

Canadian Celebrities.

BY ASPER.

No. 1.—SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD.

On hearing that Sir JOHN had just returned from England, our special "Celebrities" correspondent hurried down to Ottawa in order to see him.

On arriving at the Capital he hurried to the Parliament Buildings, and at the outer door of the Premier's sanctuary he saw seventeen hundred and fifty men pushing and surging up and down, evidently endeavouring to get past a guard of civil servants, who, with brave and haughty front, kept the door against all comers. The strategies and scientific modes of warfare practised by these truly great sentries was something wonderful to the uninitiated observer. One ward politician on presenting himself would be told that Sir JOHN was out. On refusing to believe this, the words, "Official Assignee" would be whispered in his ear. Some few left, apparently satisfied with this tempting offer, but others perseveringly stayed and energetically endeavoured to get past the obdurate gate keepers.

"I am a manufacturer," cried one bloated looking individual, with a heavy gold watch chain, and a prominent stomach; "I want to see about that duty I was promised but didn't get."

"My dear sir, it is the duty of all of us to wait until the N. P. is in thorough working order," blandly whispered one of the C. S.'s. "Come with me, however, and I will see when Sir JOHN will return."

The deluded victim was then led inside, and engaged in a long conversation with his capturer, who faithfully promised that everything he wanted should be laid before the Cabinet and attended to at once. Subsequently his representations were laid before the Cabinet, and attended to by a pale clerk who looked as if he worked too hard after office hours, and by him filed away with a host of papers of a similar nature.

One circumstance was especially noticeable, and that was, that those who waxed wrothy and threatened to secede from the Conservative Party were most politely treated. Those, on the contrary, who had "old Tory" sticking out all over them, were quite snubbed. The reason for this was discovered by our reporter, who over-heard the following whispered remark of one of the gate-keepers: "Oh, that old bloke, he's solid; always voted right, never mind him; but that fellow over there, he voted against us at the Local.—Ah, Mr. —, so pleased to see you! Sir JOHN said to be sure and bring you in."

Our representative immediately took the cue, and approached one of the guards, said in a confidential tone, that he was the editor of a strictly independent journal and wanted to see the Premier.

"Um!" ejaculated the sentry, picking up his ears at the word independent, "weekly or daily?"

"Weekly," said our reporter.

"Can't see you, my friend—Mr. BRAY, I presume?"

"Not much, I represent GRIP."

"O-h-h—that's a different thing entirely. Come inside," and with that our reporter was ushered through the sentry guarded door, past a long file of sentries, and into an inner room. Sir JOHN shortly afterwards entered the room, and grasping our special's hand with that fascinating smile for which he is so famous, said—"Well, my friend, what can I do for you—any little matter of advertising contracts?"

"No, thank you. The fact is, I came to ask your permission to place a short interview with you in our paper."

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"Only too happy, I assure you," said the Premier. I am glad, however, it is not a contract advertisement, as you have before this advertised gratuitously and extensively one of my most famous Pacific Railway contracts by means of your cartoons. In fact, you had the effect of considerably contracting my majority. As to the interview, you can just make that up yourself, but I would like you to say that it is a slander to report that we are decapitating all Grit officials. The fact is that both parties abuse me for my system of patronage. If I gave an office to every applicant, really nearly the whole population of Canada would be composed of civil servants. Then, if these were all Conservatives I would lose my majority, as Government officials cannot vote. The real truth of the matter, between you and me, is, that although I never bribe a friend or buy an enemy, I have to—well, make arrangements with those who are neither one nor the other. The shaky fellows—those are the ones who get the soft things. Of course this is strictly private. You might just put in that all Tories applying for office for the next three or four weeks will get a place,—I will be away, you see, and so they will come down here, circulate their money, and increase traffic—and then when I get back they won't have any money to come down with again, and I can get a little quiet. I trust you with all this you know," said Sir JOHN with a sly twinkle in his eye, "because as soon as I shook hands with you I saw that you were a fellow who knew something and would not divulge secrets. Good-bye; fix up the interview to suit yourself."

Diplomatic News.

On dit that Sir A. T. GALT's second mission to Spain has been as successful as his first. He is more than ever convinced that cigars are better in Madrid than in Montreal;—that the Spaniards, though they invented cards, cannot play them. And, pace the *Daily Witness*, the excellency of the "Sherry Wine," as our American cousins call it, has caused him to "go back" on his Sherbrooke Total Abstinence speech. It is understood, that for the foregoing valuable services, Sir A. T. is to be made Financial Agent in London of the Dominion Government.

HON. MR. FABRE.—This representative of Canada at Paris has been charged by the party in Canada to which he belonged with having deserted them, as they say:—

"Just for a handful of silver he left us,
Just for a ribbon to stick on his coat."

Mr. FABRE denies these impeachments. He says he merely changed his opinions like those other great men, W. MACDOUGALL, SIR A. T. GALT, and GOLDWIN SMITH.

The ribbon of the Legion of Honor is that which the Senator has been put in the way of getting. He is now preparing a series of papers for his own government on the "Present state of French Cookery."

Can it be?

The "Disgusted Reformer" is at it again. He wrote a letter to the *Mail* severely censuring the *Globe* for ill-using Sir JOHN, and declaring, with evident sorrow, that such abuse is likely to endear Sir JOHN to his heart. The letter is dated from Simcoe street. Can it be that Mr. MOWAT is on the eve of going over to the enemy?

GOOD ADVICE.—Don't judge a man by his speech, for he may be drunk.

NEVER make fun of a man's house, for he may get it rent free.