

Letter from Ottawa.

ADVENTURES OF MR. MYLES O'REGAN.

Mr. Editor.—The following paragraph appeared in the Globe's Ottawa correspondence of the 28th of July—

"It is now said that Sir John Macdonald telegraphed from Rimouski after he had embarked for England to have the young extra clerk, who has only been in the Dominion a few months, appointed on the permanent staff."

"I defy you or anyone else to find a parallel for this contemptible piece of personal spite in all history. While I was delving away on the Lachine canal, with my pick and shovel, though with a sound Tory heart beating in my bosom, the Globe correspondent ignored my very existence, but no sooner am I exalted to a place of trust and emolument through my intrinsic merits and the friendship of my chief, than the malignant shafts of poor, pitiful scribblers assail me on every side."

"I certainly am that young man; but, then, I am more than a few months in the country; in fact, I am longer in Canada than Mr. Forsyth, of Dundee, whom Mr. Mackenzie created a special office for worth \$2,000 a year, which he yet retains and grows fat on."

"I am acquainted with the Globe correspondent and with the cause of his hatred towards poor Myles O'Regan. It seems he was mortally offended at a paragraph in one of my letters wherein I stated the race of men is growing smaller every century, and in a thousand years more, or so, would be no larger than grass-hoppers."

"No, no, Her Royal Highness would not take a cent even if I offered it to her, but you see, hundreds of young ladies came to me and paid me handsome fees to teach them to deport themselves and walk like the Princess. That part of my revenue is now leaving me, and that is why I weep."

"Well, never despair, we may have other royalties out here by and by with bumps on their backs, and as that would create a fashion, why man you would make a fortune, for every young lady of pretensions to taste would have to deport herself as if she had a bump."

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the Club. (Great uproar.) Why, when I came in here and paid my entrance fee you promised to teach me the aristocratic accent, but have I got it? (Cries of "no, no," which was true.)

Slattery would have proceeded to still greater lengths in his vulgar and incendiary harangue if a committee which had been organized for the purpose had not forcibly ejected him.

It was hinted to me by a friend that if I took a few lessons in deportment from Professor M—— it might not be amiss, as even the most blue-blooded of mortals was liable to get out of "order" by having been thrown into contact with the vulgar herd for any length of time.

"Professor," said I, "why weepest thou?"

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After the miserable wretch had put me through intolerable agonies for an hour, he dismissed me, and I paid him a dollar for my first lesson in deportment.

Canadian News.

A monthly cattle fair will shortly be started at Ingersoll.

The St. Catherine's Collegiate Institute building is being enlarged.

By the death of Mr. John Chapman the Recorder of the County is vacant.

The stipendiary magistrate of Halifax has declared lager beer intoxicating.

The South Victoria Agricultural Society's fall show will be held on the 6th and 7th October.

The British barque Braithorne brought 473 Chinamen to Victoria, B. C., on the 10th of July.

The townships in the valley of the St. Francis River have suffered severely from drought.

London East has decided in favour of independent water-works and against incorporation as a town.

Custom officers have made a haul of smuggled goods at Morrisburgh, and a luge of graners is said to be implicated.

In a bar-room row at Allandale, Patrick McGuire, Andrew McKernon and James McLaughlin were injured.

Another oil strike has been made in the township of Sarnia, on the property of Mr. Humphrey Elliott, lot No. 2, 1st con.

Edward Galbraith, of Harrison, and Fred Edwards, of Newburgh, are being prosecuted for selling liquor without license, \$20 each and costs.

The new notices of Sheriff's sales in the last Ontario Gazette comprise two in Bruce, two in Lanark, two in Lincoln, and one in Victoria.

CITY NEWS.

THE HACKMENS' UNION.

HOW THE MONTREAL JEWS DISPORTED THEMSELVES ON THE SHAMROCK GROUNDS ON SATURDAY.

The popularity of the Montreal Hackmen was shown on Saturday by the thousands who thronged the Shamrock grounds, and they certainly richly deserve it for it is the universal opinion that no better, more cheerful and more spirited drivers are to be found in the city.

The committee of management, which was composed of Messrs. C. Fox, F. Gormley, J. McLaughlin, D. Hoctor, P. F. McCaffery, J. McCormack, J. Feeny and H. J. Moran, President, must be congratulated on the happy success which attended the proceedings.

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