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FRIDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 15, 1882.

THE WORK CUT OUT.

The Globe is at its old-time and discreditable work of belittling opponents and endeavoring to make them look contemptible in the light of its elephantine humor and alleged witticisms. For two or three days it has been using mean language toward and throwing mud at the conservative convention just held in this city. In its reports of the meeting there is no attempt at fairness. The conservatives are spoken of alternately as the "tony conspirators" and as "the faithful;" "the gathering comparatively small;" the speeches were "stock defences;" the resolutions were carried "unanimously;" in fact every line is discreditable to what claims to be the leading paper of the country.

It was just such tactics on the part of the Globe that helped to kill Mr. Blake in the last election, and if Mr. Mowat becomes a political corpse next summer, it will be the Globe that will have assisted most to bring this about. The people of Canada are sickened to surfeit at this kind of journalism, and Mr. Mowat may well pray to be spared from such an advocate. From all we can learn the conservatives are not so much bent on turning out Mr. Mowat on his record as they are on turning grittism out of its last stronghold, and they have become possessed of the idea that the Globe and Mr. Mowat are synonyms of grittism. We do not say that this ought to be the issue but it is the issue that the Globe in its pigheadedness is trying to bring about.

Mr. Mowat and his friends have their work cut out for them. A well organized assault is to be sent forward and an old general and campaigner is at the rear. As far as we have been able to learn the conservatives are going into the fight on a platform with some good planks in it. They have also bad planks in their platform as we have indicated before. When it is in shape as it ought to be in a day or so, we shall have something more to say about it. Just now we wish to remind the reform party that they will have a very active opposition from now till the day of election.

THE DIVORCE LAW IN CANADA.

It is surely high time for the Canadian government to consider some means of amending the existing divorce laws so that people may not be compelled to settle disputes of this nature by resorting to a system of redress cumbrous enough for the most unenlightened ages. Whoever wishes to apply for a divorce in our country must, in accordance with a rule of the senate, give notice of intention so to do, and to specify from whom and for what cause, by advertisements during six months in the Canada Gazette and two newspapers published in the district wherein the applicant resides. Besides this the case must be argued at length before the highest body in the land, and the result published almost as extensively as a proclamation which is not very pleasant in a matter which all interested parties would naturally desire to have kept as quiet as possible. Another evil in the present system is the enormous outlay necessary to carry on proceedings in the senate, which practically bars the poorer classes from availing themselves of relief. Only the wealthy take advantage of the Canadian divorce laws and they hesitate to expose their troubles to such publicity. Hence the great majority go to the States and have it done with comparatively little exposure or expense, and to this cause is due not a little the constant emigration from Canada into the latter country.

It is of course of vital importance to social harmony that the law of divorce be as stringent as possible, but this can well be provided for without setting the barriers of publicity and unusual expense in the way. Surely our law makers can devise a divorce law to be administered in courts of justice with a stringency and rigor even more tightly drawn than that of the senate, but so administered that even the poorest or most modest will have no difficulty in utilizing it.

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMAN.

The prize offered to the most beautiful woman at the people's festival in Buda Pesth, Hungary, created a national sensation and attracted an immense multitude to witness the competition. Over 150 women presented themselves before the bench of judges. They were inspected one at a time, and each candidate, as soon as judged, was passed on to a waiting room. When the whole number had been reviewed they were again taken before the judges singly and finally all were placed together in a line. After critical inspection the ten most beautiful ones were selected and the rest dismissed, and then from this smaller number the two loveliest of all were chosen for the first and second prizes. But this was a work of difficulty and was not settled to the satisfaction of all. The victor in the tournament was Miss Cornelis Szekely, a maiden of 16, the daughter or an official in the imperial household. Her claims to beauty rest upon a charming, transparent complexion, melting brown eyes, a small mouth, rich dark-brown hair, and a form of youthful grace; but her features are not wholly regular, and the mouth and the head are not perfect in shape. Her photograph, taken in a dress that is being made for her by the finest dressmaker of Hungary, is to be sent to all the illustrated journals of Europe for publication. The prizes were bracelets of gold inlaid with precious stones and of rare workmanship. This competition is said to have shown the Hungarians that they can boast of every type of female loveliness, and they are taking advantage of the privilege.

THE MARKET VALUE OF KISSES.

"Kiss rhymes with bliss in fact as well as verse, I would to heaven it never led to worse," exclaimed the poet; but the unfortunate thing is that it frequently does lead to worse. In the case of an English clergyman, who recently snatched osculatory pleasure from a young lady of his congregation, it led to the police court and a fine of £5. Viewing a kiss from a scientific standpoint there is no reason for a clergyman risking his reputation for an action so absurd; and regarding it as a commercial transaction, he paid far more than a fair market value. In her palmy days Lydia Thompson, the blonde actress, used to kiss strawberries at charity fairs and sell them for half a crown a piece, and probably this clergyman would have been found among the purchasers. A kiss, when brought into the market and rated at its commercial value, is very absurd.

THE CZAR AND SHAKESPEARE.

It is announced from St. Petersburg that the coronation of the czar has again been postponed, and will not take place till next year, owing to the threats and preparations of the Nihilists. There is a great deal of honor attached to the position of emperor of all the Russias, but it is doubtful if the present czar enjoys much real pleasure. It must be far from agreeable to suspect a lurking nihilist behind the window curtains of your breakfast table, to have to look under the bed before retiring for a concealed assassin; to suspect daggers in the upholstering of a favorite easy chair; to sup soup with trembling lest it contain poison; and look upon all attendants as conspirators in disguise. If the czar is at all acquainted with the text of Shakespeare, he will be quite prepared to admit that William was not far wrong when he declared—"Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown."

IN 1835 THE price of a bushel of wheat in Rochester, N.Y., was seventy-five cents, at the same time that it was selling in the city of New York for $1.05. At this time the difference in price of a bushel of wheat in the same two localities ranges from one to two cents. The improved means of transportation have brought the change. The farmers could not get along much better without the railroads than the railroads could without the farmers.

A. W. ROSS, the member for Selkirk, cannot be counted on as a supporter of Mr. Blake, or perhaps of Sir John either. According to good authority there is only one out and out liberal returned from Manitoba. Men like Mr. Ross have too big interests at stake to "go agin the government."

THE MANITOBA TRANSFER COMPANY is a new enterprise in Winnipeg with a capital of $500,000. They will do a transfer business like Hendrie and Shedden. They are ordering lorries from Toronto and are are also buying horses in this city.

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THE WINNIPEG TIMES in criticising the policy of the opposition in Ontario affairs as announced by the Mail, says: "And so patronage is the great conservative principle."

THE LIGHTNING of Wednesday afternoon killed at least three farmers, one in Grey and two in Wellington, besides destroying several barns.

PUZZLED.

From the Stratford Advertiser.

We note that an exchange is considerably puzzled over the World. It doesn't know what to make of it, and calls it a "paradoxical" World. We have no reference to the terraqueous ball on which our lot has been cast, and in which there are a number of things paradoxical enough to bewilder and perplex the wisest heads, but the Toronto World, which a friend of ours calls "multum in parvo," freely translated "a big world in epitome." Our contemporary would like to know what are its politics. Sometimes it seems to be on one side of the fence, and sometimes on 'tother. It is cleverly edited, but as a political guide it is altogether unsafe. The course of a man that is walking on a straight line will never coalesce with that of one which is like a snake fence. Our exchange is tied neck and heels to its party, and must follow it, not per rectas vias, but through a tortuous path, with its many windings and turnings. It is said the portals of a certain place bear the inscription, "All who enter here must leave hope behind them." It is certainly the only condition on which a newspaper can become the organ of a party is the surrender of its truth, honesty, fair play and independence. Party can tolerate no such things. The World is not prepared to make this surrender, and must, therefore, necessarily come into collision more or less with the policy of both parties; for it is impossible for an honest man to endorse that of either throughout. The moment he diverges from the line of party, or attempts to set up an opinion in antagonism to that of either party a universal howl is raised against him. It is not, therefore, surprising if some rabidly party organs should regard The World as a "paradoxical" sheet. We are not ashamed to acknowledge that, although not always agreeing with its sentiments, we like it, and are often indebted to its columns for our text and inspiration. Its articles are usually fresh and vigorous, and stimulate thought. We consider a newspaper which is able occasionally to throw its readers out of their usual ruts of thought into broader fields and pastures new, as an important factor in our progressive civilization.

A QUESTION.

(To the Editor of The World.)

SIR,—I take it that J. M wished to know when the title of saint became publicly added to the names of the apostles, and not when it was first used in the scriptures; and if I am right in this, I think Information unjust and ungenerous. J. M. asks the question: "Was the appendage given by the Roman church?" I say yes it was. I am willing to allow that this is only a small question, but if Information wants a job let him answer my own question, to be found in your impartial paper of Monday, July 17. INVESTIGATOR.

THE TORONTO STAGE.

WORLD, oh, let me ask of you
What's the playhouse coming to?
Boom of cannons, crash of drums,
Railways, prisons, steamers, slums;
Crimes that make one's blood run cold,
Cast-iron villains young and old,
Sparing neither age nor sex,
Fires, escapes, explosions, wrecks,
Daring rescues, deadly fights,
Fumes of powder, blaze of lights;
Men garrotting when they choose,
Chains and convicts, gypsies, Jews,
Nobles, who've been thieves for years;
Peasants, who, by rights, are peers;
Gore by gallons nightly spilled,
Heroes that cannot be killed;
Bad ones good, and good ones bad,
It's enough to drive one mad!

FOR AND ABOUT THE FAIR.

She jammed a hairpin in her head
It made her feel quite sore;
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A Hartford woman has received letters from two young Chinamen who were formerly students in that city. They say that the Chinese law has weakened China's confidence in this country so greatly that no more boys will be sent here for education. Those who have already received a training in our schools are being put into government positions, displacing foreigners, who have been receiving very high salaries. Gen. Gordon gets what is equivalent to $100,000 a year as instructor and practical head of the army.

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From the Winnipeg Free Press.

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