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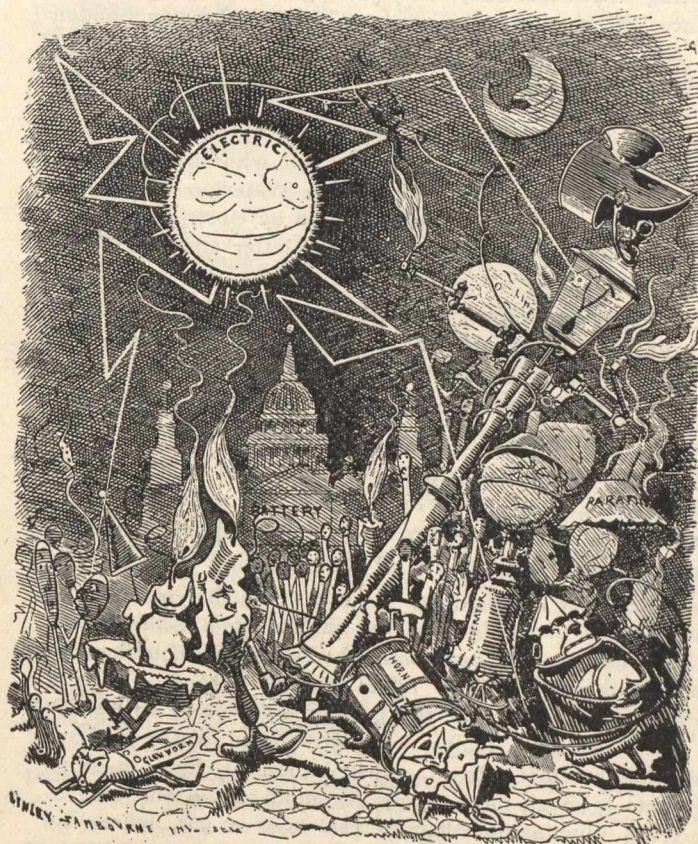
In our last issue we omitted to state that the fine picture
of the Clydesdale was used by courtesy of our esteemed
contemporary, "The Canadian Thresherman," of Winnipeg.

Although this issue contains eight extra pages, we have
been constrained to omit the popular serial articles on
"Descriptive Metallurgy of Iron and Steel" and "System in
Industrial Establishments." These will, however, appear in
our May number, together with a finely illustrated descrip-
tion of the Montreal Pipe Foundry at Three Rivers, Que.

In view of the new era in metallurgy inaugurated by the
recent triumph in electric smelting at Sault Ste. Marie, and
the necessity of every young engineer in this country being
equipped to "fill the bill," when new electro-thermic plants
spring up near our waterfalls everywhere, we have arranged
with Dr. Alfred Stansfield, Professor of Metallurgy at Mc-
Gill University, to write a series of copyright articles on
"The Electric Furnace: Its Principles and Practice."

The second article on "European Hydro-Electric De-
velopment," from the pen of Charles H. Mitchell, C. E., and
entitled "French Plants in the Vicinity of Grenoble," will
appear in May. No Canadian civil or electrical engineer
can afford to miss this series.

ELECTRICAL PREDICTION REVIVED.



"COMING EVENTS CAST THEIR SHADOWS BEFORE."

Nearly twenty-eight years have passed since Mr.
Linley Sanbourne in "Punch," expressed in pen and
ink his famous prediction of the coming triumph of
electricity as the future illuminant of our streets and
homes. The electric globe like a full orb'd sun is
shown dominating a ludicrous scene. Striding along
on lightning feet, he prostrates, by his electric flashes,
gas posts, lamps, and candles, even outshines the
moon. The bull's-eye lantern of the burglar is shown
on its knees pleading to be spared; while even the
glow-worm (which gives what Thurston says will be
the light of the future: illumination without heat), is
represented as badly discomfited.

Recently champions of artificial gas, like the "Gas
World," have been jubilant over the interesting fact
that London has removed the electric arc lamps from
certain of her leading thoroughfares, such as Queen
Victoria Street; Fleet Street, etc., and substituted gas
lamps in place thereof. The impression conveyed
around the world to the uninitiated is, that electricity
has been weighed in the balance and found wanting;
hence the return to gas. Here is what Mr. Alpheus C.
Morton, Chairman of the Street Committee of the
City of London Court of Common Council has to say
about it. In a recent interview he said:—

You must not think that I have any hostility to elec-
tricity—far from it. Our only object has been to get the
streets well lighted at the lowest cost, irrespective of whether
electricity or gas was the illuminating agent.

Instead of our being biased in favor of gas, as some
people suggest, quite the contrary is the case. We have had
our difficulties with the gas company, and if other things had
been equal you may be sure we should not have gone in
for gas. The electrical interest is not without its friends
on the council, who may be trusted to see that the electric
light is treated on its merits.

And the merits of the gas have been found to be
greater?*