

POEMS AND PEN PICTURES

BY PAT PRODPEN.

POOR PAT PRODPEN, in accordance with the promise given towards the conclusion of his last little volume of Poems and Pen Pictures, written and printed in December, 1883, now proceeds, without preface or apology (for which he has no room), to write another little book of poems and pen pictures, availing himself, in the beginning of the opportunity offered, of tendering his most grateful and heartfelt thanks to the many kind friends and patrons he has found in every place he has visited.

As the Hon. Oliver Mowat is one of the most prominent gentlemen of Ontario, and one whose name most frequently appears in the various newspapers of our Province, Pat Prodpén resolutely resolved to pay a visit to the Parliament Buildings for the express purpose of obtaining an interview with one of the most distinguished and deservedly popular men in our Dominion, to learn from experience what manner of a man he is, to see for himself whether he could like him or not like him. Accordingly on the 2nd of January, 1884, Pat visited the Parliament Buildings on Front street, and on entering by the principal entrance in the long plain-looking structure of red brick, he accosted a good-looking, well-dressed and gentlemanly man, inquiring where he could see Mr. Mowat. This gentleman took him into a narrow hall branching off at a right angle from the main entrance hall, and showing him a door on the north side of this hall, he told him it was the door of Mr. Mowat's room, and for him to remain near it, and when Mr. Mowat came out he could speak to him. Poor Pat waited patiently for an hour or more, and as he did not then know Mr. Mowat personally, and did not watch the door narrowly, as his attention was attracted by other things,