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"Unbribed, unbought, our swords we draw,
To guard the Monarch, fence the law."

OTTAWA, MONDAY, JULY 24, 1871.

The Montreal Daily News makes this important announcement.—"It is confirmed that the Marquis of Lorne and the Princess Louise will arrive in Canada about the commencement of autumn and will visit the United States. Official notice of the visit is about to be sent to Washington, and it is said that the Prince Alexis of Russia will arrive at the same time."

The present period may be very justly called the period of shams. There is a sham patriotism which indulges in one ceaseless howl on the misdeeds of the party in power. There is a sham sentimentality which whines about the sorrows of the poor. There is a sham religion which consigns to eternal perdition every individual differing from the self-constituted elect. There is the old sham piety which discovers the mote in a neighbor's eye, but cannot perceive the beam in its own. There is a sham charity which seeks to avenge old grudges under the guise of public spirit, and a sham self-abnegation remarkable for a propensity to acquire the possessions of others. Individually these false pretences pervade society

to an alarming extent, but they are aggravated by being condensed and embodied in the newspaper literature of the day. The Universal Growler serves its readers to all those transparent humbugs under the semblance of patriotism, social order, morality, benevolence, and loyalty. Its columns are open to their incarnations through the purest of motives, and a very little acquaintance with the working of the system will show the end to be gained individually and collectively is the same, the governing motive being a close, clear and undivided attention to the interests of number one.

In humble imitation of its great prototype the Backwoods Grumbler pipes its mournful ditty on the decadence of public morality, the waste of public money, the extravagance of over-paid, over-fed, and bloated officials, the vast services, which could be effected if Mr. Brazenface and the copper bottoms were in power, and the terrible evils inflicted on society by their exclusion therefrom.

Barofaced and shameless as these pretences are they pale before the want of principle evinced in putting them before the public as serious subjects for consideration. A newspaper that opens its columns to the grievance and misrepresentation of every scribbler is guilty of a great offence against society, because it allows garbled statements for personal purposes to go before the people, misleading the public mind as to the true issues at stake. As far as mere party politics are concerned this would probably amount to very little either way—evils neutralize each other; but there are vital interests concerned in which the whole well-being of society is involved, and in relation to which misrepresentation is a downright crime.

The most delicate mechanism of a State is the relation the military element therein bears to the body politic. In other countries it has been and is the source of danger as well as safety to society. In Great Britain the evil has been neutralized by the actual separation from the civil element in society, and by the practical disfranchisement of the class set apart for military duty. Its army was thus a mere machine of the State for a special purpose, and beyond that it was not allowed to meddle. Dissevered from political life it was always since the revolution under control and knew nothing beyond its allegiance and duty.

In Canada we have got to solve the problem of the relations between the civil and military elements in social politics in a different manner, because we cannot afford to set apart a class of professional soldiers; with us the civilian of to-day must be the soldier to-morrow, with the absolute certainty of becoming the civilian again within a very limited period. A man inevitably belongs to some political party and will carry his prejudices to the trench fire. Nor will this make him the worse soldier, so long as