

Bill of Fare for the Astronomer Royal.

SOUP.
Palestine Soup: ladled with the "Dipper."
FISH.
"Sun" fish, "Star" fish, "Crab-Nebula."
ENTREES.
Tenderloin Steak, from the "Great Bear."
ROAST.
Anything he *axis* for.
BROIL.
"Sky" Larks.
SIDE DISH.
Ham, cut in "Conic Sections."
VEGETABLES.
"Greenwich Thyme," served with "Gravi-tators."
GAME.
Any animal you can "Comet" with a *tail* to it.
DESSERT.
Floating Island, made from the "Milky *Whey*."
WINE.
Port: with a "Heavenly Body."
This meal may be eaten in the mean time, on the Isle of Skye.

Important Notice.

Mr. Grip.

SIR: I am accused of having incited the working men of Ottawa to make that memorable raid on MACKENZIE in the House of Commons, for the purpose of making a little political capital. I have only to say that I was not in Ottawa at the time at all, and took no part in the affair. The whole thing was organized and managed by some political friends of mine who reside at the Capital, and we consider it to have been a great success. I am at present on a mission in the North West, and you need not be surprised if you witness a similar raid upon the government by a few thousands of our wild Indian fellow-citizens. They are coming, on my advice, to demand that MACKENZIE shall put an end to this scarcity of buffalo on the plains. Next week I begin my labours among the grass-hoppers of this section to the same end. I find this influential portion of our population bitterly disposed towards the government's policy, and Conservatives to a hopper. They demand protection to the Consumer. I will advise them to follow the example of the Ottawa working men and the Blackfoot Indians. *Vivat the Reaction!*

Yours,

A TRUE BLUE TORY.

Meeting of the Mail Stockholders.

(By our own Reporter.)

A GENERAL meeting of the stockholders of the *Mail* newspaper, was held the other day, at which a large number of gentlemen, representing all shades of political opinion, were present.

The Right Hon. Sir JOHN MACDONALD, K. C. B., President, occupied the chair. In the absence of Mr. WEBB, Mr. GORDON BROWN was elected secretary *pro tem*.

Mr. JOHN MACDONALD, M. P., moved, seconded by Mr. EDWARD FARRAR, that this and subsequent meetings of the Company be opened with devotional exercises.

Mr. JOHN R. DOUGALL, of the Montreal *Witness*, spoke against the motion. He said there was a place for everything, and it struck him as peculiarly incongruous to think of devotional exercises in connection with the *Mail*.

Mr. GEORGE BROWN said he differed from the last speaker. It was the spirit of fervent theology which had made the *Globe* so powerful and respected. To object to the purpose of this motion because the *Mail* was a bad paper he considered poor argument. Devotional exercises might lead to reform.

Hon. Dr. TUPPER said that was just why he objected to the motion. The *Mail* was a Conservative paper, and intended to remain so. He would vote against everything that could possibly lead to *Reform*.

Hon. THOS. N. GIBBS said he regretted this discussion, and was pained to observe that it had been introduced, apparently for purposes of obstruction, by one of the new Grit stockholders. For his part he regretted that the general public had been admitted to membership in the *Mail* Joint Stock Company, as he thought it would lead to serious embarrassments in the transaction of business.

The RIGHT HON. CHAIRMAN called the last speaker to order. His remarks sounded like a reflection on himself (the Chairman). He (the Chairman) had been mainly instrumental in thus enlarging the Company, and had done so from disinterested and patriotic motives—the motives, he might add, which had governed every act of his public life.

The motion was put and lost by a large majority.

After the despatch of routine business, Mr. JOHN CAMERON, of the London *Advertiser*, said he desired to introduce a resolution which he hoped would be carried without a dissenting voice. It read as follows: *Resolved*: That the sincere thanks of the General Public of the Dominion of Canada be and are hereby tendered to Mr. FRED CUMBER-

LAND, for his disinterested kindness in appropriating a sufficient amount of their (the General Public's) funds out of the Northern Railway Coffers, to buy an interest in the *Mail* newspaper for every man, woman and child in Canada; and to Mr. ANGUS MORRISON for his valuable services in completing such purchase of stock on their behalf from the original stockholders.

Mr. T. C. PATTERSON, said it gave him the greatest pleasure to second the resolution of his esteemed friend from London. He thought the gentlemen named in the resolution certainly deserved the compliment thus paid them, as he believed this great public benefit had been conferred in a wholly gratuitous manner.

The Resolution was carried *nem con*.

The RIGHT HON. CHAIRMAN accordingly tendered to Mr. CUMBERLAND and Mr. MORRISON respectively the thanks of the General Public.

Mr. FRED CUMBERLAND, in rising to respond, was greeted with much applause. Having placed his eye-glass in position, he bowed modestly and said that he was deeply sensible of the honour done him by the resolution. He was glad that his proceeding in this matter had met with the approval of the General Public, for he confessed that really he had not taken that into account at the time of the transaction. He had not handed Mr. MORRISON the cash for the purchase of shares for the public with the view of gaining a flimsy popularity, but thus it was proved that Virtue was its own reward. In fact, he had not paid him the money for the purchase of shares at all: he felt that to Mr. MORRISON belonged all the credit of the public spirited department of the affair. Again thanking the mover and seconder, he sat down.

Mr. ANGUS MORRISON was also received with enthusiasm. He said the motion quite overwhelmed him with honour. He had not expected thanks for doing what he deemed his duty, and a benefit to all concerned. He bought those shares because he thought that, on the one hand it would be an advantage to the General Public, politically, to be drawn into closer fellowship with the *Mail*; and on the other hand, the *Mail* could not but be improved by having imported into it the elements of purity and piety which would be the result of contact with such spirits as the editor of the London *Advertiser*. He had acted all for the best, and was happy that his conduct met with universal approval.

Mr. TYNER, of the Hamilton *Times*, said that the remarks of the last speaker reminded him of a subject which he had intended to bring up at this meeting, namely, the general character and conduct of the *Mail*. As a stockholder, he would be pleased to see some alterations made in the editorial management. The course of the paper on the subject of Protection met with his approval; the *Times* also advocated Protection. But with regard to the Secret Service question, he must disapprove of the *Mail's* course. He did not think it was the wish of the shareholders in general that the paper should stultify itself by sticking to JOHN A. through muck and mire.

The RIGHT HON. CHAIRMAN.—I must call the gentlemen to order. Let him confine himself to the subject under discussion.

Mr. E. J. BAKER PENSE, of the Kingston *Whig*, said he quite agreed with what had fallen from Mr. TYNER. He believed JOHN A. to be a most unspeakable political fraud, and, so far as his (the speaker's) share of stock went, he earnestly protested against the *Mail* being degraded into acting as the personal organ of such an incarnation of corruption.

The RIGHT HON. CHAIRMAN.—Gentlemen will be good enough to keep to the subject *before* the chair, not *in* the chair.

Mr. ALEX. MACKENZIE said he fully endorsed the remarks of the previous speaker. He would also like to refer to another matter, which called for immediate action on the part of the stockholders. This was the attitude of the *Mail* on the Steel Rails question and on the ANGLIN and NORRIS questions. The articles which had recently appeared in its columns were an unmitigated insult to the majority of the stockholders, who were members of the Reform Party. He would suggest that hereafter, the editors of the *Mail* be required to submit their manuscript editorials to a committee composed of Messrs. DYMOND, BROWN and the Mover.

Mr. F. C. PATTERSON protested against the passage of such a resolution. He said the *Mail* was not going to be a Grit paper, although the majority of its present stockholders might be Grits. He was afraid the gloomy apprehensions of his friend Mr. GIBBS, with regard to trouble arising from this indiscriminate enlargement of the stock company, were going to be fulfilled, if this present discussion were continued any longer. Therefore he would move an adjournment. After a most turbulent discussion this motion was carried and the general meeting adjourned.

Hard to Astonish.

The London *Advertiser* says:—

"We are accustomed to look for all sorts of charlatanism in the member for Kingston, and have no cause for surprise when he sticks his tongue in his cheek and recounts this piteous tale of his imaginary poverty."

The London editor is hard to please when such a performance fails to astonish him. We venture to say Sir JOHN is the only man in Canada who is able to "recount a piteous tale" or, in fact, to talk at all, with his tongue sticking in his cheek; and, if he has really accomplished this feat of "charlatanism"—as the *Advertiser* admits he has—GRIP thinks he ought to get credit for it. Let us see the *Advertiser* man do a trick half so surprising.