

The Little Joker.

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FOR SALE

Several Antique Specimens of Political Squibs With Whiskers.

These specimens have been fired so often that the points have become somewhat dull, otherwise they are still in fair order.

The present owner will sell cheap as he has no further use for such articles after the 9th. He intends going out of the business.

For terms and prices apply to "Winchester,"

Postmaster New Westminster.

N.B.—I will remain permanently in New Westminster after election day so intending purchasers will have less difficulty in finding me than has been the case heretofore.

J. C. B. "Winchester."

ELECTORAL STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

Special to The Little Joker.

June 25, 1898.

Cotton Trust has depreciated noticeably and is now selling at a considerable drop, with few offers.

Some demand for Opposition (preferred), but the market is inclined to be "bearish," while for Opposition (ordinary) there is practically no call.

Advices from other centres have been of such a nature that the shares of concerns subsidiary to the Cottons and Oppositions have fallen off and the "bears" are tumbling still further.

The Government Guaranteed Securities are the only lines which appear to be holding their own, and the demand for all stock in this class is brisk and the market becoming active, with prices firm. Reports from the West would lead us to the opinion that these stocks will become higher, and we advise them as a buy.

"Come on, Thou Art a Jewel."

Mr. Dean's consistency proved itself to be nothing but "paste" on several occasions during his speech on Thursday. He certainly was not very consistent when he began his oration by telling the people how surprised he was to see the progress which had been made in the upper country and the very apparent prosperity of the people, and then in the next breath telling them a tale of "Blue Ruin" which should make "their hair stand on end like quills upon the fretful porcupine." Of course the Government was given the blame for this unhappy state of affairs. Which state?

"Winchester" Brown's frogs tooted in the ten carload key on Thursday evening, but when he drags the pond on the evening of the ninth he may perhaps find the "half dozen" he told us about. It's only perhaps, though.

THE POET'S CORNER.

Written for The Little Joker.

I'm the fellow with iron-bound jaws,
I'm brimming with wise quips and saws,
I've unequalled resources,
My consistent courses
Are better than Provincial laws.

As a man sows he generally reaps,
In the bed that he makes up he sleeps,
On the Ninth of July,
If the goose hangs not high,
"Bella Vista" will see me for keeps.
F***k A*****m.

Comparisons Are Odious.

Mr. Brown's naive attempt to bamboozle his audience by a comparison of the financial condition of Ontario with that of our own province was astonishing to those who understand the actual condition of affairs as existing in both provinces.

In Ontario the weight of the expense of governing the country is borne by the municipalities. If a road requires attention it is looked after, by the people who are likely to use it the most, under the provisions of the enactment known as the Statute Labor Law. If a bridge is built, the township, county or town within whose borders it is needed must pay for it. If a court house or registry office is erected the county goes down in its pocket and produces the necessary funds, and those who have business in either office pay the salaries of the officials who are in charge of the various branches of the service so that it does not devolve upon the Provincial Treasury to incur any expense for maintenance. The schools are built and the teachers' salaries paid by the residents of the various school sections, the Provincial Education Department bearing only a portion of the cost of higher education. In fact almost the entire disbursements of the Province of British Columbia are offset by the municipal disbursements in Ontario, the greater part of the Ontario provincial expenditure being for items which have no corresponding outlay in this Province.

Ontario has a far larger public debt than has this Province, but it is in the form of county, township, town, and school debentures, with which there is nothing to compare in this country.

Right here we make the statement, and without fear of successful contradiction, that the per capita debt of Ontario is over twice as great as that of this country, while the per capita wealth is less than half that of British Columbia.

Comparisons are usually odious, but this comparison of Mr. Brown's is more than odious, it is absurd.

Should the results on election day not be satisfactory the "iron jaw" may become a "lantern jaw."

The rain came down in painfuls, and as he sat in the buggy out on the Nicola road, with chattering teeth, shivering as if he had the ague, wet through to the skin, he sadly murmured "It is time for a change."

SQUIBS.

W. G. Neilson's prospects in Northeast Kootenay are "Golden." The opposition "Wells" will be pumped dry before the 9th.

A young man was seen gazing at a glittering electric lamp, a few evenings ago. He pondered for some time and as he turned away a bystander heard him mutter, "You are bright, too; very bright; but the brightest of us get turned down at times. 'Tis true, and pity 'tis 'tis true."

The Winnipeg people found that "Yellow" Martin was too tough to swallow, so he was marked off their bill of fare. It is not probable that Vancouver will find him any more palatable.

When the North River people cross the ferry on the evening of election day, to hear the results, they can be depended upon to remember that they will not have to do it again for the same purpose. The bridge will be completed before many moons.

If weight counts for anything in the tug of war in Vancouver, "Doc" Carroll will make a splendid anchor for the Government team. The opposition lost their heavy weight when Williams dropped out.

It is to be hoped that the opposition will not feel the result on the 9th too keenly. "Tis better to have run and lost than never to have run at all."

Pity the sorrows of a bright young man,
On whom North Yale will coolly shut the door;
His chance of office then will dwindle down
To less than it has ever been before.

ANON.

Chickens coming home to roost are not always welcome. John "Winchester" Brown's legislative hatchings for instance.

"Winchester" Brown in his votes on the Chinese amendments is in much the same position as the man he told us about who had stolen the fish. His defence wouldn't cover his offence. "He should wear longer waistcoats or steal shorter fish." Don't you think so?

J. C.'s "Winchester" became rather choked in the magazine when he attempted a defence of his Chinese votes. Didn't it?

These "Justy chickens" will be done "Brown" on the 9th.

A new story entitled "Daisy's Downfall; or the sad fate of All. Ingham's Pet Lamb," will shortly be published in book form.

How convenient it was for J. C. B. to have a nice old "sick uncle" to visit when he didn't want to vote.

Mr. Dean has made a very sorry return for the courtesy that has been extended him by the Chief Commissioner during the campaign, when he deliberately attempted to injure Mr. Martin on the platform by stating that it was understood that the Stump Lake meeting was to be abandoned in order that the candidates might be present at "Winchester" Brown's meeting in Kamloops. This, as Mr. Dean must have known was not the fact. On the suggestion being made Mr. Martin said that as he had promised to be at Douglas Lake and Stump Lake at certain times he was in honor bound to appear, but that out of courtesy to Mr. Deane he would hold no formal meetings, and that Mr. Deane was at liberty to do as he wished in the matter. Mr. Deane did do as he wished, came to Kamloops, and on the platform attempted to steal a march on his opponent in a despicable manner. The electors will not forget this. Such tactics are too unmanly to have the effect that they intended to have.

Wanted—A few trained procurators, expert at the business, report all of the Hon. G. B. M. meetings as howling snuff. Mr. Deane; must be good makers; Times reporters present. Apply, with samples, to Cheap John D., care Little Joker.

Old Fogie—Did you ever Black Jack?

Aspiring Citizen—Why certainly. But I did it from Christian motives by trying to win all the money from the boys so that the games should cease.

But it was a painful remembrance, and they "took something" to change the subject.

The Sentinel informs us that Crown Ministers should not be connected with private corporations, but it is quite evident that that paper is not aware of the fact that Sir Oliver Mowat is president of the Imperial Life Assurance Co. But, then, he is a good Grit, and therefore it could be no harm. It altogether depends on whose cow gets kicked.

Frogs, fish, pigs, chicken and jam! A pretty repast to offer his audience when they were led to expect a feast of reason and a flow of soul.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"Daisy."—We are glad you like our paper. We herewith credit you with \$1 for two weeks' issue.

Classic.—After inquiry we find that the price of city water will not be lowered after the election. We much regret your disappointment.

Medicus.—You are wrong. The quotation runs "Patience is a virtue," not "Patients are a virtue."

V.D.—You are perfectly correct. The Chinese are beginning to use curry in their food.