

STARTLING ANNOUNCEMENT.

We were somewhat astounded as the announcement made by the *Leader* that a coalition had been effected between the Hon. George Brown and the leaders of the Conservative party. As in duty bound we made some inquiries into the truth of the statement, and our readers will doubtless be surprised to find that it is too true. Mr. Brown returned from his Transatlantic tour considerably mollified in his political feelings and his first step was to summon to the *Globe* office the officers of the Conservative Association and some of the leading members of the party from the country. We are only able to give a copy of the resolutions, but next week we hope to give a full report of the meeting on motion of Mr. Brown. Mr. Robert Moodie took the chair and Mr. Canavan was appointed Secretary.

Moved by the Hon. George Brown, seconded by Hon. J. H. Cameron, That it is only desirable that we should be in office. Carried nem. con.

Moved by Ogle R. Gowan, seconded by Hon. Killaly, That the present government have forfeited the confidence of the country by cruelly dismissing many valuable officers. Carried.

Moved by J. A. McDonald, seconded by Tom Ferguson, That the penitence evinced by the Hon. Geo. Brown be received by this meeting and that he receive full absolution for all the obloquy he has heaped upon us. Carried.

Moved by Mr. McMurrich, seconded by Tom Daley, That as office is our object, office is our platform and Rep. by Pop. the popular cry. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Reesor, seconded by Dr. Clarke, That a committee to watch churches be appointed to consist of Messrs Brown, McDonald, McMurrich, Daley, Cameron, Robinson, McKellar, and Carder with power to add to their numbers. Carried.

The meeting then adjourned.

Signs of Repentance.

Our readers may recollect that some time ago the wholesale grocers of the city, following the laudable example set them by the banks, resolved to close their places of business at 1 p. m. on Saturdays, in order to allow their clerks an afternoon's leisure for drill and recreation. The arrangement was duly announced to the public, and was adhered to for some time. One or two, however, broke this agreement, and the rest appear to have followed their example. We are informed that there is some prospect, that the very desirable boon will be again yielded to the young men. We hope this is the case. The business transacted is not large and no banking can be done after that hour. The advantage of one afternoon's amusement and exercise to the clerks is unquestionable, and we fancy that their employers would reap the benefit of it in increased alacrity and attention to business during the rest of the week. We are sure the matter has only to be mentioned to commend itself to the good sense and kind feeling of the merchants.

THANKS FOR NOTHING.

Almost daily we read advertisements similar to the following in one or other of our daily newspapers:—

CARD OF THANKS.

Toronto, January 3d, 1863.

P. M. Skinfint, Esq.,
Dear Sir,—I beg to offer you my most sincere thanks for the very prompt and liberal manner in which you have settled my claims upon the Vesuvius and Grand Diddlesex Fire and Life Insurance Company, for the damage resulting to my premises by the fire of the 26th ultimo.

Yours gratefully,
SIMON SIMPLETON.

We cannot understand the drift of such advertisements. Is it possible that Insurance Companies so seldom fulfil their contracts, that when a lucky policy-holder receives the money they have agreed to pay, he feels bound to hold up the remarkable exception to the admiration of mankind? Or is it that the insured, not thinking themselves entitled to the insurance money, feel overjoyed that they are well out of a scrape, and in the exuberance of their spirits rush to pen these cards of thanks? If our private business dealings with the Insurance company require public notice in the press, why should not the butcher, the baker, and the candlestick-maker be equally grateful, and give the public the information that we have had our bills receipted and that all old scores are wiped off? Fancy the following in the daily *Globe*:—

January 3d, 1863.

Pater Familias, Esq.,

Our best thanks are due to you for the prompt settlement of our account for your Christmas meat, consisting of a roast of beef, two pounds of suet, six kidneys, and a bullock's pluck for the dog.

Yours thankfully,
MARROWBONE & CLEAVER.

Josiah Smallpans,

Dear Sir,—I feel it my duty to announce in this public manner that the overcoat you purchased from me last November has been paid for in a manner unprecedented in the business to which I have the honor to belong; and I am exceedingly obliged for your public declaration that there is no well-dressed man in the city who does not deal with,

Yours truly,
SAM SNIP,
Merchant Tailor, &c., &c.

Tobias Tickleton,

Dear Sir,—I beg to thank you sincerely for the very handsome manner in which you liquidated my little bill for general repairs in my walk of life. Having soled and half soled you for the last year, I am very thankful that you have not sold me. Hoping for a continuance of your patronage and that of a discerning public,

I am, Sir,
Yours truly,
SOLOMON LARSTONE.

If we are obliged to thank Insurance Agents for paying what they owe us, why should not we in turn receive thanks for paying our debts. If the payment of debts is such a rarity amongst us, we insist upon it that one debtor ought to be

lauded as well as another. There is no fair play in making fish of the Mount Hecla Insurance Company and flesh of poor plain John Jones, who is equally punctual in meeting his liabilities.

ALL ABOUT ANOTHER GREAT BATTLE.

GREAT SLAUGHTER OF THE INNOCENTS—NOBODY HURT ON OUR SIDE.

To General Public, Commander-in-Chief.

I have the honour to announce that a very severe battle was fought in the City of Toronto at the beginning of this week, which raged during the whole of Monday till dark and was resumed on Wednesday and continued during the entire day. It ended in the complete success of the Ins and the total discomfiture of the Outs. Great havoc was made in the forces of the enemy in the superior skill of our sharpshooters. It has long been evident from the irregular skirmishing of General Bill Boulton that the rebels meditated an attack upon our intrenchments and our troops were in good spirits and fully prepared for the onslaught.

I have great satisfaction in stating that we gained a glorious victory without the loss of a man; in fact there was "nobody hurt." The attack commenced on our centre commanded by Major General Bowes, the rebels being led by General Bill Boulton who was mortally wounded at the very commencement of the fight. I believe he survived till Wednesday evening when he sank under the severe injuries he received and was buried with military honours at the foot of the platform in the St. Lawrence Hall. General Henderson was severely wounded and is not expected to recover. General Sherwood was wounded, but it is supposed he will get over it. The enemy also lost 13 subordinate officers of the Commissariat department after a severe struggle was captured by Colonel Sterling and carried into camp in a bread basket. A desperate hand to hand fight took place between the gallant Carr and the rebel Lieutenant Mulvey but the latter was finally extinguished. Carr was slightly wounded.

The rebel regiments of McDonald, McBride, Cayley and Boulton "skedaddled" at an early period of the struggle, and Gowan showed only a feeble resistance. McNabb who, I believe, is an officer of considerable gallantry, fought with honour, but the superior force of the Ins gave him little chance. He fell at the head of his regiment, the 251st St. James' rebel regiment. Fort St. George was not attacked by the enemy, they doubtless considering it impregnable. Col. Higgins of the Bailiff's Own Royal Combustibles, threatens to renew the fight on the extreme east, but no apprehensions are entertained, as he is too old, and incapable to bring on his army. Our army is entirely secure and the happy result of the late battle has made them quite saucy.

Yours, &c.,
THE GRUMBLER,
Commander of the Army of the Public.