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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY of Quebec requires the services of a good, practical Druggist to thoroughly cleanse the House of all impurities.

REVERSIBLE COATS, made of very thin material are the latest summer style among Quebec politicians. The SPEAKER was the first to bring them into fashion.

IT is rumoured that Mr. DAVID E. PRICE has given instructions to his brother to bring in a bill for changing the family name. The reason of this is that Price is now below par.

AFFINITY OF THE BARNEY BROTHERS.

The political influence of the retiring representative of Montreal Centre is in certain known directions greater than dynamite; as he not long ago actually traveled from Ottawa city to Montreal, penetrating the powder magazine on St. Helen's Island and in the explosion which followed blew up BARNEY TANSEY, who, surviving the shock was forthwith appointed Powder Inspector. Of course, "Barney the Inspector" although new to receiving government pay *direct* from headquarters, is nevertheless an old judge of the nature of explosive spirits and BERNARD DEVLIN, Esq., Q.C., M.P., and defender of the faith, that is within him, know full well whom to entrust "to keep their powder dry" against the forth-coming general elections in Montreal.

"SEEING STARS" IN PROVINCIAL POLITICS.

At the opening of the Quebec Parliament, Mr. CHAPLEAU in his speech before the Assembly threatened, that if the Moccasin sages did not listen to him with more respectful attention, "he would see strangers in the gallery." Well, there would be nothing wonderful in that, since every "patriot" took advantage of that mammoth excursion greatly to the profit of the Grand Trunk Railway—if not to themselves. Again, there are other objects of interest Mr. CHAPLEAU might see, under happier circumstances. He may yet see "stars" in the distant future of Canada's greatness, that may yet be reflected in the hemispheres of worlds yet untouched by the benevolent members of the Canadian Immigration Society of this much abused Province. Let us hope Mr. CHAPLEAU's sight will be preserved to witness so interesting a spectacle.

BOTH SIDES OF THE QUESTION.

Partizan political feeling in this Province, runs so very high, or rather so very low, that the disinterested citizen living at a distance from Quebec has great difficulty in getting a moderately correct version of what actually transpires in the mediæval Capital nestling on the river bank opposite Point Levis. Ever since the opening of Parliament on the 4th inst. it is nothing unusual to find upon entering a merchant's office in Montreal that the trader is reading, apparently, two newspapers at one and the same time. Such is pretty nearly the case and is a necessity of the times we live in. It is accomplished in this way: Wishing to get at the proceedings in Parliament of the previous day, say a Conservatives' name appears—then you must turn over to the *Gazette* and you will find the speech given to the fullest extent of Webster's unbridled. On the other hand, when a Liberal has got the floor, but is standing on his feet, all the same, the columns of the *Herald* have to be consulted, before the reader can fully know what a JOLY admirer has to say on the question before the honorable House. And so on, the above optical exercise is continued until the contents of half a dozen columns are carefully waded through. The reader feels when he has finished these estimable *verbatim* reports, that the speakers, said a great deal more than they intended, and meant a great deal more than they said. After all, there are worse social calamities than a political unbridled *Hansard*.

A PROSPECTIVE HAVEN FOR POLITICAL DRUMMERS.

According to the existing Insolvent Law of the Dominion, "political drummers" cannot avail themselves of the privileges of its easy liquidating clauses. It is otherwise in the United States as the following shows:

FALLEN—Gen. James Craig, politician and lawyer. President of Kings County Democratic Committee, Brooklyn; indebtedness \$10,450; assets nominally \$1,536.

It is now generally admitted in Dominion political circles, that in consequence of the great expense, that the "drummers" were put to at the late general elections they should now have the benefit of the bankrupt law. This step is considered absolutely necessary when the great expense of carrying on the forthcoming general elections is to be considered. It is, therefore, agreed upon, that a clause shall be inserted in the Dominion Insolvent Law, next session, recognising all "political drummers" on both sides, as TRADERS under the 1875 and Amending Acts. This will also facilitate the after settlement of electioneering expenses and promissory notes given by agents of unsuccessful candidates. The Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE, to whom, it is said, the amendments have been submitted, highly approves of the latter clauses which he considers should be made retrospective, and date as far back as the first of April last.

LOST AND SRAYED.

LOOKING FOR THE LOST PETS OF MONTREAL.

It is remarkable the very large number of four footed creatures, which, during the warm weather, wander away from their hospitable quarters and get hopelessly lost in the intricacies of Montreal's well laid out streets and beyond its admirable police supervision. These roving creatures are of all classes, ages and known sizes, breeds and colors, as the daily advertisements will show. Then to see how tenderly the sorrowing owners will call to mind and affectionately describe the every virtue and beauty spot, possessed by the missing *critters*, and if the latter were nearer and dearer to them, than the most affectionate mothers-in-law.

It is surmised in well informed "Pet Stock Society" circles, that the City Corporation knows a great deal more of the future destiny of those modern wanderers and representatives of the lost tribes of Hochelaga, than the Mayor is willing to acknowledge. They demand only justice and fair play for the canine species who contribute so largely to the civic revenue and are still denied the right of representation by population, while their street liberties are being continually endangered. As a proof of which, there is a standing notice in the evening papers offering a reward of \$10 for the recovery of a missing "Fox Terrier Dog."

The notice read thus:

LOST—\$10 Reward for information that will lead to the conviction of the party or parties now retaining a Fox Terrier Dog, advertised as lost in the *Witness* and *Star* of 30th ult., and since. Apply at—street.

Now what dog if it had fair play was "foxy" enough to have eluded the Corporation dog trappers? However, the owner, in hopes of satisfaction, still offers \$10 for information on the subject.

But here is a foreign curiosity:

LOST, on 2nd Inst., a Mexican Dog; no hair on; color of the skin grey, with a scarlet leather collar. A liberal reward, &c."

Of little use, the "no hair on" was fatal to the Mexican's existence, and he has, no doubt, unwillingly sacrificed his valuable life in the noble cause of science.—Next.

There was advertised a few days ago as having

STRAYED from the St. George Cricket ground, St. Denis street, a yellow Cow, with white spot on forehead and inturred horns."

It appears that until this valuable cricketer returns to the wickets all competition matches with sister Cricket Clubs are "off" for the present with the St. George's Club.

Again, do dogs believe in science or theology? We should think not, as was recently demonstrated by the sudden clearing out, after lectures from

MCGILL College Grounds of a Skye Terrier Pup; black body, light colored legs and face; answers to the name "Tyke."

It would be useless to try and bring back poor "Tyke"—as he has cleared home for good,—the doctrine of Predestination was too much for one so young to swallow.

The next on the catalogue of "Lost," is a melancholy one:

LOST a Scotch Terrier Bitch, long body, stands her ears. Answers to name "Daisy."

It is feared that poor "Daisy" has sniffed of the highland mountain dew just a little too much, and has fallen into the clutches of the Corporation. "She will stand nae mair on her left ear, nor gang nae mair a' poachin," is written in memoriam.

By way of variety there is advertised as among the missing:

A Black Cow, newly culved, with white spots, straight horns; hole bored in left horn."

From this description it would be difficult to say whether it is the