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**Comments**  
ON THE  
**Cartoons.**

**THE NEW SIR JOHN.**—GRIP still has a Sir John, But the Grand Old Face is gone!

Sir John Thompson is sure to become more and more prominent in the public life of Canada, and for that reason it behooves GRIP, without further loss of time, to begin practising

ing on him. Sir John is a capable and promising man, and a man of high character, but alas, his face is not one the caricaturist can make much out of. Nor is he likely to afford as many striking opportunities for using it, as his great namesake did. Still, our stock in trade of available public phizzes is larger than that of our compeers, *Fuck and Judge*, who are absolutely poverty stricken in this important respect. *Apropos* of the lamented death of the Premier, friends of GRIP have been solicitously enquiring how we can possibly

get along without him. Let them wait and see. GRIP will probably prove more interesting than ever to its readers, by reason of the greater variety and movement in political circles. Sir John monopolized attention in our cartoons because he was the one figure at Ottawa. Now, the chances are more even, and greater play must be given to the ambitions of men who before-felt overshadowed.

**BURY AND FORGET HIS ERRORS.**—Shakespeare has said "the evil that men do lives after them," and this is strikingly true in such a case as that of Sir John A. Macdonald, in which the "evil" happens to be in living laws upon the statute book. The most kindly-minded panegyrist of the departed Premier cannot but confess (if he be honest as well as kind) that Sir John was responsible for some measures which were meant to serve the interests of the Conservative party only, and which have proved to be contrary to the well-being of the country at large. We need hardly name the Gerrymander Act and the Franchise Bill as justifying this description. These laws were not conceived in the spirit of statesmanship at all; they were the work of a politician determined to secure the triumph of his party at all hazards. As such they do no credit to their author, and it would be a service to his memory if they were at the earliest possible moment repealed and forgotten. The Tariff Act, embodying the National Policy, is another measure which must be numbered amongst Sir John's "errors," though it may not possess the sinister features which mark the laws just referred to. The question as to whether Sir John had really been converted from his earlier Free Trade views to a belief in Protection, or whether he was merely willing to forego what he believed to be sound doctrine in the hope of ousting the Mackenzie Government by a sophistical appeal to the self-interest of the electorate may be left in abeyance. The fact remains that the N.P. has utterly failed to do what was promised on its behalf. Not only so, it has become a great positive evil to the country, both directly in the unnecessary burdens it imposes upon the taxpayer, and indirectly in the impetus it has given to electoral corruption. At the earliest possible moment we ought to begin the retracing of our steps to the revenue tariff point from which we so unwisely departed. For our own part, we would be glad to see the march of intelligence kept up until every vestige of the tariff was destroyed. Wisdom dictates direct, not indirect, taxation, and the sooner Canada hears and obeys her voice the better it will be.



UR diverting young friend, the Emperor of Germany, has been making another of his characteristic speeches, which has caused the customary sensation. His Nibs' speeches are never long, nor are they couched in magnificent language, but they rarely fail to "bring down the house." The secret of their power is their unique gall. In the utterance referred to, which was delivered to a squad of new recruits to the army, he told the young men that when they took service under his flag they belonged body and soul to him, and must be ready, if he ordered it, to shoot father or mother without the slightest hesitation. The recruits were slightly paralyzed for a moment, it is said, but did not fail to respond to the sentiment with loyal applause. All of which goes to

show that Germany, with all its long-centuries of experience, and all its learned universities, is, when compared with the rudest territories of America, but a child in the school of human liberty.

THE trite expression about the "cold and ungrateful world" is a libel. The Public has a big heart, and gives way to its feelings like a very child. Nothing in