

FROM OUR OWN OBSERVATORY.

HUMORS OF THE REMEDIAL SESSION.

Birth and Death of the Remedial Bill.

THE incidents connected with the introduction and final defeat of the Remedial Bill comprise some circumstances of an almost unprecedented character. The resignation of one-half of the Ministers before even the commencement of discussion on the Queen's Speech which they had helped to formulate and introduce, their weak and discrepant accounts of the cause of their apparent treachery, and their return to office; the incident of the anonymous letters (not yet explained); the Remedial Bill debate, with all its ridiculous and disgraceful incidents; the Winnipeg conference fiasco; the 129 hours' continuous committee sitting, in face of the evident impossibility of passing the bill; and the final effort to pass corrupt financial votes, all mark the governing body at Ottawa as being wanting in high-minded and statesmanlike qualities. The following editorial of the *Montreal Star* on the "bolting" incident deserves record:

"MAGNA EST VERITAS ET PREVALEBIT.

"ANANIAS is dead. Sapphira is dead. Munchausen (if he ever existed) is dead. But the Government at Ottawa still lives, and the breed is in no immediate danger of extinction.

"These melancholy reminiscences are suggested by the official explanation made in the House of Commons yesterday by Sir Adolphe Caron, with reference to the recent ministerial strike, lock-out and resumption of work.

"There are features about that explanation that compel public admiration. Upon that utterance alone Sir Adolphe might be elected president of any fish or game club.

"It was colossal! Magnificent! Heroic! Superb!

"The people of Canada expected to be taken into the confidence of the Government. They were taken in!

"There is an island in Cumberland County, N.S., known as Jerry Island, and which it is the fashion for the Bluenoses to offer as a prize to the biggest liar in the province. The Government ought to declare that island for the general advantage of Canada and take possession of it. Nobody has a better claim just now.

"The ministers have been setting a good example by accepting each other's explanations on various subjects lately, and we are bound to accept their explanation.

"We are required to believe that the seven retired but repentant ministers resigned their portfolios because they had conscientious scruples about violating the constitution by leaving Mr. Angers' chair at the Council-table empty, and that the Premier has taken them back again because, after re-construction, he has come to the conclusion that this cause was not sufficient to justify the resignations.....

"Unfortunately, there are difficulties about reconciling this explanation with the explanation of the Hon. George Eulas Foster to the effect that the seven bolters

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