

## THE GREAT LIBEL CASE.

Perceiving by the published reports of Beaty as Anderson, that the most interesting features of the case had not been given, and that many extraordinary and unusual events which took place during the course of the trial, had been passed over in silence, we proceed to lay before our readers facts, for the truth of which we hold ourselves accountable. For a mere report of the proceedings, we refer to the *Leader*. In the first place then, the court house presented an unusual appearance, the walls being entirely covered with leading articles from the *Leader*, *Montreal Commercial Advertiser*, and a dozen other papers, around which were crowds of anxious people trying in vain to find out what article contained the alleged libel. But whether it was that they were all so libellous or that the perceptive faculties of the motley crew were dimmed by the atmosphere of the Court House, we could not determine.

When his lordship had taken his seat on the bench, Mr M. C. Cameron elevated his voice and imperial at the same time, and opened the case by reading thirty six leading articles from the *Leader* irrespective of columns of Mr Anderson's burning retorts, and yards of blighting answer thereto, and on concluding, finding that not one of the immense crowd present was awake, except his lordship—who had a tip staff employed poking him in the ribs with his wand every five minutes—he set the erior to work to arouse the court, and this being accomplished, Mr. Eccles took off his coat and addressed the jury for six hours on behalf of the defendant, during which he fought Anderson three rounds, and would have pummelled him if his lordship had not requested them to postpone the remainder until tomorrow, when they could finish it on the Island.

The witnesses were then mutilated to the great amusement of all present, who, seeing his lordship laugh more than once, commenced to get uproarious, and finally on the York roads being hurled at Beaty's head, they commenced to cheer. Whereupon the Sheriff ordered the galleries to be cleared, and set the example by cutting down one of Beaty's witnesses, and running another through the body, for which he was severely pitched into by junior counsellor Beaty. After the *melee* was over, Mr. McKenzie, M.P.F., was placed in the witness box, and asked to state what he knew concerning the libel, upon which he went into a minute history of Canadian governments since the time of the deluge, showing that the first one was infernally corrupt, and that the succeeding ones had been getting worse ever since in the proportion of 1000 to 1. After perpetrating about sixteen thousand libels on the dead and living, Mac lauded the greatest rebellion that ever was known: that of '37, and adjusting his wig on the back of his head commenced to read volumes of the *Messenger*, when he was at last forcibly ejected from the witness box. The cross-examination of this witness was not attempted.

The late premier Tache was tortured by Mr Eccles for what seemed ages to the great delight of the editor of the *Globe* who had instinctively taken up his position in the criminal dock with Foley, White, Wallbridge, and a dozen other Grits on each side of him. His examination being concluded, the un-

lucky colonel rushed away distracted without his hat, and has not been since heard of. The Hon. A. McDonald entering the Court about this time, attempted to enter into the seats reserved for the gentlemen of the bar, but was assaulted by one of the bailiffs, who belabored his shoulders with his staff, telling him that loafers were not allowed to go in there. It would have been worse for the Premier if the Editor of the *Leader* and old Beaty had not rushed to his aid, and dragged him in, looking very red about the nose.

Mr. Wilson wound up the case for the defendant in a speech of unconscionable length, which had the effect of doubling up Anderson into ten thousand contortions that were agonizing to behold. Mr. J. H. Cameron got up for the plaintiff, and having adjusted his eye-glass blow the entire Press, and the *Leader* in particular, to blazes. The Court House becoming too hot to breath in after this, was deserted and his lordship interrupted himself in the middle of a six weeks' charge on finding that the jury and bailiffs were fast asleep, therefore locking up the Court House he put the keys in his pocket, and rolled home leaving the jury to sleep over their verdict. On waking the jury found the verdict they had intended to give eight hours before—*not guilty*, and were sent about their business.

## FIREMAN'S MANUAL.

The following is an extract from a Fireman's Journal picked up in the track of one of the fire-engines shortly after the breaking out of one of the late fires:—

Monday—Got up at six—went to help to clean engine—cleaned up boots and helmet—breakfasted at eight—went to see No. Three—worked till twelve—Dined at one—went to see engine—saw some of our boys—had Lager Beer—worked till six—had tea—practised dressing in 80 seconds—walked about with our fellows—went round to see engine—repaired cylinder a little—alarm of fire at ten—had engines out in ten seconds—fro out at eleven—another false alarm—put it out in half an hour—went to bed at twelve—alarm at one—beyond city limits—went to bed again—alarm at three—put it out about half-past five—went to bed.

Tuesday—Got up at six—went to see engine—met with some of No. Four and seeing that they were inclined to boast, took them down a peg or two: General row ensued, during which I was knocked down by a blow from a trumpet and carried home insensible.

Wednesday—Ditto ditto. In the night was knocked down and run over by engine, but as I was excited did not mind it.

Thursday and Friday same—with exception that I was drunk half the time.

## Practice makes Perfect.

—We are glad to learn that Mr Gould has very much improved in his orthography and chirography. The assiduity with which he drives the quill during the session is very commendable. One would imagine by the efforts which he makes and the expression of his highly intellectual phiz he was bringing forth a "poetic" expressive of the delights of Parliamentary honors.

## Another unkind Cut.

—The *Colonist* suggests that editors and reporters and animals of that class should be exempted from being on juries. The reason, of course is, that as jury-men are all expected to be conscientious individuals, the ends of justice would not be served by the presence of such persons on a jury. If the editor of the *Colonist* is not expunged from the press association after that, why—he ought—that's all.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

H. McD.—We fully appreciate your rich vein of humour, but the subject is rather trite, and we must have something good on such a theme to warrant insertion.

AN AMERICAN ADVERTISER.—Of course THE GRUMBLER has the largest circulation in the Province; the next, we believe, is the *Globe*. We charge \$1 for a notice not exceeding 10 lines—cash in advance.

SHAKSPEARE.—Every Shaksperian critic from Rome to Collier, has some original ideas on the orthography of our great poet's name. We are unable to decide, but the spelling we adopt is taken from a deed signed by the poet, of which a *fac simile* may be found on the *Archæologia Britannica*.

HYMEN.—It is so long since we were tied up in matrimony, and on the "ould sod," too, that we know little of the manners and customs of this country in that matter. Mr. Mercer, corner of Bay and Wellington Streets, will sell you a license; for any information regarding the fees in the Church of England, you should apply to the *Echo*.

LONG JOHN.—There are many ways of getting to New Orleans; as, however, you wish to know the shortest, we suggest a baloon. If, however, you desire to see the world properly, we would recommend a passage in the Canadian line to Liverpool, thence you can be transported to Shanghai, from which you can have a through ticket to the Crescent City.

A JUNON informs us that a poor man has been confined in the Toronto jail for the last 7 months, for a tavern debt of £15. He was incarcerated on the affidavit of the landlord that he was about to absquatulate, when really he had't a cent in his pocket to carry him a mile. We trust that an amendment in the law will soon be made to relieve such unfortunate debtors.

ANTI-CHARLATAN wants to know who the Jas. A. Davidson is, whose foolish ribaldry and pretentious piety fills so much in Provincial papers. We believe he makes no secret of the fact that he has been an extremely hard case, and his present occupation is to exhibit his old sores to every passer by. We agree with our correspondent, that such advocacy of temperance and religion will only injure the good objects it pretends to advance.

## OPENING OF NAVIGATION.

The travelling public will be glad to learn that the American Express line of Steamers will commence running between here and Ogdonsburgh about the 1st of June. The line is composed of the *New York and Northern*, two of the finest and most importantly finished of the Lake Craft. They will connect at Ogdonsburgh with the River Boats for Montreal, Quebec, &c., and also with the Northern Railway for Ogdonsburgh, New York, &c. For a pleasure trip of a couple of days, we know of nothing more delightful than to take passage on one of these magnificent vessels for Ogdonsburgh and back. We can speak in high terms of the courtesy and kindness of the various offices of both boats.

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