

THE GOVERNMENT POLICY.

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Those nondescripts in politics, who are generally known by the name of Conservatives, are endeavoring to raise a great outcry against the Ministry, because, as they say, it has no policy. This is a malignant slander, and in order that the people of the Province may be informed as to the plans and purposes of the Administration, I beg the privilege of enlightening them ancient these points, through the columns of THE GAZETTER, which is the only journal in the Province disposed to do justice.

1. A large number of persons are desirous of having a Bankruptcy Bill passed. Another large number do not want it. The Government appreciates this diversity of opinion; and being desirous of pleasing all parties, and making no enemies, if possible, it purposes introducing a measure during the present session for the settlement of bankrupt estates. The Solicitor-Generals have prepared a measure embodying the views of the Government; but guided by that spirit of impartiality which governs their whole conduct, they will not endeavor to force it *willy-nilly* upon either House. They throw themselves upon the forbearance of all concerned. If the measure is not considered a good one, they can reject it; if a good one, they are at liberty to pass it, and wish as they please. In either case, the Government does not consider itself under ~~make the question an open one.~~ ^{it is their desire to}

2. Some steps will doubtless be taken with reference to the removal of the Seat of Government. In this matter, as in the former one, the Government is sincerely desirous of doing injustice to neither section of the country; and will, consequently, leave the question altogether in the hands of the members. There is nothing so safe for a Ministry as an open question. (Mem.—If it were necessary to point to the previous conduct of the Administration for the sincerity of their professions with regard to this matter of open questions, they have only to point to the election of Speaker to the Legislative Council. Some persons say it was because of the weakness of the Ministry, that they had not a candidate of their own. No such thing. Acting upon the great principle of their life and being, they allowed the question to be settled without the introduction of party cries or creeds; a course of which the country generally will no doubt approve.—*Vide Leader.*)

3. I think I hear some one asking, what of the intercolonial railway? Well, what of it? Did we not act up to the full measure of our professions. The subject is one which, whether we assumed responsibility for its construction or not, might cause us trouble, and we therefore decided to let the negotiations fall through for the present and see what the House will do to the premises. If the people's representatives (for whom we all entertain the highest respect) wish us to construct the road, and vote the needful supplies, we will be extremely happy to do so; if they do not, we shall be none the less con-

tent. There is nothing like an obliging, consoling spirit. It is the great principle on which I have acted through life and on which I hope to be able to continue to act. There is another instance of the earnest desire of the administration to do just what is required, and no more. Great measures by which a government shall stand or fall are the verriest humbugs, out upon them all. They who speak of such things, know not whereof they babble. The present ministry will certainly not follow such a vicious practice.

I might go on, but these instances will suffice to show the line of conduct that we have marked out for ourselves. If the House but acts in the same conciliating spirit, we have the prospect of a long lease of office, bringing with it peace and prosperity to the country and one of grief to the conservative faction. What if Thucydides said, that he, who does not connect himself with one party makes himself obnoxious to both: he knew nothing about Canadian politics.

VORACIOUS.

We see by the *Spectator* that the editor of that interesting journal "has a secret locked in his breast." We are exceedingly anxious to know in which breast the "old woman round the corner" has this important secret concealed. Is it in the breast of his shirt? or is it in the breast of his coat? or are we to conclude that it is in his manly buzzum? If the latter, we would advise him at once to take a strong emetic and make a

After having recovered from the excitement into which we were thrown by the announcement with regard to the aforesaid secret, we were almost petrified with astonishment when we read shortly afterwards in that witty paper, that the editor "had a debating club in his midst for some time." What! an entire debating club in his midst! We immediately thought what a splendid Falstaff the man would make.

Into what supreme insignificance would even Daniel Lambert the fat, sink in comparison with the swallower of Debating Societies. But with what does the editor feed the *incorporated society*? Is it for the purpose of sustaining its members that he keeps secrets locked up in his breast? Was it to aid in supporting this Society in his midst that Isaac Buchanan gave him his dinner? If so we must commend him for it. We seriously doubted the expediency of locking up secrets in one's breast, but when it comes to such cannibalism as swallowing entire debating societies, We think such an act cannot be too strongly condemned, especially when a man has no government pap to feed them on.

By an Indignant Irishman.

—Is it true Bro. Gowan (recently appointed license inspector) has refused to Dr. Cahill a license to speak in public? We can imagine that the ex-Grand Master would be ready to seize on any pretext for stopping the mouth of the virulent Dr., but we did not think that he would consider the patriot a pedlar of thread-bare tyrades or stale anti-British thunder.

THE DEP. ADJ. GENERAL ABROAD.

We see that Walker Powell, the Deputy Adjutant General, considering doubtless, that although he had graduated from a grocery and provision store, he was not yet thoroughly qualified for the duties of his position, has gone to England, to superintend and assist in the making of coats for the Canadian Volunteers. We feel assured, convinced as we are of the gentleman's ability, that a few years apprenticeship to a fashionable tailor, will render him thoroughly competent to discharge ably the onerous duties of his high position. After completely mastering this portion of his task, he will devote his attention to the study of military tactics, reading daily two pages and a half of "Jack the Giant Killer," "The heroic bed-bug," and the "Bloody Cow-house." When he has thoroughly mastered these authorities on military science, he will take lessons in the noble art of self-defence, in order that he may be able to engage the foe personally, should the occasion require it. He will in the next place take lessons in the art of running against time, so that in case the army is called on to retreat he can set his soldiers a good example in that peculiarly American style of attacking an enemy. After perfecting himself in these necessary military qualifications, he will proceed to France, where he will spend ten years in counting how many hairs each Frenchman has in his beard, and the precise length of each. He will then proceed to Austria, and will take up his abode in that land of freedom for twenty years in order to observe the number of buttons in each man's coat, together with the maker of said buttons. Spending fifty years in Russia to ascertain the number of clothes it requires to make a military man. He will then visit China, Kamscatcha, and the South Sea Islands, spending the remainder of his life in each of these interesting places, to learn all the latest improvements in the art of war. After this, he will return to his native land, and will be summoned by a grateful country to lead her armies to battle and himself to undying fame.

New Orders in Chancery.

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I. From this date the Court-rooms in the Chancery wing of Osgoode Hall, shall be comfortably heated. The thermometer shall on no account be allowed to sink below 212°.

II. Counsel are required from this time, to appear in light-coloured coats, vests and pants. Disheveled locks will not be out of the way.

The Dep. Adjutant General's Joke.

—Mr. Walker Powell kindly forwarded to us his last joke. We give it in his own words—Why are the volunteers likely to "rush on the foe?" Because they are *part*-ing for war.

The True Provincial Sinking Fund.

—That set apart for the erection of the Government Buildings at Ottawa. It is consoling to think that our capital is founded on a rock.