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CANADIAN.

Number One Company of the 20th Battalion have commenced their annual drill at Oakville with forty-five men. The men make a fine appearance, and under the instructions of Lieut. Albertson will pass a creditable inspection.

A Masonic Lodge has been established at Harvey, with W. Landerkin, M.P., as W. M. The regular monthly meeting is held on the Monday on or before full moon. The new institution starts with a handsome little lodge room, a fair membership, and excellent prospects.

A young man named Alfred Morrill, of the Township of Woolwich, went out shooting with his rifle last week. While walking through the woods the rifle was accidentally discharged, the ball entering his body and causing upwards into the head. Death was instantaneous. The young man had just come into a nice little property.

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"Poor Parents."—Mother:—"Gaspard, let me introduce my boy, who has often heard of you from my dear husband, and wishes to be your friend." Gaspard (who speaks no more than the truth, General) "Madame, I am sorry that I cannot accomplish gratification to make the acquaintance of so esteemed a friend of my excellent father."

A Stagger.—Custom-House Officer:—"Now, then, gentlemen, anything contraband you? Matey (who has drank "best Irish" and half treacle); but I'll defy yo to take it fro' me."

(From Punch.)

Political Economy.—Madge: "What are you looking so thoughtfully about, Arthur?" *Multiplication.* Madge: "O, I know all about multiplication." Arthur: "Do you? What's three times three?" Madge: "O, *twenty-one*, of course." Arthur: "No, not quite." Madge: "Not quite? Why, what's it, then?" Arthur: "Ah, but everything's *up*, you know!"

Progress and Enlightenment.—The Premier (to Mr. Blake) "Blake, I'm afraid, I'm very likely it will pestered from the Papists to the Mahometans. What do our friends in the East think of the Pacific Railway? No doubt the Sultan would, for a consideration, readily grant the necessary concession to any Canadian company, which then only need the ability to enforce it.

Ale Dreams.—Mr. Bagshaw (to a traveller who is great travelled) and is now at Home. His aunt informs us that when the Sultan Mahmoud was at the Hague in

A Proposed Improvement.—Mr. Cockburn (addressing the Council of Concorde, Ontario, &c., has long been condemned as a most objectionable. Thus, any proposition to it will be interested to hear of a proposal, that in future all the encored pieces should be given upon the Jews-harp, for the entertainment. (We sympathise thoroughly with *Mr. Punch's* kind).

(From Fun.)

Answered.—Mr. Practice, M.A., (having just one of his lucid explanations of Conics gives him a lecture):—"Where are you going, sir?"—Boy:—"To get a pen'orth o' nails, Sir."—Mr. M.:—"What for, sir?"—Boy:—"A penny, sir."

Something to be Gratefull For.—Scotch:—"Dear you seem to complain, Willie dear; look how many things you enjoy! Wifeny (in a sort of out-door dressing gown) "Enjoy! Look at my clothes." Sneer:—"And nothing else to be thankful for?" Wifeny:—"Oh, I'm thankful I'm married." (in a whisper), I heard the bathing woman tell me this morning her rheumatis was coming again."

The Puff Preliminary.—It is proposed to lay on tobacco smoke like gas and water. We trust the project will be found to be not metal. It is pretty clear that those who have the article laid on will get a pull!

To Sportsmen.—Mark your birds—with shot.

For-lish Boy.—Lady visitor:—"Can you tell me what is meant by your ghostly enemy?" Boy:—"Oh, I know, Ma'am. I. V.: "Now try and think." Little Boy (After a pause), "The person, mum."

A Snipe.—A man charged at Southport lately with injuring a donkey, by throwing at it a three-pronged fork, which stuck in it and had to be disembowelled, was only fined £1—a smallfork out for such a fine. It is not deemed a good flogging for injuring a superior animal.

A Greedy Request when Wine is Free.—"Drink to me only with thine eyes."

(From Judy.)

What's in a Name?—Scene—A Spitalfields Shop in London:—First Fishwife:—"Yes, my gudeman's turned gude nipper, Jean."—Second Fishwife:—"Gude Sampler, my lass! Nipper, hinny? Fine Fashion Tak' ye my word for't, Jean, it's wauns for the spellin', there's a deil a bit o' difference atween the ews."

A Rose's End.—To become oakum.

"Nothing in the world beats a good wife," said Jones, the newly-married. "Yes," answered Smith, the long-married, "a bad husband does."

All Which it May Concern.—Is kissing a pretty girl a *capital* offence?

Cullinary Recipe.—How to make a nice devil—Contradict the wife of your bosom.

(From Judge.)

It is not true that the whole of the Mining interest taking a trip to the Gold Coast is one of the transport shares.

It is not true that the great reduction of taxation to be proposed by Mr. Gladstone will be a reduction of the salaries of Cabinet Ministers or heads of departments.

There has been great excitement at the Reform Club, in consequence of the delivery of a large boiler. But we can confidently state that the report is entirely groundless, that it has been ordered by the Chancellor of the Exchequer for the purpose of cooking his accounts.

It is not true that Mr. Tools is to be Assistant Chancellor of the Exchequer with his salary.

It is not true that the Comte de Chambord has bought the site of Settle House, Leicester Square, in anticipation of being called to the French throne.

ON A RECENT ELECTION.

(By W. A. K.)

Here's an accession to our strength!
A captain bold, a skilled debater,
And, next to no obnoxious friend,
"The best to have a right good *Hayter*.

A Famous Telegraph Operator.—Among the victims of the fever at Shreveport was Alfred Saville, one of the best known and most accomplished telegraph operators in the country, and attached to the command of General John H. Morgan during the late war, the story of whose practical and profitable joke upon the federals is one of the gloomy annals of those times. His feats on the enemy's wires, throwing large forces of federal cavalry on the scent, dispatching to the right and left, opening the lines for the dashing Morgan to sweep through in quest of some other and better prize, are most romantic incidents of the war. For have forgotten how, early in the game, he took possession of the wires between Nashville and a body of federals operating in southern Kentucky, giving peremptory orders not to send any more troops, but plenty of provisions and ammunition, and how an old friend, then in charge at Nashville, detecting the peculiar touch or fingering of the rebel operator, flashed back to him the good humored answer: "Get out, Saville, or I'll send the cavalry after you." Saville relinquished his services at Shreveport after every resident operator had been stricken down, and died at his post.—*Macon, Ga., Messenger.*

The Chicago *Post* calls the Comte de Chambord "an impenetrable Mist." Of course that's the end of the Legitimists.

AMERICAN.

It is proposed to build a new Mormon tabernacle at Logan, Utah, to cost $80,000.

Hannah Pinkerton is said to have died from poison administered in an apple by a boy.

Petroleum V. Nasby loses sixteen thousand dollars by one of the recent failures in New York.

Nebraska has established fifty papers during the last year. This isn't all—she has killed fifty-dozen.

Andy Johnson's friends are going to make up his loss by the failure of the First National Bank at Washington.

Mr. Wyatt Wilkinson, the poet, has recently suffered a relapse, and is now considered in a precarious condition.

A minstrel band in Illinois, according to a local journal, "floated out on the treacherous sea of impecuniosity."

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AGRICULTURAL AND OTHER NOTES.

A Visit to Rothamsted.

"Just before harvest I went to Rothamsted, a place to which every farmer ought to make a pilgrimage, for there are most important lessons to be learned there. My chief errand was to make some notes on the five or six and twenty variation of wheat growing side by side in the same field; but there are a few other points that I may be allowed to note by the way.

"The Rothamsted experimental farm is easy of access, Dr. Gilbert's house, and the well-known laboratory presented to Mr. Lawes by the farmers, being only across the common from Harpenden Station, Hertfordshire. I had the advantage of being accompanied by a very practical Bedfordshire farmer, and we were favoured with three hours of the doctor's company in the fields. One thing that struck us much was the full and fascinating confession of failure in the barley crop, upon land that would not say no to a moderate barley crop. This is no doubt due to the four course shift. Mr. Lawes' doctrine and practice being that, so long as you keep clean, and fed well enough, and so on, the rotation of manure only how many crops you can get in succession. Thus, in the field we saw, Wheat, oats, wheat, on this field been followed; Wheat, oats, barley, wheat, oats, wheat, oats, wheat, oats