

Our Own Dick Deadeye;

OR, PLAIN WORDS FROM A PLAIN HAND.

"Domestic economy is at the root of the life of every true woman," quoth our fair and cultured Princess. I would like to hear Her Royal Highness apply that noble sentiment to corporations as well as women, and repeat it with emphasis in every town where the people foolishly strain their resources to prove their loyalty by giving the Vice Regal party a grander reception than the civic treasury can stand.

I read that two railway carriages are being built for the use of the Vice-Regal party on their excursions, at a cost of \$15,000. Of course this will come out of the Vice Regal private purse, as a sensible couple like the present representatives of the Queen wouldn't think of letting an already over-burdened people indulge in any such nonsensical extravagance on their account. As the Royal LOUISE has remarked: Domestic economy is a great institution, or words to that effect.

One of our high-toned papers expresses the opinion that the recent creation of Gingerbread Knights has done a great deal to perpetuate British connection. I don't know whether there is any foundation for this idea, but I do know that it has done a great deal to perpetuate the healthy contempt which sound-hearted people have long felt for the jackdaw who strutted in peacock's feathers.

I am astray—those carriages are being built at the expense of the country. And, furthermore, they are being built at Troy, N. Y., N. P. to the contrary, notwithstanding. And is this the way in which our rulers keep Canada for the Canadians? O, my country, land of liberty and bosh!

The great question, Is lager-beer intoxicating? is now agitating St. John, N. B. To decide it they are trying a case in court, and hearing the evidence of chemists as to the analysis of the beverage. Pshaw! why don't they set a few kegs before the jury, and let the matter be tested in a practical and agreeable manner.

The Minister of Finance is going on a visit to his constituents next Tuesday. As he has no public business down that way, I suppose his mission is to let them see how he looks in a Knighthood, and to state to them officially whether it is to be Sir SAMUEL or Sir LEONARD.

The *Globe* fellow, who is doing the Vice-regal visit to Quebec, says that when the Princess declared the Kent Gate corner stone to be well and truly laid, she did so in a low musical voice, which, however, could be heard by all on the platform. I venture to say the voice was a good business like voice, without any low musical nonsense about it, or it wouldn't have been so audible.

What this correspondent is after is that glittering title that was so magnanimously declined by his employer. And if he will write plenty of these pretty little pieces about the Princess, and send marked copies of the papers to the proper quarter, who knows but what he might get it.

Montreal promised St. John sufferers ten thousand dollars, but has only given them eight—Repudi-eight.

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THE advent of the JOLY ministry was a mercy to Quebec; and the recent election in St. Hyacinthe was still MERCIER.

THE Steamer *Rothsary* is now a revenue-cutter. At least that is what the cashier of a rival boat thinks as he watches Captain DONALDSON's craft moving out of the harbour with the biggest crowd, on one of her 30 ct. excursions.

The Zulu Club.

Bro. GARDNER having concluded his address, as reported in our last number, a cordial vote of thanks was tendered to him, the same being proposed in touching terms by Mr. JEFFERSON JARVIS JENKINS, and seconded by Mr. JOSEPHUS ORANGEBLOSSOM.

The CHAIRMAN—I s'jest, frens, dat we now purceed to organize de Club, an' I would call on our distinguish visitor, de honorable Mr. GARDNER, to read de draf ob de constitution an' by-laws, wat he wrote up to my house dis evening, on de back ob a handbill. (Hear, hear).

Bro. GARDNER—Well, Mars' CHAIRMAN, I am agreeable to dat, an' I beg leave to read de aforesaid constitution and by-laws as follows:

CONSTITUTION.

De name of dis Club shall be called De Zulu Club of Toronto, in affiliation wid de Lime Kiln Club of Detroit, and wid friends ob justice in de hull world at large.

De objec shall be to improve de members whar dat ken be safely done, and to secure to de culled men in Canada de same political show as wat de Irish gits.

Two gemmen ob color shall fowm a chorum, an' kin transack business on behalf ob de African citizen ob de kentry.

De financial consarus ob de Club shall be in de haus ob a committee ob three members, who kin furnish proof dat dey understand de hanliu' ob funs, an' haint made arrangement in dar own private affairs uor'n twice sence de hard times sot in.

BY-LAWS.

No smoking allowed, 'cept on business. De initiation fee shall be Two Dollars, payable in advance, not necessarily foh publication, but as a guaranty ob good faith.

White folks kin be elected honary members, provided dey will not disturb de meeting by eating peanuts.

Meeting ob de club shall be held every once in a while, and reports ob de same shall be put into de paper ob GRIP.

On motion of Mr. DANDYLYON GROSVENOR, seconded by Elder JINKS, the constitution and by-laws as read were adopted, and the meeting proceeded to the election of officers for the first quarter. The following gentlemen were chosen: President, GEO. WASHINGTON BRINDLEBLOOM, Esq.; 1st Vice, ARCHIBALD H. JACKSON; 2nd Vice, Mr. GEORGE BROWN DAVIS; Secretary, Mr. ALPHONSO VAN AMBERG DOESKIN; Treasurer, Mr. PEARLBLOSSOM CHROMO; Janitor, UNCLE JEFF BUCHANAN.

Finally, notice will be given of the first regular meeting of our club.

Absurd Rumor.

That it is in contemplation to create a new office in connection with the Ontario Government, the occupant to be known as keeper of the Catholic vote.

That SIR CHARLY TUPPER's Hamilton speech was pleasant reading for the *Globe* people.

That SENATOR MACPIERSON has declared that he will never write another pamphlet for the ungrateful people of Ontario.

That MR. JACK A. MACDONALD intends to apologise to Parliament for the insult he put upon its dignity last session.

That the reason MR. ALEX. MACKENZIE did not open his mouth during the local election was that he preferred to keep quiet.

MR. MOWAT may be a very good man, but MR. ROBERTSON, the pool-selling member for Hamilton, is a better.