

Canadian Celebrities.

BY ASPER.

No. 5—HON. EDWARD BLAKE.

Unlike Mr. GEORGE BROWN, who is one of the few remaining landmarks that show that a race of politicians such as he existed in former times, the subject of our present sketch is what may be termed a primary indication that in some future age of the world, another, and hitherto unknown class of statesmen will flourish. Although Mr. BLAKE has described himself as a political ghost, we must beg to take issue with him and judge him rather as an embodied political theory which some day, in other shapes than his, *may*, (we don't say it *will*) take the form of a practical political fact.

With the object of ascertaining whether Mr. BLAKE would ever again enter the political arena as an actor, and of finding out of the many great schemes for the happiness of the people, which he has lately been enunciating from the public platform, would ever take a tangible shape, our reporter waited upon him.

He waited upon him for some time, as at the moment of calling Mr. BLAKE was engaged in getting up an important brief. In this connection it may be in order to ask if any one knows why these things are called *briefs*, when both they and the bill of costs which follows them are always so long?

At first the honorable gentleman demurred a little to being interviewed by a newspaper man, saying that the Conservative press abused both him and his theories and that the Reform journals did not uphold either one or the other, but on being informed what paper our reporter represented he at last consented to be asked a few questions.

"Will you ever again go into political life?" asked our representative.

"Some time or another," said Mr. BLAKE, "I may do so if the *Globe* changes hands and if I can find a man sufficiently endowed with genius to do the practical work of developing my theoretical principles and bringing them into a real existence. If I ever find such a man—and he must be one who will always look upon everything I say as demonstrated as soon as said—I shall perhaps accept the position of Premier of Canada,—until then never."

"But, if it is not an impertinence to suggest it, you could do your country so much more service, by assisting to govern Canada than by continuing your private life and being only the great lawyer you are at present."

"Not at all. I give my countrymen very great benefit by looking after their Chancery suits. Besides that I always look upon politics as something having a future existence—something to be hereafter developed—whereas Chancery suits, like time and tide, wait for no man, and must be attended to at the proper period. The judges are pretty well educated up to law and equity, but the people of Canada need a large amount of study before they will be able to grasp the questions of the day—or rather of the morrow, as I do."

"Do you consider Mr. Brown or Mr. JACKENZIE the greater statesman?"

"That question I must decline to answer for obvious reasons. If you had entirely altered the word "greater," and left out the last word of your question altogether, I might have given you an opinion,—as you put the question I cannot answer it. I never speak when it is not necessary. I did not, on that principle, speak on Mr. LETELLIER's action in Quebec, although, when I consider it a proper time for others to speak, I generally let them know it, as probably you re-

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member, I did on a certain occasion now long past. But you must excuse me, as I have a theory to develop by which I hope to be able to compel every man to vote according to his conscience—and I think I have struck upon a mode of finding out when anyone does not go. When he doesn't I think his vote should not be counted."

In a moment Mr. BLAKE was absorbed in deep thought, and our reporter, unwilling to interrupt the working of such an important scheme, left the room.

"Elephantine Trickery."

"No! it is useless reasoning with us," we said. It must have been PUPPERS that wrote it. The *Mail* does not sit on PUPPERS half as much as you think. It only uses him as a tool to mislead the Hon. Senatorial ruler of the great Grit party. Who is there but PUPPERS who could edit that article on "The Revenue" in the *Mail* last week? Who but he who wrote a pamphlet to prove that men can only be happy when enormously taxed, fined and punished for buying cheap and useful goods wherever they may find them, could be found jubilant over the fact that these revenue fines for the first eight months of this year have increased \$1,135,210.76? Who but he could see visions of prosperity in this disgusting addition to our burden? Of course when he interviews the Hon. GEORGE he dissembles, and calls it a wonderful proof of the industry and economy of the masses so nobly led by the precept, even more than by the example, of the Reform leaders, which enabled the country to sustain this additional burden *without* the commensurate and cheering influences of that properly trained and mannerly "White Elephant" of which PUPPERS is sole proprietor. Were that glorious "animale" once let loose it would gobble up hard times, provincial governments, official assignees—in short every thing that is destructive—but it could hardly make a *Mail* of the diurnal *Globe*—could it? Think of an elephant reading down the *Globe* preparatory to a wholesome meal. What an enormous feat!

Editorials in a Telegram.

Mr. CHAPLEAU is *not* to be taken into the Ottawa Ministry after all. This is good for the Ministry, as CHAPLEAU is anything but a desirable companion for honest men. It may be a question in some minds, however, whether he would meet any persons of that stamp in the Ottawa Cabinet. We think so ourselves.

Lieut. Gov. LETELLER is at present on a visit to this city, and probably will be lionized by the Grits. He gave the constitution a severe wrench, but that will not lower him any in the opinion of the Grit leaders.

In yesterday's issue, by an unaccountable oversight, we omitted to have our dig at GEORGE BROWN and the *Globe*. This omission might have entirely escaped notice had not many of our subscribers sent back their papers with expressions of disgust and indignation.

Sir JOHN MACDONALD has returned with an empty title and still more empty pockets, at least so it is said. However, it is just possible that this may turn out to be erroneous.

FLOUR by any other name would smell as wheat.

"First come, first served"—as the cannibal remarked to the missionary.