



THE PURCHASING POWER OF A BUSHEL OF BARLEY.

A PICTURE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED TO THE CANADIAN FARMER, WHO MAY OBTAIN SOME FURTHER LIGHT BY EXAMINING THE TARIFF TAX ON IMPORTED COAL OIL.

A commencement ought at once to be made in the form of indignation meetings for the denunciation of the contemplated gerrymander outrage, and the refusal to investigate the charge against Judge Elliott. There are surely thousands of nominal Conservatives who would avail themselves of such opportunities to express indignation. It cannot be that the Grits have a monopoly of the common decency of the country.

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UNDER the amendment to the criminal code which Sir John Thompson is now fixing up, it is proposed to make it a penal offence for anybody to "propagate false news with a fraudulent object." This means, some folks think, that Sir John wants to have it in his power to clap any editor in jail who publishes the current boodle intelligence from Ottawa before the same has been established in the form of legal evidence,—a stage which no Government scandal will reach if he can help it. When this companion and protector of political boodlers has got the constituencies muzzled and the press gagged his record as a "statesman" will be unique.

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MR. DALTON MCCARTHY ought to take an early opportunity to rise and explain himself all over again. It begins to look as though this distinguished gentleman were no better than the commonest two-for-five sort of politician. He allowed his Dual Language Bill to be strangled on the second reading without so much as saying a word for it, and this after all the brave campaigning he has done through the country as the idol of the Equal Righters. His effort to have the bill reinstated on the paper next day was too transparently a mere pretence, and his attempted explanation of how it came to a vote on the second reading without debate was

gauzy to a degree. Evidently, Dalton funkcd; but why? That's what we want to know.

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AND while you are on your feet, Mr. McCarthy, would you mind explaining how it is that, notwithstanding your high reputation as a man of honor and respectability, your voice has not been heard in opposition to the Gerrymander Act, and the other scandalous deeds that have been perpetrated this session right under your nose? How long do you suppose your character for decency will be able to stand such a strain as this?

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WE have been waiting to see the *Telegram*, *Mail*, *News*, *Hamilton Herald*, *Week*, and other non-party journals denounced as Grit organs for the attitude they have one and all taken up in opposition to the current acts of the Government. It is surely a sufficient evidence of "Gritism" that these papers cannot swallow the gerrymander, the Carling steal, the Caron burking, and all the rest of the crookedness. That, at least, is the rule of judgment applied to GRIP, and we don't see why it should not apply to our contemporaries. According to thick-skulled partizans of the *Empire* order, common sense and honesty are synonymous with Gritism, though they certainly don't mean to flatter their opponents.

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OUR congratulations are extended to President Van Horne, whose address at the annual meeting of C.P.R. shareholders must have struck the happy company as a specimen of golden eloquence. The great concern is being magnificently managed, and all departments of it—railway, hotels, steamships and real estate—are paying. The secret of this is in the splendid generalship of Van Horne, who is a decided genius,—one of the greatest men of the day. GRIP considered it a duty to