



The gravest beast is the Ass; the gravest bird is the Owl;  
The gravest fish is the Oyster; the gravest man is the Fool.

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THE *Star*, a new evening paper, has made its appearance in this city as the outcome of the lockout of printers on the *News*. Mr. Thomas A. Gregg, formerly of the latter paper, is the editor. The *Star* promises to be independent in politics, and specially appeals to the working people, who have been so shamefully betrayed by the *News*, for support. The usual complimentary and congratulatory expressions with which every well-regulated newspaper feels it incumbent to greet a new aspirant, even though it may be called on to abuse it like a pickpocket in the next issue, may be taken as read.

THE rumpus raised by the students on Hallowe'en at the Grand Opera House was a disgraceful affair, and the toleration of such barbarism and boorishness because of the supposed social standing of the perpetrators reflects no credit upon the management. Supposing a like disturbance had been created by a lot of newsboys, or laborers, or corner loafers—anybody, in fact, but young University cubs—the police would at once have been called in and the ringleaders arrested and punished. The immunity afforded to respectable blackguardism is one of the worst forms of social snobbery.



Tory policy and methods ever uttered, in the inaugural

MORE significant and praiseworthy display of youthful exuberance and seasonable disposition to ignore conventionalities and kick over the traces was afforded by the Hallowe'en proceedings of the junior political clubs. While the Young Liberals were debating with much earnestness and vigor the proposal to cut loose from the moribund and reactionary Grit party, the Young Conservatives were listening to one of the strongest and most outspoken indictments of the

address of President Armstrong. It was full of telling and forcible points, more especially in dealing with the exodus. He pointed out that while the loyalists were raising a storm about political annexation the people were being "annexed in job lots" every week, without so much as a word of protest. The approbation with which the address was received is one of the most hopeful signs apparent for some time in the discouraging political outlook.



VER-GOVERNED as Canada admittedly is, there is a perpetual cry from some quarters for more administration, restriction, and meddlesome officialism. The *World* which ought to know better, is urging the establishment of a provincial police force, which, if established, would simply be another wheel in the Grit machine. It will come some day, no doubt. Our Governments show such ingenuity in inventing new crimes, and driving people, by taxation and injustice, into law break-

ing courses, that they will be compelled to make a pretence of dealing with social disorders by suppressing the symptoms instead of attacking the root of the disease. As for detectives, their presence always tends to multiply crimes and endanger the safety of the innocent. They are, as a rule, utterly conscienceless and mercenary, and ready to resort to any methods to secure convictions and win blood-money. It is far better that a few criminals should escape punishment than to have innocent lives sworn away by these vampires.

HON. T. M. DAILY, the new Minister of the Interior, has been returned by acclamation by his Manitoba constituency, though he refused to give any pledges on the school question. He told his constituents that his mouth was sealed on that subject, and they were apparently satisfied. Meantime Hon. Mr. Chapleau's mouth is open for business at the old stand. A Quebec constituency would have very little use for any candidate who would urge his position in the Government as a reason for refusing to pledge himself to remedial legislation.

JUSTICE WINGFIELD, of Parkdale, the other day fined a prisoner \$10 and costs for drunkenness and carrying a revolver, and supplemented the sentence by ordering him to leave the country. Where did Magistrate Wingfield get the authority to pronounce sentence of exile against prisoners charged with petty offences? What are the truly loyal about, allowing partizan magistrates to boom the exodus in this fashion without protest?

COUNT MERCIER has been acquitted by a Quebec jury of the charge of conspiracy to defraud preferred against him by the De Boucherville Government. The result of the trial was received by his party friends with great enthusiasm, and may have far-reaching political consequences. His rehabilitation at the hands of a jury makes him again available as a leader, and it is not at