

AWFUL.

No gas! Such is the story which flashed across the wires from Quebec on Monday night last. The House could not proceed with its deliberations (?) on account of a lack of gaseous matter, and adjourned on motion of the head of the government. We think the public should hold Mr. Sandfield Macdonald responsible for such an outrageous act as this. When it is remembered that the country pays \$600 to each worthy representative of the people now assembled in the ancient capital, it is really too much to be told, that the House must shut up for want of gas. Will a people, ground to the very dust with taxation, almost irrevocably sunk beneath the load of debt which is piled upon by the corruptions and extravagances of our rulers—(see *Globe* of any day for the past ten years or so),—will such a people, we say, listen with complacency to such an announcement as this? Never! "Britons, never, &c. &c." Just fancy the awful waste of gas that was made in the early part of the session; and a scarcity of the article already! It is the old story of a feast or a famine. Why did not the premier call upon our old friend Tom Ferguson? He would have been good for four hours good, on a stretch, especially if Mr. Scott's separate school bill were brought up, or Rep. by Pop. mentioned. We really hope the premier will not be so absent minded in future, if such an accident should again occur.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

BY OUR OWN REPORTER.

- Mr. Langevin—An Act to fix the rate of interest.
Mr. Bourassa—An Act respecting interest.
Hon. Mr. Currie—An Act to amend the Common Law Practice Act.
Hon. Mr. Cameron—An Act to cut up the Common Law Practice Act.
Hon. Mr. Wilson—An Act to cut down the Common Law Practice Act.
Hon. ————An Act to extend the Common Law Practice Act.
Mr. Crawford—An Act to limit the Common Law Practice Act.
Mr. Piche—An Act to amend the Act relative to interest.
Hon. Mr. Mowat—An Act to vary the Common Law Practice Act.
Mr. Tasse—An Act relating to interest.
Mr. Rankin—An Act respecting morality.

VALUABLE SUGGESTIONS.

Speaking of the pay of M. P.s, we are of the opinion, that the number of days in a lunar month is more suggestive of the amount they ought to receive for their services during the session, than the number contained in a calendar month as now arranged.

Innocent little children, when they accompany their dotting mamma's in the street, should not, when they run, be so clad as to engender the idea that a parasol with two handles had been accidentally blown away from some person.

When you go to a small theatre, where the por-

formers are within a few feet of you, be sure to bring some fashionable cantatrice so near you, with your opera glass, that you can see nothing but her mouth.

When you salute a lady in the street, don't do so as if you were suddenly struck by the colic into an angle of forty-five embellished with an unmeaning grin.

Great Cry and Little Wool.

—The Council with which the City of Toronto is at present blessed (?) has carried off the palm in the way of long windy debates ending in nothing. To attend a meeting of the City Council is an indignity that few of the citizens dare undergo. The speeches are wishy-washy, stale, flat and unprofitable. This gaseous body sat for four mortal hours the other night, according to the reports in the daily papers, and succeeded in passing one amendment to the market law, by which the fee payable by henwives was reduced from thirteen cents to five. Just figure fourteen Aldermen, fourteen Councilmen and a Mayor, spending a whole evening and the gas of the city, to obtain such a result.

Keen Wit.

—Why is skating so very popular? Because it is an ice amusement.

The contributor of the above was immediately paid off, and recommended to write for the *Globe* or some other funny paper—he was not in our line.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

On and after this date THE GRUNDLEN will be issued on Friday morning instead of Saturday as heretofore. News Agents will therefore receive their copies in plenty of time for Saturday's sale.

News Agents whose orders are filled at our office, will please remember that we only fill their orders as long as the cash on hand lasts. Note this, orders must reach us by Thursday morning to secure attention.

ONTARIO DRAMATIC CLUB.

Several young men of this city having formed themselves into a club with the above cognomen, for the purpose of giving dramatic entertainments, we dropped in on Thursday evening, and were much pleased with their performance. The pieces were "The Seven Clerks," and "Bombastes Furioso." The acting of Miss Pierce and Mr. Frank Wright, the leading lady and gentleman of the company, was excellent. We are informed Mr. Frank Wright takes his first benefit on Thursday evening next, to we are sure, a crowded house. The hall is situate on the corner of Bay and Adelaide streets, entrance on the latter.

THE ATHENEUM.

During the past week the Athenaeum, notwithstanding other attractions, still holds its own, and the singing of Messrs. Corrie and Aitken is, as usual, up to the mark. We understand that arrangements are now in progress for enlarging the hall, so as to accommodate the numbers that are turned away nightly, and that new talent has been engaged, of which due notice will be given.

ROYAL LYCEUM.

The "Seven Sisters" has, as we premised, drawn well, and although this is the end of the second week of its production, yet the same large audiences are attendant. The last scene, the birth of the butterfly, is a marvel of mechanism, and is without exception the best scenic display that has been seen on our boards. This (Saturday) evening is positively the last opportunity that the public will have of witnessing its production, as it will be withdrawn to make way for other novelties.

New Slang Phrase.

—The all absorbing question at Quebec is, not "who stole the donkey?" But "who stole the Ottawa report?"

SPECIAL EDITORIAL NOTICES.

Agents and Canvasers should apply early for samples of Brooks' & Rudd's Patent Self-Measuring and Self-Ventilating Funnels, 27 King Street West, Toronto, P.O. Box, 639. Sample forwarded on receipt of \$1. Liberal terms.

LOOK HERE! WARNER'S CONCERT HALL, Yonge Street, near King Street, is now open every evening for the season, with the celebrated TWILIGHT HARMONISTS, consisting of the NEWTON FAMILY. LITTLE IVY'S songs alone are worth going half a mile to hear. Admission free.

With a spirit and enterprise which has always characterized them, the firm of E. R. Hall & Co. have issued No. 1 of the Canadian Penny Song Book, containing ten popular ballads, all of which can be obtained for the small sum of a penny. When we remember that a penny is generally charged for a single ballad, then will be seen the advantages of E. R. H. & Co's book. There is no doubt that it will take the place of the vast number of American productions now circulating in Canada.

Baby-amusement is an art only acquired by a long and arduous practice, and one naturally asks is there no short road to learning of this kind? We answer—Yes. Buy a Baby Jumper. Mrs. Tanner has them for sale at the low price of \$3.00 to \$4.00. Who would be without them? Let young husbands, old husbands, young wives and old wives, procure them at once. To gratify your wives, husbands purchase a Skirt Lifter at fifty cents. You will then have pleased your wife and quieted the baby, and thus ensured domestic peace and happiness.

It is unnecessary to give a column of wood illustrations of self evident facts, when we desire to inform our million of readers that there are more than one hundred and seventy-five advantages to be derived from patronizing friend C. A. Beckea, of Toronto Street. His stock of novels particularly, is a novel institution—his stationery department can't be beat; and in the periodical branch he is A 1, and always ahead of time. He can teach his patrons in one lesson the art of purchasing their Books, Stationery and Periodicals to the best advantage.

DRAWING FROM NATURE.—There are few of our readers, and their name is legion, who have not expressed heartfelt regret while visiting some of the beautiful and characteristic scenery in "this Canada of ours," that they were unable to make a pencil sketch to serve as a memento, or to transmit to a friend at a distance. Pen and ink sketches of remarkable places are all very well in their way, but without the facile pen of a Russell fails to convey the correct idea of the appearance that the clever pencil of an Androm'os, of the *Illustrated London News*, can do. But in order that there may be no regrets of this kind in the future, Mr. Wood is now touching "Drawing from Nature," at his rooms, 40 King Street East. He offers 250 advantages in favor of his system in the *Globe*, which our readers would do well to peruse, and then give Mr. Wood a call.