

Province, which is so much to be desired. I cannot recommend (during the present depression) any grant for the building the Railroad through Oregon to the Moon, or the other so much talked of route through Halifax to Mercury, although both of these if completed would undoubtedly facilitate and strengthen our connexion with those planets and increase materially our imports of quicksilver and green cheese. I cannot for the same reason recommend a grant by the Legislature for the opening the gold mine said to exist south from Caughnawaga.

The odious barrier to good feeling, and unity of purpose, raised by the distinction of races, it will be for the individual interest of each of you, and for that of your common country to break down. I promise you my hearty cooperation in any measure which may tend to this desirable end. Extremes, however, should be (even in this) avoided and under present circumstances I do not think it advisable to pass any act declaring every French Canadian to be an Englishman or vice versa. I have already endeavored, by mixing the alkali of good dinners and good wine with the water, and by using my most strenuous efforts to keep the oil under, to effect a combination of these naturally repugnant elements in our political world. I cannot as yet boast of any great measure of success, as the water from its natural heaviness will go to the bottom, unless some stronger alkali than I have yet made use of be applied: perhaps some fat offices might prove more effectual, in attracting them to the top.

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

I must call your attention to the lamentable fact that these are hard times, and the Province and myself have been affected by them. Our monetary system is in a most sickly state. One of my advisers skilled in the treatment of diseases of this nature, having been consulted, applied his stethoscope to the chest of the Province and has declared that there is an astonishing want of fullness in that region, and that the circulation is in an unhealthy state. Copious bleeding has been resorted to with no good effect. It remains for you to determine some means by which these alarming symptoms may be allayed and the chest again put into healthy action. A generous diet, or some strengthening tonics have been recommended, and estimates of the necessary expenditure will be laid before you.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,

To your charge are committed the interests of the Province, (aside) I know you will consult your own. You are called upon to legislate for and advance those interests. You will, I hope, discuss every subject brought under your consideration with that fairness, impartiality and candour which, under the blessing of Providence, will most materially tend to the advancement of this vast Province, the brightest ornament in the crown of my Royal Mistress. (aside) I know you will do no such thing in this frozen region. May your deliberations lead to the prosperity of your country.

We understand that Mr. Christie does not intend bringing in more than fifteen bills this session. We pity his constituency. Alas, poor Gaspé!

A Scene from the Play of Placegetting.

SCENE—ANCIENT RIALTO.

Dramatis Personæ.—THE HONBLES MM. S. & B.,
A MESSENGER.

S. Well B. you are a lucky dog, and I an unlucky one. Curse the fate that placed me west of St. Régis. No promotion for a Western man, except that dodger D— who got precedence of me by his blarney and brass.

B. Well, we Eastern Law Officers are rather lucky, S—h and myself get the three cornered hat pretty cheap.

S. Cheap! Yes. He's quite a good enough Judge for such a scurvy Radical set. But what did he ever do for the country?

B. You are responsible and should know that best yourself. He made a road to M— and discovered the written constitution; do you call that nothing? For my part, if I have done nothing for the country, I have made nothing out of it. My two elections have cost me every farthing of my salary. Yet I still feel as if my country needed my efforts, and that I ought to work for its good, especially for that of my kind friends in M—.

S. Pshaw B. don't make an ass of yourself by reciting your blarney to me. (Enter a messenger with letter.)

B. (Reading) Hem, this is a nice affair, a pretty kettle of fish—(Walks the room in an excited manner.)

S. My dear fellow, what's the matter?

B. (In an agitated voice) Read that! Curse the fool that won't take a pension when he can get it.

S. (Reading) "Mr. Justice G— has the honor of informing Her Majesty's Provincial Government that considering the peculiar circumstances under which an offer of a retiring pension is made him, he must respectfully decline to accept it." Ah, well B. you can now labour for the good of your country, and afford your confiding friends in M— the benefit of your counsel and assistance.

B. (Enraged, stamping violently) The country may go to the d—l and M— along with it. He shall come to reason and take the pension or—(Exit muttering.)

S. Ha, ha. He'll crow no more at my disappointment. His own comb is cut, and he may content himself without the hat for this time. I'll go and get jolly over his chagrin, and some mulled port. (Exit.)

Can you tell me whether I have Erysipelas said a red faced son of Bacchus the other day to Dr. Q.— No replied the Doctor with his accustomed naivete, I take your desease to be—Ere-swipe—alas!