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Cartoon Comments.

LEADING CARTOON.—When we read, some
days ago, that Sir Hector Langevin had sub-
mitted himself to the process of vaccination at
Ottawa prior to leaving for the city of Mont-
real, we couldn't help reflecting on the
progress of enlightenment. As a reward for
his intelligence in this matter we can promise
Sir Hector that he will not fall a victim to
smallpox. But physical smallpox is not the
only virulent disease that is to be found at
present in the Province of Quebec. There is
a political species of the disorder, which
manifests itself in hatred of the English lan-
guage and aversion to everything British. We
could not help reflecting, on reading the para-
graph referred to, what a grand thing it would
be if it were only possible to inoculate Sir
Hector and all his followers with a virus which
would save them from this political smallpox.
For, although the anti-English sentiment may
be pretty general in Quebec, it is undoubtedly
true that it is manifested most viciously by
the party of which Sir Hector Langevin is the
acknowledged leader. Sir Hector himself
does not indulge in the boast of his predeces-
sor, Cartier, that he is an "Englishman
speaking French," and from all indications,
in this particular, Sir George is quite without
a successor. It would be a grand thing for

Canada if this miserable matter of race-anti-
pathy could be thoroughly overcome; it is a
problem worthy of the most pious and devoted
effort. Is it within the range of possibility to
overcome it? Not, we sorrowfully believe, so
long as Canada has two official languages.
Let Quebec learn English, and speak English,
and think English; or else let the rest of us
learn, speak and think French. Either one
or other miracle must be accomplished before
this Dominion can be a nation in any proper
sense of the word.

FIRST PAGE.—Lord Lansdowne visited the
Agricultural College at Guelph some days ago,
and to conclude his visit pleasantly it was
thought well to give a banquet in his honor.
The college is in a Scott Act county, and the
temperance sentiment, both in the institution
itself and in the vicinity, is strongly anti-
liquor. With a rare mixture of stupidity and
munificence, the Ontario Government pro-
vided an assortment of intoxicants for the
occasion. Against this the principal of the
college strongly protested, but with persist-
ence worthy of a better cause, our highly
moral and exemplary Cabinet overruled their
official, and the "cup that inebriates and
makes one feel like cheering" duly (dis)graced
the banquet board. Just here, however, is
where the beautiful and deserved snub of the
Government came in. The temperance clergy-
men present rose and left the table in a body,
thus politely marking their disapproval of the
grog. It only remained for Lord Lansdowne
himself to studiously avoid the decanters and
stick to coffee throughout the evening to com-
plete the reproof, and this he did. There is a
lesson here for officious governments, which
we hope may not be lost.

EIGHTH PAGE.—Mr. E. E. Sheppard, of the
News, was taken to Montreal and tried for
malicious libel, the Province of Quebec being
the prosecutors. He succeeded in proving
that he was personally innocent of the charge,
and the jury imposed a fine of \$200. Mr.
Sheppard's manly bearing throughout the
trial, and his magnificent speech in his own
defence—an oratorical effort which we believe
could not have been equalled by any other man
in Canada—impressed all who can appreciate
such qualities, very deeply, and on his return
to Toronto he was received by an enthusi-
astic concourse of our citizens, who escorted
him from the station. The editor of the Tele-
gram, and its proprietor, Mr. Robertson, took
a prominent part in the proceedings of the
occasion, but the representatives of the other
city dailies were conspicuous by their absence.
Next morning, not a word of the big item
appeared in any of these alleged "news"
papers. The fact seems to be that the Globe,
Mail and World don't know a Man when they
see one. It isn't Sheppard's fault if his heart
and brain are bigger than theirs; they
shouldn't show their jealousy to all the little
boys.

"Aren't you dancing at all, this evening,
Mrs.?" "Not till after midnight."
"Why this abstinence?" "It's the anniver-
sary of the day I lost my poor first."

ESPRIT DE CORPS!

The Globe and the Mail and the picayune World,
Friday evening happened to meet,
And they found a vast concourse, with torches and bands,
Assembled and crowdin' the street.

"Now, what is all this?" asked the Globe in amazement,
"It looks like a pop'lar ovation."
"Yes, Sheppard's come home," quoth the picayune
World.

"He's the golden-haired boy of the nation."

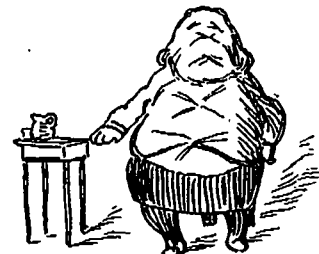
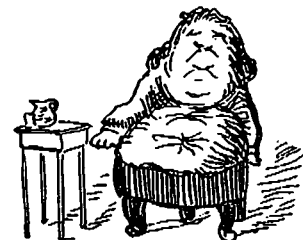
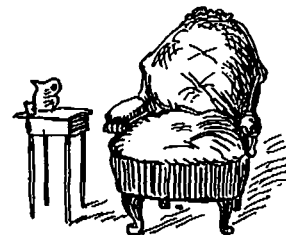
"Dear brothers in meanness and smallness of soul,"
Says the Mail, grasping each by the hand,
"Let us here swear an oath that no item of this
We will publish, and so give command."

"Agreed!" said the World, "for Sheppard's a man!"

"Agreed!" said the Globe, "for he's brave!"

"Agreed!" said they all, "for like us he won't crawl
In the dust as Quebec's humble slave."

And, strange to relate, they all three kept their word,
And next morn when their papers came out,
The readers in vain scanned each column and page
To learn what the fete was about!



THE ORIGIN OF SPEECHES.

EVOLUTION OF THE CHAIRMAN.

DECIDED AT LAST.

A decision has at last been reached in regard
to which is the cheapest place in the city to
buy harness at. The name of the firm is the
Canadian Harness Co., 104 Front Street, op-
posite Hay Market. You can buy a set of
harness \$15 cheaper of them than any other
firm in the city. They have the advantage
over small dealers as they manufacture in large
quantities; 200 sets to choose from, all hand-
stitched.