use in repeating it."

"Excuse me, but does this not appear to be a little inconsistent?"

"Not at all—to a deep thinker. Everything seems inconsistent at first to a man who does not look into the bottom of it. Some people think it is inconsistent in me to be a Reformer when in reality I am a Tory, but it is not so. Of course it would not do to present only one view of the effect of the so called National Policy to all classes of men. The manufacturers must be made to believe that goods will be so cheap on account of the competition that there will be no profit for them. The yeomanry must be led to think that goods will be so dear (except grain) that they will not be able to buy them. When in power or in a foreign country it is sometimes advisable to show the silver side of the shield, but when in opposition and when talking to the electors of one's own country, it must be the brazen side that is presented to their view. But I must be off as it is nearly time for the train to go.—Good bye."

Our Reporter walked slowly home musing on the many strange features which are found in the general cast of mind of a politician, and wondering if statesmen really always believe what they say when talking politics.

COURTNEY says he don't know anything about the disaster to his boat. It was cut when he was in it.

"Handsome is as PRETTIE does," as the Manitoba excursionist observed on landing safely in Winnipeg with a certain party.

Our funny contributor recommends the following books, but hasn't he got the author's names mixed up with the titles?

*How Plants Grow* GRAY. *The Complete Arithmetic* FISL. *How to Read* LEWIS. *The Coward* HENRY MORRISON. *The Business* EDWARD YATES. *A Simpleton* CHARLES READE. *The Spendthrift* HARRISON AINSWORTH.