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Comments on the Cartoons.



LEADING CARTOON.—"Prohibition doesn't Prohibit."—This is the pet phrase of the liquor men and their friends and sympathizers. Of course the reference is to the sort of Prohibition advocated by those who would wipe out the criminal business of rum-selling, and it is based upon the comparative failure of local option laws which have been in many counties betrayed by recreant or unprincipled officials. But, nevertheless, no person is a more thorough believer in Prohibition than the Rum-boss; and nobody knows better than he that it *does* prohibit when there is an adequate power behind it. Look at his own experience, lo! these many years. Has he not at this moment a prohibitory mandate in force on the leaders of the Grit and Tory parties in this country—a mandate forbidding them to take any official notice of the wishes of the people in reference to the liquor traffic? And are they not both crouched at his feet in abject obedience? Now, Prohibition would prove just as effective in the interests of the Home as in those of the Saloon, if temperance men proved themselves as much in earnest at the ballot box as the rummies do. Votes are the only things that count with politicians.

THE NOVA SCOTIAN POSITION.—Formal notice has been given through the leading Government organs of Nova Scotia that the secession movement has no reference to Ottawa, and that no change for the better of the administration of Dominion affairs will at all affect the opinions of the Province. The same paper now habitually alludes to the people of the Upper Provinces as Canadian foreigners. In view of all this, the interpretation given to the recent Nova Scotia vote by *Harpers' Weekly* (expressed in Nast's cartoon which we copy in this issue) would seem to be not far astray.

THE LAW AND THE FACT.—Americans are expressly prohibited from fishing in our waters just now, but they continue to fish, and that, of late, without molestation. And yet the Government allege that no relaxation of the regulations has been made at the suggestion of the Home authorities or otherwise. There is something fishy somewhere about this.

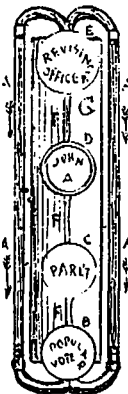
"SKETCHES thrown up for artists" is the announcement of a London photographer. As if London artists do not understand emetics!

"MACHINE POLITICS."



THE other day, Sir John with great assurance stated that he was going to win the next election. He repeated the statement twice for emphasis, and GRIP has taken the trouble to investigate the ground of the old gentleman's confidence. He finds it amply sufficient. Sir John has been spending a good deal of his spare time since the close of the session in figuring out his chances, and, with the assistance of the Minister of Finance, who is of course a mathematician, the matter has been resolved into geometrical shape. At vast expense GRIP has secured the diagram, which is herewith presented. It requires no explanation as it must be quite apparent that the position which the Premier occupies (Fig. 1.) is simply impregnable to Grit votes.

But Sir John, not content with mathematical certainty, has called upon his inventive faculty to make assurance doubly sure, and as the result of a good deal of brain-worry and over-work he has produced a machine which will keep him in office as long as he wants to stay. This piece of mechanism is veritably Perpetual Motion, and the Eganville Genius who thought he had discovered that long-sought principle the other day, and sent his plans to the patent office at Ottawa, will find that he has come too late. Sir John has taken no particular pains to keep his invention secret, and we have had no difficulty in securing the accompanying cut and explanation of it.



By a peculiar contrivance known as the N.P. (which we cannot undertake here to explain) the body D was first of all poised in the exact spot desired in the cylinder F. This spot is technically referred to in the specifications as *Office*, and it is from this position that the gifted inventor worked in completing the machine. It may be stated that the body D was forced into position by a strong infusion of public feeling passing from B through C. Like most great and startling inventions this one is very simple. It was only necessary to make the body E, and place it in position, supporting it by pressure of a subtle agency known as *pap* from D. It is now evident that if force can be steadily exerted from E upon B perpetual motion is attained. This is what was effected, after an interesting series of efforts which are fully described in the Franchise Act. By means of the brass tubes AA, AA, (for quality of brass consult Boyd & Morgan) an irresistible pressure is brought to bear on B, which in turn keeps C and D in their respective positions, and thus accomplishes the object aimed at. And this thing goes right on *ad infinitum*, the motion being just the reverse of what is known as the "want of confidence motion."

LIBERALITY.

Winnipeg has organized a Junior Conservative Association, with Mr. R. G. Macbeth as President.

We are agreeably astonished to find the above paragraph in the *Globe* under the head of "Political Intelligence."