

GRIP



SALUTES a generous public, and with thanks for their kindness in the past desires to say a few words about himself. On May 24th, 1873, the Canadian people, filled with enthusiasm and loyal pride, celebrated at once the anniversary of the birth of Her Majesty VICTORIA and the first appearance in public of His Majesty GRIP. It was a fitting reception for both sovereigns. The former had ruled for thirty-six years over a happy and prosperous people; while the latter was just commencing a reign which shall continue until the monarch himself shall be gathered to his fathers—and His Majesty's Councillors aver that he belongs to a race whose motto has always been "Never say Die."

The reign of GRIP, thus brilliantly inaugurated amid the booming of cannon, the blazing of bonfires, the pealing of bells, and the heavenly harmony of music, has been eventful. Not long after he ascended the throne he was called upon to quell an uprising among his subjects; and by making a public example of some of the prominent actors in the strife he restored peace and harmony where all before was confusion. This caused great rejoicing among the people, and from that day the name of GRIP became "familiar in their mouths as household words,"—significant of loyalty, honesty and honor. GRIP'S throne was now secure. His fame went out from the Dominion southward, westward, eastward;—princes and potentates courted his favor;—evildoers trembled in fear of him;—knights of the quill ferretted from their vocabularies the most extravagant adjectives with which to express their delight;—and the people doffing the hat and bowing the knee in his presence, betokened their satisfaction with his stern yet gentle rule.

On May 24th, 1876, GRIP will have reigned three years, having during that time issued six volumes. His eye is keener than ever to watch the movements of the public; his pencil is kept always sharpened that upon its point he may hold up to admiration, or laughter, or ridicule, or contempt those whose deeds merit his attention; he speaks little, but his tongue has learned to use words so that sentences mean volumes when properly understood; and nations yet unborn shall have cause—

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