

PUNCH'S ADDRESS!

To His EXCELLENCY LORD ELGIN, supposed to be Governor General, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

Punch approaches you without the least reverence, as the most wonderful Governor that ever endeavored to rule the Canadas.— Had you been sent here only to dance Highland flings and make a mountebank of yourself you would have succeeded to a miracle, and your success would be equal, had the arch fiend deputed you to raise riot and rebellion. Anarchy and blood-shed follow in your train as naturally as the curs and cats attend the progress of the barrow-wheeling venders of unsavory horse-flesh. You have endangered, if not destroyed, the integrity of the Empire. The designing men who induced you to disgust and insult those whose hearts were with the Queen, (you ought to serve,) are now throwing off the mask; are laughing at your folly, and perverting the bitter feelings, you and they have created, into reasons for an effort to rid them of their allegiance. Foremost in the unnatural and unholy alliance which your imbecility has created, is Mr. Benjamin Holmes, M. P. P., the colleague of your Prime Minister, Mr. Lafontaine, in the representation of the Metropolis of Canada, and head of the firm on whose authority (doubtless by your information) the Home Government denied the existence of any annexation feeling in the Elgin-styled Loyal City of Montreal. I say Elgin-styled, because it has unfortunately happened that all your assertions are the reverse of truth. I do not attribute this to design, but rather consider it the result of ignorance; and in your case ignorance is a crime because it arises from wilfulness. The answers you have given to the various addresses, presented to you in the villages of Upper Canada, justify my assertion. Unless you are an idiot, you must have seen that the forbearance exercised towards you by the Upper Canadians, who, I thank God, I believe are yet attached to British Institutions, arose not out of respect for you, but for your Sovereign and theirs; and the fact that with the restraint of these loyal feelings on them, they felt it their duty on many occasions to tell you, in mild language, that you were a sore on the body politic, should convince you of the destruction you deal out so lavishly to every tie, which, as a British subject it should be your pride to strengthen.

Mr. Jacob DeWitt, another thick and thin quondam supporter of your Lordship, limps into a foremost place in the ranks of traitors, and let the spoils of office be taken from the whole crowd of your ministers, and those whose revengeful spirits against the loyal men who crushed the rebellion of 1837-8, prompt them to shout "Lord Elgin for ever," because he becomes the willing instrument of their hatred; the majority of them would be the first to lend their aid to drag the country they disgrace, through the bloody field of civil strife.

Thus, you and your advisers are the leaders in the revolutionary movements now taking place in the Capital of the Canadas; and while your presence in the Province blights the reason of every Briton who inhabits it, there is no hope they will recover from the delusion under which they now labor. Every moment you remain costs your Royal Mistress the affection of one of her subjects; and unless you wish your name to go down to posterity as—the fool that lost the Canadas—GO HOME! Endeavor to repair your folly ere it is too late, I am,

My Lord,

Not your obedient servant,
PUNCH IN CANADA.

PUNCH wants to know what Q. C. attached to two names in the Declaration of Independence means. Miles' boy thought that they were the initial letters of the two words "questionable conduct," and that some ill-natured persons had put them there to signify that the proceeding was not quite O. K.

PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, certain evil disposed persons did on or about the morning of the 9th, feloniously attempt to abstract and make away with one of the

CROWN JEWELS,

entrusted to the keeping of the people of Canada, and *Punch* in particular.

Now know ye all men, that we *Punch*, by virtue of the authority in us vested, do offer a reward of 16 cents annexation money to any one who will apprehend all or either of the said evil disposed persons and bring him or them into our presence, to the end that he may be required to enter into a year's subscription forthwith, and be prohibited from singing "Rule Britannia" for all the remainder of his unnatural life.

PUNCH.

Given under our hand and seal, from our three-legged stool, this 10th day of October, 1849. }

THE ROCK OF QUEBEC.

From the day on which the founders of the *League* framed their first address; the rock of Quebec with the British flag waving over it, has been considered to be under the peculiar protection of Mr. F. G. Johnson, Q. C. Henceforth the Rock was to be Mr. F. G. Johnson, Q. C. and Mr. F. G. Johnson, Q. C. was to be the rock, and the rock he became accordingly; and awful to relate on Wednesday last he fell, by some unknown accident on the annexation manifesto, which so greatly increased its inherent weight, that the mighty engine of the *Herald* broke under the enormous pressure.

"AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS AND MANY OF THE NECESSARIES OF LIFE."—Vide the Declaration of Independence, (not *Punch's*.)

Punch wants to know from the American Jefferson Brick how long agricultural implements have been *necessaries of life*? Do the Annexationists mean that we are to live upon scythes instead of being kept on "pins and needles" as at present. *Punch* is fond of old "saws," but he will see the Annexationists all "bust" before he makes them part of his "diet of worms."

WONDERFUL EFFECTS OF ANNEXATION.

We are informed by Mr. Boyd, that within one hour after the publication of the *Montreal Herald* on Wednesday bowie knives and rifles went up fifty per cent! On the other hand, however, it is only fair to state that combs and tooth-brushes and soap, have experienced a serious decline.

PUNCH'S ECHO.

What is loyalty?—A full-blown flower.

Echo.—Flour!

What makes our Institutions work!

Echo.—Pork!

PUNCH'S PRESIDENTIAL TICKET.

President.—PUNCH.

Vice-President.—JOHN TULLY, Esq.

For Congressmen.—PETER DUNN and PATRICK M'SHANE.

Door-Keepers.—J. G. MACKENZIE and T. B. ANDERSON, Esqrs.

ADVERTISEMENT.

Whereas it has been currently reported that the undersigned is the author of the address to the people of Canada, he begs most distinctly to deny it, and to state that his only "address" is on the Place d'Armes as before.

(Signed) COMPAIN.

N. B. Boiled and roast at all hours of the day without distinction of parties.