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The Cry of the Oppressed.

O LOVELY land of mountains grand,
Of great old giant Bens,
Of valleys green where hawthorns lean,
And bonny fairy glens !
Although the Scot roams far away
Frae Forth, frae Clyde and Cart,
The bonny glens, the mountain Bens,
He carries in his heart.

Tho' auld and gray, and far away,
Yet in his daily dreams
He sees again the mountains gray,
And hears the dashing streams.
And with the dear delightfu' sangs
His e'en grow often dim,
And Scotland's richts and Scotland's wrangs
Wake many thoughts in him..

And when the Crofters' tale he hears,
Of unrewarded toil,
He hears amid protesting tears,
And how his bluid doth boil !
Like angry bard, small's his regard
For mighty dukes and dames,
And in his ire, with Highland fire,
Indignantly exclaims :

" Oh bitter, bitter is the cry
That's wrung from out the breast
Of those that in the bondage lie—
The cry of the oppressed !
Up Sandy ! on your manhood staun,
Your liberty's at stake !
Nor humbly staun, we' hat in haun,
Tho' Flunkeydoom may quake !

" Tell them a lord can be abhorred,
E'en by the humblest hind ;
And some o' them ye weel might name
As meanest o' mankind,
For, oh their moral nature's dense !
Wi' handles to their name,
Like our Sir John, they lack the sense
O' either sin or shame.

" They're remnants o' the riever race—
The auld moss-troopers' spawn ;
And better men, in thousands ten,
They've driven oot the laun,
That they in luxury may rant,
Hoo mony a clever chiel
Is forced to lee through vry want
The land he loves so weel.

" That they'll hae viands rich and rare,
Ken nocht o' cauld and weat,
Hoo mony backs hae to gang bare
Hoo mony bairns maun greet !
Tell them their hearts are hard as stanes,
Greed a' that's human sears !
Or else the wailing o' the weans
Would melt them into tears !

" Tell them a change is close at hand ;
The voice of the oppressed
Is rising up o'er all the land,
And won't be put to rest ;
Tell them owre lang they've had the grip,
It's greed that bursts the sack,
And they must play some fairer way
The game o' gie and tack.

" For oh, if they're to guide affairs !
If such things are to staun !
Ye'll soon hae nocht but Millionaires
And Beggars in the laun ;
And Liberty shall perish then !
And Scotia's Thistle wither !
And slaves shall till ilk bonny g'len
Where we were bairns the gither !"

ALEXANDER MCLACHLAN.



CONSOLATION !

Young Liberal (to Jones, who has just been defeated for "the Commons"). — The fact is, nowadays people vote for the man, not the policy !

Jones (reflectively). — Do you think so !

CALINO is nagged to see so many folks celebrating their birthdays and their wedding anniversaries. "As for me," quoth he, "there is only one anniversary that I should like to celebrate merrily every year."

"What one?"

"That of my death."



TENDERS FOR COAL FOR THE PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF ONTARIO.—The Undersigned will receive tenders (to be addressed to him at his office at the Parliament Buildings, and marked "Tenders for Coal") up to noon of WEDNESDAY, 26th MAY, 1886, for the delivery of the following quantities of coal in the sheds of the institutions below-named on or before the 15th day of August next, except as regards the coal for the Central Prison.

Asylum for the Insane, Toronto—Hard Coal, 600 tons large egg size, 125 tons stove size ; soft coal, 250 tons.

Central Prison, Toronto—Soft coal, 500 tons. Note : To be delivered in lots of 100 tons in each of the months of September, October, November, December, and January.

Reformatory for Females, Toronto—Hard coal, 200 tons large egg size, 50 tons stove size, 25 tons nut size ; soft coal, 50 tons.

Asylum for the Insane, London—Hard coal, 150 tons, large egg size, 40 tons chestnut size ; soft coal, 1,000 tons for steam, 75 tons for grates.

Asylum for the Insane, Kingston—Main asylum, hard coal, 1,000 tons large egg size, 75 tons small egg size, 25 tons stove size. Regiopolis Branch—Hard coal, 90 tons large egg size, 25 tons small egg size.

Asylum for the Insane, Hamilton, Main Asylum—Hard coal, 50 tons egg size, 41 tons chestnut size, 50 tons stove size ; soft coal, 500 tons for steam, 50 tons for grates. Asylum Pumping House—Hard coal, 5 tons chestnut size ; soft coal 150 tons.

Asylum for Idiots, Orillia—Hard coal, 85 tons stove size

Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Belleville—Hard coal, 70 tons small egg size, 30 tons chestnut size, 10 tons stove size ; soft coal, 400 tons.

Institution for the Blind, Brantford—Hard coal, 450 tons egg size, 75 tons stove size.

The hard coal to be Pittston or Scranton. Tenders are to name the mine or mines from which it is proposed to take the soft coal, and to designate the quality of the same, and, if required, to produce satisfactory evidence that the coal is true to name. Delivery is to be effected in a manner satisfactory to the authorities of the respective institutions.

Tenders will be received for the whole quantity specified or for the quantities required in each institution. An accepted cheque for \$500.00, payable to the order of the Secretary of the Province of Ontario, must accompany each tender as a guarantee of its *bona fides*, and two sufficient securities will be required for the due fulfilment of each contract. Specifications, and forms and conditions of tender are to be obtained from the bursars of the above-named institutions. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

W. T. O'REILLY,
Inspector of Prisons and Public Charities,
Ontario Parliament Buildings.

Toronto, 10th May, 1886.