

Lines by an Extra Writer of the Legislative Assembly.

As a tribute to the talents (financial and otherwise) of Messrs. Alexander and Simpson, these lines are humbly dedicated, in the hope that e'en the country loses their able services, these two gentlemen will discover what "True Economy" is. By that time Mr. Alexander will be Minister of Agriculture, and Mr. Simpson Minister, of Finance.

I'm sorry, I'm sorry, to write to-day,  
And I wish that I were dead;  
For the extra-writers have lost their pay,  
And have lost their daily bread.

And who is the cause of this awful woe?  
I heard an extra cry,  
As an empty office he wandered through,  
And wiped a tearful eye.

The echo answered woe, indeed,  
For woe was all around;  
'Twas woe up in the empty air,  
And woe upon the ground.

And woe say we, and woe say all,  
Much woe to Simpson, too,  
Until he has a heart to feel,  
And something else to do.

Long live these great economists,  
And may they always find  
Good men to do their dirty work,  
And none of little mind.

The poor clerks of the Government.  
Ho snubbed or smote them down:  
The minions trembled at his frown,  
And fainted at his frown.

May this man of the Upper House  
Forever live and smile,  
And grind and grate small salaries  
Of poor clerks all the while.

TERRY FINNEGAN'S LETTERS.

To the Hon. Mr. McGee, down at Quebec, Member of Parliament, or elsewhere, Presidint of the Council:

STANLY STREET, 10th March, 1863.

Well, if I'm not longin for Patberick's Day to come: whin not a sowl less then eight thousand of us will turn out up here, ready for anythin from a game of marvels to a murder, and determined to sport the ould flag from St. Mary's down to St. Paul's, without an inch of ground to spare betwix us. That's the sight that warms the cockles of my heart and brings to mind ninnny an anshent custom and glorious epoch. I suppose you have to throang a dose of Friuch among yez down there, to thry any such caper; but I don't see why; for we, at laste, ought to be friends, and not forget Fontenoy and Killala, or Banthry Bay, I dunna whieh.

I'm raley glad that yez are behavin so respectable attords nich other in the House; for I must say that it's more then I expected at first. But as George is not there yet, I'm afraid I'm countin my chickens afore they're hatched. Howsomdiver, he may do better then I'm anticipatin, seein that he is an althered man in more then one respect—and room there was for that same. Shure I tould you that nothin could keep him out of Parlemt; and right I was in my conjecture, believin that yez would'nt intherfare much

wid his return, for sartin reasons. If you can only get him off that foolish representation question, he's bagg'd as safe as the hare you snared the night we were chased by long Jack Grady the game-keeper; for, you persave, yez have all the rest in yer own hands, so long as there's a pinny to be made out of yez.

Is'nt it a wonder that Mister Howland had'nt his commercial policy ready for Mister Blose whin he axed him for it the other night in the House? Shure there's nothin more simple in the world then footin up that same question. Let yez begin by levyin a duty of one per cent. on all American lecturers who visit us—permittin them to invoice themselves at their own valuation or that set on them by some of our litherary societies. Can anythin be plainer? There's a mine of wealth in it; and satisfied I am, that if you minshan the thing to the Minister of Finance he'll agree wid me, that it may be about as reasonable a source of rivinix as some he may be axed to adopt afore the sesshun's over.

I'm gettin out of, consait wid the Opposition, becase it's only wid squibs their fightin; but I'm thinkin that John A. is only lyin low to take better aim at yez. 'Pon my consuns, a finer fella niver bruck the bread of life; and sorry I am that he's not friends wid the whole of yez, and in among yez besides. Could'nt yez turn out some Frincheunan at a venthur, and make place for him? Shure, the devil a loss it would be to Tom Ferguson if the whole of them were out of the House, as Mister Archambo—who, I suppose, is some relation to Bladder-um-boo—can tell. Look into the matter, and refer to it in your next.

Was not John Sanfield the bitter joker to move an adjournment the other night in consequence of a "stoppage of gas?" Shure he was puttin the cart afore the horse, for sich a thing couldn't have possibly occurred until the adjournment had first taken place itself, or while there was a single sowl of yez awake and talkin. It was a great bit of fun intirely; but not a very logical noshun to be made by the Attorney General himself. I suppose you lassed at it until your heart was nigh bruck; for you're the boy that knows the ups and downs of it.

They're vexed up here becase yez wont give thim a chance of forain the brigade of militia min that yez promised to do. Now if yez did promise to do that, yez mustn't brake your words, becase that brigade would be one of the finest in the whole country, from the fact that the devil a sowl would be let into it that wasn't as genuine a Paddy as ever kicked a foot ball or danced a jig. I'll look into the case further, afore I say much on the subject; but, shure, I'm sensible enough, that neither you nor Michael would have a hand in it. Begorra, I think myself, that if we had a few hundred Tipperary boys up here wid muskets in their fists, it would be better then openin up the Nor' West; as we'd soon taich the regulars manners, and thry and take a shtrip of land from our friends on the other side of Lake Ontario.

I haven't much life in me to-day some how or other, although I didn't sit up late neither. I think we got home betwix two and three; but I had the devil's work wid little Tom Kelly, who got badly hurt wid a broken tumbler: that was meant for a policeman that was thryin to take the landlord. Tom didn't know who struck him wid it; and what'd does he do, afore any explanation could be given, but lay a very psable and clane lookin stranger that sat just behind him, almost dead wid a blow of a chair. Sich ruckshins I niver witnessed since I left Rooskey, whin they boilt a gauger in a still one night for intherfarin wid a runnin that was goin on in a bog near Mary Callabans. I declare, to tell you the thruth, I had to turn me head away and almost have the place whin I saw his legs stickin out; but he couldn't have suffered much, as the licker was nigh a red hate, and there was almost enough to cover him.

I have done at present, and thrust you are in good health. When you see Michael tell him that the editor of the *Leader* is very much plazed wid his althershins of the mails. He used to be plazed wid Sidney Smith's arrangements too, which is rather generous on his part. I see yez are fightin a little about printin; but my advice to you is not to let it all out for a few days; and you'll find that there may be some reason in the hint, afore long. Don't dispose of all your contracts too airy, allanah, for the longer you keep a few of them on hand the more attinshan will be paid to yez. This is a quare world! isn't it? That it is so, in troth, is the opinion of

Your lovin cousin,

TERRY FINNEGAN.

P. S.—Ogle R. and John Hilliard are invited to walk wid us. Ogle R. has consaited to propose the health of the Administhrashun, and John McWatt or Tom Cotton, it is thought, will return thanks. T. F.

NEW BOOKS, &c.

We understand that the Hon. John A. Macdonald is writing a history of the "Reformation," and that upon its completion, he will join the Hon. Messrs. Foley and McGee upon their new work "The Decline and Fall, &c."

Hon. John Sanfield Macdonald is busy on the Tin mines of Cornwall, with which, it is said, he is about to identify his interests more nearly.

The Hon. Mr. Howland is busily engaged on the "Theory of Storms," with a view of demonstrating the speediest method of raising the wind.

The Hon. Mr. Evanturel is not engaged on anything.

His Excellency the Governor General is hard at work on a treatise regarding the best mode of preserving life at the Council Table. It is thought that a glance will also be given at the floor of the House.

THE "WHAT IS IT," OF POLITICS.—The Double Majority principle.