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### Comments on the Cartoons.



**SIGNING FOR THE FIGHT.**—In his London speech, Mr. Blake accepted the challenge of the Government to a full discussion of the Rebellion, its causes and consequences, on the floor of Parliament. The house is to meet in the latter part of next month, and the event is awaited with breathless interest by the public. Our cartoon may convey the impression that the battle is likely to be a slugging match. It is. Knowing as we do the composition of the present House of Commons, we will be agreeably astonished if the fight proves fair, square and manly on both sides to the finish. Mr. Blake has given formal notice that, so far as he is concerned, the acknowledged rules of Parliamentary decorum will be observed. We would much like to have the endorsement of Sir John and his backers to the following sentiment of the Reform champion, in advance of the match :

I hope and trust that . . . when we meet in Parliament we may engage in debate in a temper and after a fashion suitable to our national dignity and respectful of our national unity. (Hear.)

**WE STAND CORRECTED.**—And now it is Mr. Cameron's turn to have his laugh at us. We hope he will magnanimously refrain, however, as it always makes us feel mean to be laughed at. Nevertheless we would rather have the whole country grinning at our expense than allow an injustice to a good man to stand in our columns uncorrected. All this has reference to a recent cartoon in which it was intimated (on the strength of evidence produced by the *Mail*) that Mr. Mackenzie was as guilty of giving away Ontario timber limits as was Sir John Macdonald. The case in point was that of W. J. McAulay to whom the Mackenzie Government issued a permit in '74. McAulay had been quoted by Mr. M. C. Cameron as one of John A.'s pets, and when the *Mail* produced the above fact, giving chapter and verse for it from the public records, we deemed it a fair shot at the Hon. Alex. We now find that the *Mail* wickedly concealed from us a prior fact of some importance, to wit, that this Mr. McAulay had made his application to Sir John in 1872, and on the strength of Sir John's word, had by 1874 erected sawmills and involved himself in other expense. Mr. Mackenzie issued the patent in '74 because he considered Sir John's promise to have bound the honor of the Crown; and furthermore, in granting the patent he carefully inserted a clause to guard any rights which the Province of Ontario might be found to have. There is nothing for us to do now but "take it all back" so far as Mr. Mackenzie is concerned, and we do so without hesitation. Let our brother of the *Mail* do likewise.

Mr. J. D. EDGAR REPUDIATES :—

That famous doggerel campaign song,  
"Ontario, Ontario!"  
To J. D. Edgar don't belong,  
"Ontario, Ontario!"  
For Mr. Edgar writes to say—  
(Vide the *Mail* the other day)—  
He never wrote that roundelay,  
"Ontario, Ontario!"

**EXTRADITION.**—Diplomacy is a high and mysterious thing that ordinary mortals who do not wear gold lace cannot hope to understand. The popular idea is that diplomacy is a roundabout way of not doing any given thing. The long continuance of the present disgraceful state of affairs between Canada and the United States in the matter of surrendering fugitive criminals is wholly owing to the red-tapeism of the circumlocution offices of the respective countries. There is no reason why an extradition treaty worthy of modern civilization, and covering every species of crime outside of purely political offences, could not be arranged in a day if a commission of two—a plain, common-sense citizen of each country—were appointed to arrange it.

### As We Pass By.

**T**HE Grits very properly objected when Sir John relegated to a Committee of the House the task of framing a temperance law, which should have been honestly introduced as a Government measure. They said the wily old fellow did this to escape ministerial responsibility. So he did; but what of Oliver Mowat and his Government shirking their responsibility by getting the readers of the *Globe* to formulate the necessary amendments to the Crooks Act? This is going a step further than John A., for he, at least, confined his committee to members of the House.

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**MR. R. J. BURDETTE** was royally received by his journalistic brethren of Toronto on the occasion of his visit last week, and his lecture on Tuesday evening was as witty and brilliant and as well attended as *GRIP* anticipated. Burdette is a prince of good fellows, and deserved all the patronage he received. The local press men are greatly indebted to their big-hearted president, Mr. J. Ross Robertson, for so gracefully doing the honors of host on their behalf. Burdette will travel a long distance before he finds him-