

## LOYALTY IN RIMOUSKI.

Her Majesty's Birthday has been loyally observed by the Anglo-Saxon race throughout the Dominion. In Montreal we religiously shut up shop, went to see the troops fire a *feu de joie*, invested largely in bunting and fire-crackers, and before retiring to rest drank the Queen's health in decent fashion. Our French fellow-citizens, though less demonstrative, were perhaps not less sincere in their devotion to our beloved Queen. The British flag flaunted from a tower of the Parish Church, and—Notre Dame East and St. Lawrence Main followed their usual avocations. The Queen's taxes must be paid, and true loyalty consists in raising the wherewithal. There are holidays enough *pour grace de l'Eglise*.

DIOGENES has seen in several newspapers an account of a celebration at Rimouski on the 24th May. It was intended apparently to commemorate the anniversary of Her Majesty's natal day, but, strange to say, the chronicler has omitted to mention the Queen in the connection. It reads as follows:

The first sod on Section 5 of the Intercolonial Railway (Mr Haycock's) was turned to-day with great *celar*, His Lordship, Bishop Langevin and clergy officiating. The Volunteers and the Collegians, with the crew of *La Canadienne* (Government war steamer) were out and fired a *feu de joie*. The Mayor, and a huge concourse of ladies and others, were present. Rimouski outdid herself in the display of bunting.

So far, DIOGENES has read of no 24th May celebration in the Dominion at all to be compared to that above described, as regards both the splendour and completeness of its accessories, and it seems a pity that so great a success should be for an instant marred by a reference to an unaccountable omission. It seems probable, however, that Church, Army and Navy turned out, not so much to do honor to the Queen as to hold jubilee over the commencement of a doubtful enterprise, which must necessarily minister to the material advantage of Rimouski. But for the "Intercolonial" passing that way, it is more than likely the celebration would not have been held. Somebody has defined patriotism to be only "enlightened self-interest." The Blue Noses of Rimouski and the tailors and shoemakers of Notre Dame East and St. Lawrence Main are doubtless of that opinion.

## AS CLEAR AS DAYLIGHT.

The other day DIOGENES read the following in the columns of his respected contemporary, the *Quebec Chronicle*. It is hardly necessary to say that it formed part of a report of the Finance Minister's speech on the Budget:—

"MR. ROSE was continuing with his financial statement when *the light suddenly grew dim*, and he concluded an able speech amid universal applause.

"MR. HOLTON rose, and, in the course of his remarks, said he did not see matters in *the same light* as Mr. Rose," &c., &c.

Of course not. How could he? The Hon. Luther is not particularly remarkable for seeing things as other people see them, even when circumstances are favorable to clearness of vision; but on this occasion the Cynic holds him excused. Evidently somebody had, before the commencement of the hon. gentleman's harangue, been tampering with the legislative gas.

## ANSWER TO THE DOUBLE ACROSTIC IN No. 2, VOL. II.

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## "TRUTH WILL PREVAIL."

THE SHAW BOOK CASE.—This celebrated case, which has now been before the United States courts for the last six months, has at length been brought to a final issue. The jury have found a verdict of guilty, and in favor of the government. The books first seized were seventy-four cases. Of these, eight cases were sometime since released to Bell & Daldy, the English publishers, who never had transferred the books to Shaw. He was to have paid for them in Montreal before getting possession, but by some mismanagement they passed into his hands unintentionally. Five other cases, consisting of American books, re-published in England, and their sale illegal here, are claimed by the owners of the American copyrights, which claim is yet to be considered. So that sixty-five of the cases are, by this verdict, forfeited to the United States government; and these, by order of court to save expense of storage and depreciation, were some time since sold at auction, realizing the gross sum of \$19,496.99.—*Toronto Leader*.

The above paragraph was reproduced in the *Witness* of Wednesday. So far, DIOGENES has not observed it in any other Montreal journal.

It is not long since that telegrams were sent to the city press from Chicago, stating, in effect, that the books in question were wrongfully seized, and had been restored by the United States authorities. Later, it was ostentatiously announced, that the books, so restored, had been sold by Mr. Shaw, who had very favorably impressed the Americans with his incantatorial ability.

And there were "editorials" in more than one city journal, expressive of satisfaction at the happy termination of the "difficulty."

If the above statements of the *Toronto Leader* are true, those of the telegrams referred to were false.

DIOGENES adverts to the subject, because, as he believes, it furnishes an illustration of the facility with which interested parties can use the agency of the press to suppress truth or disseminate falsehood. It is notorious that not long ago a trader in this city, succeeded in getting his name omitted from the list of insolvents telegraphed from Ottawa to one or more of the city papers, and this, because, in addition to being a pretty regular advertiser, he happened to be a prominent, though a somewhat somnolent member of an influential congregation. It mattered not that he had failed several times before and that, perhaps, hundreds of people in the city, were deeply interested in knowing that he had failed again. It was important to "oblige" so conspicuous a man,—so consistent an advertiser.

## AN ORNITHOLOGICAL CURIOSITY.

Since niggers have become citizens and voters in the United States, DIOGENES has heard of the appearance of a curious bird in that somewhat curious country, vizt., a *white* eagle with a *black* tail. Since the "white blackbird," familiar to his youth, the Philosopher has encountered no more wonderful ornithological curiosity. He recommends his loving neighbours at once to secure this *rara avis*, have it stuffed and placed in a glass case over the entrance to the Capitol. It ought, certainly, to be henceforth the type and symbol of the "reconstructed" Union.

## ADVICE TO YOUNG SURGEONS BY AN OLD PRACTITIONER.

If you find a patient sinking from the effects of poison, BLEED HIM TO DEATH, for three reasons:—

- 1st. Because it is strictly professional.
- 2nd. Because it relieves the minds of relatives and friends.
- 3rd. Because it will save you an infinity of trouble, and the authorities will not be put to the expense of a scientific investigation.