

PREPARATIONS FOR THE RECEPTION OF LORD ELGIN IN UPPER CANADA.

Punch has travelled. Punch knows what is what, but as yet, he has never discovered what that is. Punch nevertheless knows what is the reception Lord Elgin will experience in Upper Canada. He will therefore settle what at present seems a doubtful point. That "No man is a prophet in his own country," is an old saying, and Punch respects old sayings, being coeval with them; but Punch is not in his own country, therefore he may prophesy. Yes, he feels at this moment conscious of the existence of spirits; he has met them at the festive board; and the spirit of Prophecy is strong within him.

Lord Elgin will not be received in Upper Canada, because he will not go there.

In Brockville City, a black flag waits,
To be hoisted high o'er the City Gates,
But this can't be done.
For gates there are none,
And Ogle K. Cowan may cut and run,
For the black flag never will hoisted be,
Cos the mug of Lord Elgin none will see
Who dwell in Upper Canada.

SAINT HYACINTHE RACES.

Earl Grey and his dignified neutrality nephew sing aloud the praises of the French Canadians, but the French Canadians strenuously object to return the compliment. The great Seigneur of Saint Hyacinthe indulged his humour by paying some itinerant musicians to play "La Marseillaise" on the race course, during the day. "God save the Queen" was not in their repertoire, and the Seigneur remarked, that "God save the Queen" might be sung in Montreal, but 'La Marseillaise' was the tune for the country."

PUNCH'S POLITICAL VATICINATION.

In a late number of the *Gazette*, we were favored with the following translation of an article, which appeared not long since in the *Moniteur*:

"PROPHECY.—Canada will become free, and will be annexed to the United States in five years. Upper Canada will form one State, Lower Canada another, and New Brunswick a third.

Independence of the country will be obtained, by means of petitions addressed to the Parent Country, signed by men of all parties, and among others by 60,000 French Canadians. *Lord Elgin will never go back to England.* The first Governor of the State of Lower Canada will be a man of middle age, who, just now, is living very retired, equally unknown to all parties. He is a Canadian in heart and feeling. His mother is Canadian, but his father is of English origin, although born in Canada. It is this double character, meeting in him, which will cause him to be advanced to the Presidency by the almost unanimous voice of the people. Louis Joseph Papineau will not be one of the first to declare himself in favour of Annexation, although he longs for it with all his heart. His name will be glorious in the future (*dans l'avenir*.) All the Canadians will unite to send him as their representative to the Senate in Congress.

Believe this, or believe it not, as suits you; it will turn out the same in the end."

Punch has received the following communication, in reference to the above prophecy.

SUR,

I noes all about the profercy in the *Moniteur*. The middle-aged old gemmun is my huncle, as vos in Capting Wiley's perlice, being No. 10. He is a livin' werry retired in Griffintown, next to Murphys' bake-house. His mother vos Mary Bouker, but being nussed by Madame Lebul hexplains the mistake in the profercy. My huncle's father vos supposed to be the fatfaced drummer in the forty second foot, vich proves the hinglish horri-

gin. The fust thing remarkable about this here vunderful man, vos Madame Lebul's dreming as he would fall into our vell, vich he accordingly did. He always noes ven it is a goin' to rain—sum says by his roomatics; but ve thinks as it is the vater carts, vich is always hactif about them times. He is werry reserved about polerticks; but vos vunce elected Preserdent of the Pork and Cabbage Club—vich proves as he is the man the *Moniteur* has in his i. Most on us thinks as he noes more than he says; vich aint much. I would also hobserve as he aint got no manners in pertickler, but vot there is is dignified. His dress, on Sundays, is milingitary; being bought from a private in the 71st. As a curocity I send you his autergraf, vich he has rit himself, being so instructed by Mister Tully of Griffintown.

JEAMES SCREECHER, his X mark,
also yours

HUMPHERY JOHN PORTER.

P. S. This here remarkable man vos vunce in the Hунited States, vere he larned to chaw baccy—vich hexplains the han-nexation part of the bisness.

OLD KING McCORD.

A FLASH DITTY.

Old King McCord was a jolly old bird,
A jollier never I see,
As up from Quebec, on the Steam-boat's deck,
He paddled so merrily.

For to take his position in the grand Inquisition,
The ministers him did hire;
To search high and low, both friend and foe,
For the man what lit the fire.

And he sat, and he sat, by this and by that,
Till he wore out six pair of trousers;—
Endeavoring to trace who bagged the mace,
And sacked the Parliament Houses.

With witnesses here and witnesses there,
And spies of the greatest renown,
He climbed like a parrot from cellar to garret
Of half the houses in town.

Suborning John, great secrets upon;
Conniving with Ann and Marla;—
And poking his nose through stove-pipe holes,
Till he set the flues on fire!

And the rummiest coves from cribs as roves,
To pad on the priggish lay,
Was axed to dine and pizened with wine,
Their minds for to lead astray.

But never a bit did any one split
On the kiddy what flashed the tinder;
And I saw him last night, all ready and right,
A-smoking a pipe at his winder.

So old King McCord was a sad old bird,
As anybody might diskiver;—
When back to Quebec, on the Steam-boat's deck,
He floated down the river.

PUNCH'S RUMOURS.

There is no truth in the rumour that Mr. LaFontaine intends to make himself a judge,

His present intention is to become a Bishop.

Although Mr. Tetu has been deprived of his situation in the Provincial Secretary's office, we understand that when he shall have learnt the first six bars of "God save the Queen," he will be promoted to the rank of Field-Marshal in the British Army; and made Governor General of India.

Mr. Morin goes to Laprairie vice Fortin resigned.