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Cress ! The terror of the main. That never had it blazonry Polluted by a stain-The old and the honored bunting-The chosen and the free— Which made our land for ages

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Carried always in the van. We want no flag but the eld For this young land of ours, Of the world's mighty powers We've flourished 'neath its shelteris

In darkness and in light; Ther give to us the good old flag,

We claim it as cur right. THE MANIAC SEATER.

A CAPADIAN TALE. On one of the Canadian rivers — a branch stream that empties itself into the Ottawa, many miles above the modern Canadian capital—stands the town or village, of P——. It is a pretty place picturesquely situated on the river's bank, and backed by hills of bold outine, upon whose sides the maple sheds

exclamation passing through the crowd, as a young gentleman and lady made their appearance upon the ice esming up the river from below. They were elasting hand in hand, now beckward, how ferward, now performing some difficult feat, or whirling around in wide sweeping circles.

"Who are they?" was the question asked by many among the spectators.

"Kate Mackenzie and Frank Scott," was the reply, pointing them out as belonging to the two most prominent family.

few fercible strokes shot clear of the crowd, and stated rapidly away from it.

A murmur of disappeintment followed their departure; while glances of something like disappreval were east after them as they glided off under the gleaming fire-light. The villagers appeared to think they had been unfairly dealt with, to be thus cheated of a spectacle. "They are vexed at our leaving them," remarked the young gentleman as he swept along by the side of his beautiful companion, her hand held in his.

"For what reason?" she innocently asked.

"They don't often see such an accomplished skater as yeu, Kate."

"As yourself, you mean, Frank. It was your performances they so much admired; and, new I think of it, it wasn't very graceful in me to have been the cause of disappointing them. Suppose you go back, and show them a little more of your skill. Do, Frank! I can stay here till you return."

"Anything to please you, my dear Kate."

She had leoked back, and saw who was coming after. The silver light of the moon, falling upon her face, showed an expression of sadness, suddenly enhanging to hope; then raising her gloved hand in the air, she sent back a cry for help.

It was not needed. The wan countenance, seen under the soft moon in its appeal for pretection, was enough to never Frank Scott to the utmost exertion of strength; and he kept on with "They don't often see such an accom-

More than five minutes were thus spent, during which time the accomplished a stater was repeatedly cheered, and greeted with complimentary speeches. Then, bethinking himself of the fair creature he had left waiting alone and in the cold, he was about to break off, when the pleased spectators entreated him to remain a moment lenger, and once more show them a figure that appeals with energenetal the figure called for; and then, resisting all further appeals, with ane grand stroke he glided to pursued.

Merciful heaven! What is that sound heard ahead, and at no great distance? Scott did not need to ask this question. He knew that it was the roar of water—he knew that a cataract was below. And near below; for, on sweep-into the pursue of the river, the black smooth water could be seen about in the roar of the sum of the roar of the sum of the residual specially elicited their applause.

He consented; repeated the figure called for; and then, resisting all further appeals with an errand stroke he glided to not need to ask this question. He knew that it was the roar of water—he knew that a cataract was below. And near below; for, on sweep-into roar of the river, the black smooth water could be seen about to break off.

The pursued saw it first; soon after the pursued saw it first; soon after the pursued. appeals, with one grand stroke he glided out from among the people, and off toward the spot where he had left the young lady on the ice.

"My God!" gasped the latter, in a voice choking with agony. "Can the man mean to carry her on—over! Stop

taken for the ghostly inhabitants of some supernatural world.

"What splendid skaters!" was the exclamation passing through the crowd, could this be the explanation of her disappearance? Was the man in reality as a woung continuous and lady made

"Kate Mackenzie and Frank Scott,"
was the reply, pointing them out as belonging to the two most prominent families in the neighborhood, whose splendid
mansions stood nest the river's bank a
little further dewn.

The two skaters, who had thus unexpectedly made their appearance, at once
became the object of universal attention,
and an admiring crowd soon collected
around them.

Observing this, and mot appearing to
like such a public exhibition, the young
lady whispered some words in the ear
of have companion, who auddenly wheel.

Maskesnise.

Nerved by the sight, he threw fresh

of her companien; who, auddenly wheeling, so as to face down the river, and carrying her round along with him, by a few fercible strokes shot clear of the crowd, and along with the crowd, and along with the crowd, and along with the crowd.

upon the wing.

On, past rock, and tree, and hill, and farm-houses sleeping in silence; on in long nervous strides; his eyes flashing, long nervous strides; his eyes flashing, but fixed upon the twe forms—every moment becoming mere discernable, as the distance lessessed between.
And now he was near enough to see, that, one of them was Miss Mackensie, the other St. Clair.

The latter, glancing back over his shoulder, recognized his pursuer; and taking a fresh hold on the wrist of his apparently unwilling partner, he carried her onward with increased velecity.

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"Anything to please yeu, my dear Kate."

Kate."

And so saying, the young man released the tiny-gloved hand of his charming companien; and, after a few shots, was once mere in the midst of the villagers,

once mere in the midst of the villagers, From what? From the grasp of the lestreyer—a maniae, as the behavior of St. Clair now proved him to be.

Merciful heaven! What is that sound

THE ELGIN ASSOCIATION STANDERS.

HON. MR.MCKELLAR'S DEFENCE

At the evening sitting of the Legisla-ture Mr. McKellar made a very full statement in reply to the slanders that have been for some mentlas past freely

have been fer some mentls past freely sirculated through the columns of the Tery press with respect to his connection with the Elgin Association and Buxton Mission. He commessed by describing the origin of the Elgin settlement, and the philanthropic efforts made by the Rev. Mr. King on behalf of the celoured race. He then noticed the charges made against him in order. First, with regard to the Elgin Association, it had been alleged that he had been instrumental in selling 6,600 acres of land at \$5 an acre, thus realizing \$39,600, of which he was charged with embezzling some \$27,000. He preduced the statement of the Company's affairs, swern to by the Treasurer (Rev. W. Reid) and the Secretary (Mr. Henning), which shewed that the total receipts of the Association for 24 years had been \$24,365, of which, it was proved by a vouched declaration from the Crown Lands Department, \$17,641 had been paid for partment, \$17,641 had been paid for lands patented by the Eigin settlers, and for drainage works in improvement of those lands. The following is the state-ment referred to:

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very circumstantial statement from his former cashier, which showed the man mer in which the money incites applied, and the result of the transaction it was

saw-mill, and which, as we have also seen, Mr. McKellar had, nothing to do with in his personal capacity, although his sense of honeur has led him to accept the responsibility of seeing it paid to all those of the original subscribers who are willing to receive payment.

No one who heard the straightforward manly deliverance of Mr. McKellar last evening could have failed to be struck with the ring of thereugh sincerity by which it was distinguished. The hearty cheers that again and again greeted him told in what estimation the vile slanders he had an triumphantly refused were held by those whose good opinion he mest coveted. It must indeed be a shameful villifier who dared after such a vindication to repeat the feul libels.

One insident referred to by Mr. McKellar we have yet to mention. It is already known that the late Mr. Sandfield Macdenald had in his possession all the decements relating to these imatters, and had been directly applied to by those who desired to make Mr. McKellar responsible for what they chose to represent as grave irregularities or worse; yet Mr. McKellar stated he had in 1871, a direct everture from Mr. Macdenald to induce him to join the Ministry of which Mr. Macdenald was Premier. He might

former cachies, which showed the massmer is which the money hiddless applied,
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invested in, which resulted in a smell
profit to the pursons interested.

Mr. King's further speculations, howover, were not successful. Mr. McKellar, as he had an important influence
over, were not successful. Mr. McKellar
as he had lent his influence to the
collection of the money, with the high
minded integrity that has always distinguished him, chose to assume the respensibility of paying the interest
through Mr. Miller—who acted as agent
for the sharsholders—for two years,
when, as he teld the House, some busithe payments. Last year Mr. King—
to whose integrity Mr. McKellar paid a
high tribute—was able to remit \$5,000,
or half the original suscunt, to Bugland
and Mr. McKellar declared that heaves
to have hower would shirk the duty of
bearing the loss himself if Mr. King was
and able to make the whole sum good.
To show, however, the views held by
the bulk of the contributors, Mr. McMcBlar read letters from the Rev. E. W.
Forster, M. P., Mr. Gurney Barelay,
and others who protested that they
have had looked for any return, but,
from the first, regarded their subscriptiens as a donation to a purpose excellent in itself but very unlikely to prove
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First—The fund of the Elgin Association, of which we give it the efficial and sewern account.

Secondly—The fund of the Buxten Mission, administered under the control of the Canada Presbyterian Church, and to the faithful application of which the Rev. Mr. Scott testifies, as well as to the fact that Mr. McKellar did not and could not touch it.

Lastly—The fund collected for the saw-mill, and which, as we have also seen, Mr. McKellar had nothing to do with in his personal capacity, although



