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Renewals.
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A SILVER HUNTING CASE WATCH
To the getter up of the Largest Club!

The only important paragraph in the Premier's address that was omitted from our Ottawa despatch is the following:

We will strive to elevate the standard of public morality which our opponents have done so much to debauch, and to conduct public affairs upon principles which honest men can approve and practise which will bear the light of day.

Our readers have been prepared by our Ottawa correspondent for this promise "to elevate the standard of public morality," and we have chronicled many of the "elevating" instances. For example, they have purchased Mr. Farrar as an election agent, and paid him with an Emigration Agency; they have dismissed the Flour Inspector of Montreal to make a place for John Young, who had been dismissed for dishonorable conduct; they have violated the constitutional usages of Canada by appointing Ministers without portfolios; they have sanctioned every principle they professed in opposition; they have deliberately broken the solemn pledges they gave to the men whose charge of base enabled them to gain power; and the Premier has entered into a vast alliance and land speculation to secure the success of the Canada Pacific Railway to be the lot to most disadvantageously for the country. The telegram to Ottawa paper from which our correspondent got the Premier's address, and not the Premier himself, has the honor of coming "re-organized." Even the words of this big word is not the Premier's! The canal system he refers to is that of the St. Lawrence, and he has simply to allow the works already begun to be carried to completion. That is all. The canals are there, and the plans for the extension and deepening have already been adopted. The Electoral Law, the widening of the suffrage, and the establishment of a Court of Appeals were all included in the policy of the late Government, and there is no excuse whatever for the Government neglecting that a paper contending to make out of them. We expect to see the Government forced to carry out in good faith the promised measures, and in good faith to modify their ruinous Pacific Railway policy. If their majority is large enough to enable them to do as they please they will build the Pacific railway through Premier Mackenzie's silver mines and lands on the shores of Lake Superior; increase Ontario's already preponderating Cabinet representation; make a clean sweep of the public offices for the benefit of needy Irish fathers of families like John Young; and buy up all the Farrars in the Opposition with Emigration agencies; but, if the election leaves them as it finds them, with nothing but a fair working majority, they will be forced to shape their policy in the interests of the public. Ontario may well increase the pledged majority which the Government, but New Brunswick cannot afford to do so.

Mr. Jenkins recently gave us a harrowing description of the sufferings of the English agricultural laborers under the shocking treatment of their employers, the Church, and Parochus; but he said nothing of the wrongs of the poor to which colliers are exposed, or that they are so "wrapped in primitive dirt" that he has no bowels of compassion for this particular class? An English paper tells the sad story of the sufferings of these poor fellows. They work ten long hours a day, get only two clear holidays every week, earn but \$25 a week each, and, after paying for their champagne

planos, and other necessities of life, are forced by a despotic magistrate, who, perhaps, is a clergyman also, to pay 2s. 6d a week each for the support of an aged parent whom they had generously and affectionately handed over to the Parish Poor House. Mr. Jenkins's attention should be called to the case of the colliers.

United States Senator John H. Mitchell is in trouble. His elevation above his fellow Oregonians made them inquire into his previous history, and they have ascertained that his real name is John Mitchell Hipple, and that he changed it to John H. Mitchell to prevent his abandoned wife tracing him. The legality of J. M. Hipple holding the office to which J. H. Mitchell was elected is questioned, and defendants in lawsuits brought by the Senator claim that there is no such man as J. H. Mitchell and decline to defend suits brought in his name. The features of the case are very interesting—stranger than fiction—and the action of the Senate and the discussions of the Courts of Law are eagerly looked forward to by the friends and enemies of Mr. Hipple-Mitchell.

The unemployed of New York are seeking to compel the Corporation to give them work. The police attacked and dispersed them, preventing their proposed demonstration. The men did not, we believe, propose to do anything but assemble and parade the streets, and the action of the police is exactly similar to that of the London police on some memorable occasions. The right to assemble in a public place and walk in procession through a public street is denied by the New York authorities, but has only once been reached by the position of Justice of the Peace. It occurred at Mr. Jones the other day, and not it snarls and snaps at Mr. Palmer with all the bitter malice engendered by disappointment. Well, people must have something to laugh at.

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I cannot tell whether I will be able to do this, but I can only say that in any and all events I will give hearty support to any measures that in my opinion will forward the interests of this Province of the Dominion, and those only.

I think there is much danger of the interests of this Province being ignored and overborne by the larger Provinces; and when it is considered that Ontario now claims to advance her boundaries three hundred miles further west and thereby take a tract of valuable territory three hundred miles wide and six hundred miles long, containing in itself twice the area of this Province, and the only harbor belonging to the Dominion in Lake Superior, and which territory was bought with Dominion money; and Mr. Blake, the ablest man in the Cabinet, has publicly announced that no stated number of Colonized Ministers should be taken from each Province, but they should take the ablest men, without reference to what Province they came from; and he has not proposed any means to determine who are the ablest men, except the vote of the majority. I think, at thoughtful men will be afraid that the members from each Province will think their men are the ablest, and consequently the small Provinces will likely be very insufficiently represented. Having these views, let me frankly say to you that I will oppose with all the strength, and with little ability I possess, in every way that I think will be effectual, this policy whether it emanates from the Government or Opposition.

In view of this situation I confidently ask you to rally to the support of the most able, liberal minded and independent men. They will all be required to represent and insist upon your rights during the next five years, or I mistake the signs of the political atmosphere, and remember that it is not on one question

but for five years that are to exist. With this evidence in view, I ask each of you to disregard and put aside the advice of all cliques and busy-bodies who may be looking for office, promotion or pay from the Government, or who on the other hand would be willing to sacrifice the interests of the country to satisfy their private purposes or to carry on some sectional or denominational interest as a thoughtful man wishing only to make this country what I am anxious it is capable of being made, a place where persons of any country, class and creed may by honest industry earn a comfortable livelihood and attain a respectable position in society, and vote for such men only as your own judgment decides are the best and best fitted to assert your rights. In the result of such a vote I will cheerfully concur. The past cannot be altered—whatever we may think of with the coming election, of course.

The present Ministers show that they understand all the election arts known to their predecessors and a few more. Those Ontario politicians are far in advance of our own in the election-dodge art.

Gen. Grant's nominations for Chief Justice have been unfortunate, both of the gentlemen proposed by him having been forced to retire on account of the certainty of not being confirmed by the Senate. Caleb Cushing was denounced for having been in sympathy with the South at the beginning of the civil war. Who will be next exposed to the fiery shafts of press criticism by being nominated for the high office? We pity the man, whoever he may be.

This morning the Telegraph gave a view of those spasmodic exhibitions of meanness to which it has been subject since it has been nominally owned by a disappointed candidate for office who has only once been reaching the position of Justice of the Peace. It occurred at Mr. Jones the other day, and not it snarls and snaps at Mr. Palmer with all the bitter malice engendered by disappointment. Well, people must have something to laugh at.