OTTAWA NOTES

OFFER TO TAKE OVER THE C. P. R.

It is now certain that the Government have received from a syndicate of wealthy New York capitalists an offer to take over the Canadian Pacific Railway and complete it without any further aid from the Federal treasury. They also agree to give up the monopoly privilege and pay duty upon their material.

SWALLOWING MR. MOUSSEAU.

Mr. Laurier, on Wednesday, forced the whole Tory party to swallow Mr. Mousseau, with all his imperfections thick upon him. The late Quebec Premier stands accused by a journal supporting his own party of having received $5,000 for awarding the contract for the new Parliamentary Buildings to Mr. Charlebois, and he was charged with almost every sort of official malfeasance. To shield him from justice the Federal Government made him a judge, and the whole Tory party now approve and applaud the appointment.

THE CHAPLEAU SCANDAL IN THE HOUSE.

The manner in which Mr. M. C. Cameron presented the Chapleau matter in the House of Commons, on Thursday was in every respect creditable, but Sir John Macdonald's defence, or rather apology, was extremely childish. This young man, with such splendid prospects, had committed "grave indiscretions," but he was given another chance in the shrievalty of Assiniboia and told to go and sin no more! Does anybody believe that Mr. Chapleau's offences would have been condoned if he had not been the brother of a Cabinet Minister, who did not care to appear in his place to-day while the subject was under discussion. Strange that a young man of such brilliant attainments would accept a paltry $1,000 a year. The fact is, Sheriff Chapleau has always contended that he was turned out of the Public Works Department to save others. He was sacrificed in order that the reputations of some persons whom the Tory party regard as of more importance than he should not suffer. He accepted the shrievalty, not for its emoluments, but to vindicate himself and "Get even with Tupper."

MORTIFICATION FOR THE COLOSSUS.

Sir Leonard Tilley must have felt sad to-night when the division list showed that only 97 out of 140 Tory members of the House of Commons could be induced to vote against Sir Richard Cartwright's resolution condemning his Exchange Bank transaction. The usual Government majority of sixty or seventy was on this occasion reduced to thirty-seven. Sir Richard's speech was pungent and forcible. He was severe, but not more so than the occasion demanded. There was no waste of rhetoric. He reviewed the facts, and properly characterized the Finance Minister's almost criminal recklessness in placing public money where he would not have ventured to place his private funds. Sir Leonard's reply was unworthy of the name. He simply gave his side of the story, and called upon his followers to vote down the resolution. The two main points raised by Sir Richard he avoided altogether. The Finance Minister did not even pretend that he had made any enquiry before advancing the $300,000 except by questioning the directors; neither did he attempt to deal at all with the very grave question of taking a gurantee bond from a Senator. His apprehensions respecting the effect of the Exchange Bank failure upon general business were quite unwarranted, because the country has survived the shock, and the bank might just as well have suspended in April as September. But the Minister's foolish fears were worked upon by the desperate Exchange Bank officials. They knew their man and persuaded him that it was the duty of the Government to keep the Exchange Bank afloat, lest its failure might bring on a panic that would forever discredit the N. P. That is the real secret of the $300,000 advance to the rotten Exchange Bank

Josh Billings on Infidelity.

Impudence, ingratitude, ignorance and cowardice make up the kreed of infidelity.

Did you ever hear ov a man's renouncing Christianity on his death-bed, and turning infidel!

Gamblers nor free-thinkers haven't faith enuff in their profession to teach it to their children.

No theist, with all hiz boasted bravery, haz ever yet dared to advertize hiz unbelief on hiz tume stun.

It iz a statistikal fakt that the wicked work harder to reach hell than the righteous do to enter heaven.

I notiss one thing; when a man gits into a tite spot, he don't never send for hiz friend the devil to help him out.

I had rather be an ideot than an infidel; if I am an infidel, I have made miself one; if an ideot, I waz made so.

I never hav met a free-thinker yet who didn't beleave a hundred times more nonsense than he ken find in the Bible ennywhere.

It iz alwuzz safe to follow the religious beleaf that our mother taught us.—there never waz a mother yet who taught her child to be an infidel.

A man may learn infidelicy from books, and from his assoshiates, but he kant learn it from hiz mother, nor the works ov God that surround him.

If an infidel could only komprehend that he kan prove more bi hiz faith than he kan bi hiz reason, hiz impudence would be much less offensive.

Unbeleavers are allwuzz so reddy and anzious to prove their unbeleaf, and I hav thought they mite be just a leetle doubtful about it themselfs.

The infidel, in hiz imprudence, will ask yu to prove that the flood did occur, when the poor ideot himself kant even prove, to save hiz life, what makes one apple sweet, or one sour, or tell whi a hen's egg is white, and a duk's egg blue.

When I hear a noisy infidel proklaiming hiz unneleaf, I wonder if he will send for sum brother infidel to cum and see him die. I guess not. He will be more likely to send for the orthodox man who engineers the little brick church just round the korner.

Why suffer from nervous prostrations when you can buy a guaranteed cure at Wilsons drug store (1)

The Pastoral Gimlet.

Once a city pastor was absent from home for a week. During his absence the son of a member who lived several miles out of town died. He did not hear of the young man's death until he returned. Then he was taken sick, and it was ten or twelve days before he could safely drive out and visit his afflicted parishioner. The first words which greeted his ears were:

"Well, I thought you'd forgotten us."

And then the good woman sat complacently down to be consoled.

That is what I mean by the pastoral gimlet; and it is astonishing how proficient certain church members become in its use. The delicacy in insinuating, the deftness and grace in twistings can only have been acquired by assiduous practice. They know where it will go in most easily; just how many turns to give it before it gets down to the quick.

There are various scientific twists of the gimlet known to adepts and to victims.

There is the sarcastic twist. Hostess enters the parlor and greets the parlor thus:

"Good morning, Dr. A—; really the sight of you is refreshing. Have you found out at last where we live?"

There is the business twist.

Do you know that you haven't been inside our house for six months?

Parsons, as well as mathematicians, are painfully aware that figures can't lie; so that this twist is a peculiarly effective one, usually transfixing the victim, and reducing him at once to a condition of silent helplessness.

There is the reproachful twist, also very effective; tremendously so if the twister can manage to start a "silent tear:"

"Really, we began to doubt whether we had any pastor."

And once in awhile we were treated to the spiteful twist, in administering which the operator, or more commonly the operatrix, is at no pains to conceal fell intent, but drives the unoiled gimlet in with a steady hand; or, in other words, gives the parson quite a sharp "sitting down" on his shortcomings.

The men who wince under this instrument are the conscientious pastors who are forever haunted by the vague sense of work in arrears, and constantly tormented with self-reproach because they do not bring it up. The gimlet is a terrible thing to such an one. He knows the gimlet house as well as a doctor knows where small-pox is. He braces himself to visit them once or twice a year. He says, jocosely, to a friend at the gate:

"I know there is a rod in pickle for me here."

He sits down to his work very much as if he were going to have a tooth filled, meets the twist of the gimlet without betraying his inward writhings, kneels down and prays with the gimlet twisters, and rising to his feet to meet a parting thrust, as thus:

"Now that you've found the way here, I hope we shall see you often."

And as he goes down the steps he looks into his book, and seeing the next place on his list is also a gimlet house, he says to himself:

"Not to-day; one a day is all I can stand."

You cheerful, sunny, sympathetic souls, God bless you, who perhaps excite the jealousy of your neighbors because the minister "drops in" at your house so much oftener than theirs, does it never occur to you that he comes almost as much for his own sake as for yours, because he knows you always have oil and wine in your casks for the wounds of the gimlet?

Now, ye gimlet-twisters, ye pastor-perforators, lift up your voice and answer, What do you want a pastoral visit for? Do you want to talk with your pastor about your temptations and trials? Do you want instruction on some question of Christian enterprise? Not you! No Lawyer is more adroit in turning the conversation the moment it takes any such direction. Let the pastor take up the gimlet in his turn, and probe your heart, and lay bare your poor, starved, stunted religious life; let him then tax you rigorously with absence from prayer meetings or Sabbath worship, and you will not complain of the scarcity of pastoral visits. The truth is, you do not desire counsel nor comfort nor Christian communion, but attention.

Your pastor's absence wounds your pride. You care little about his doing the work he was especially called to do for you, but you are vexed because he does not concede more for your importance. You are not thirsting for living water, but for the tacit flattery of attention, thus seeking to convert the messenger, whom Christ sends with living bread to your home and heart into a minister to your vanity. The people whose hands are idle, whose purses are shut, whose voices are against every enterprise which involves sacrifices and labos, are people who are masters of the gimlet.—[Dr. Vincent.

PITY THE POOR DYSPEPTIC.—Poverty with perfect health is rather to be chosen than riches and dyspepsia. Try the magic effect of a dollar bottle of FOUNTAIN OF HEALTH.

Advantages of Crying.

A French physician is out in a long dissertation on the advantages of groaning and crying in general, and especially during surgical operations. He contends that groaning and crying are two grand operations by which nature allays anguish; that those patients who give way to their natural feelings more speedily recover from accidents and operations than those who suppose it unworthy a man to betray such symptoms of cowardice as either to groan or cry.

He tells of a man who reduced his pulse from one hundred and twenty six to sixty in the course of a few hours by giving full vent to his emotions. If people are at all unhappy about anything, let them go into their rooms and comfort themselves with a loud boo-hoo, and they will feel a hundred per cent. better afterward.

In accordance with the above, the crying of children should not be too greatly discouraged. If it is systematically repressed the results may be St. Vitus dance, epileptic fits or some other disease of the nervous system. What is natural is nearly always useful, and nothing can be more natural than the crying of children when anything occurs to give them either physical or mental pain.

A Startling Discovery.

Wm. Johnson, of Huron, Dak., writes that his wife had been troubled with acute Bronchitis for many years, and that all remedies tried gave no permanent relief, until he procured a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, which had a magical effect, and produced a permanent cure. It is guaranteed to cure all diseases of Throat, Lungs or Bronchial Tubes.

Trial bottles free at J. Wilson's drug store. Large size $1.00. (5)

A Strong Government.

There never was a stronger all-round government in Canada than that which Mr. Meredith has just failed to dislodge from control of the affairs of Ontario. There is not a weak member in it. They are anything but the imbeciles that the *Mail* has tried to paint them. They are strong as a government whole; each man is strong in his department, and in defending it; they are old hands at parliamentary tactics; and in all that is implied by the terms "managing the country" and managing the house" they are at home. Man for man, who can the Conservatives put up against them?—[World.

An Open Letter.

Messrs. T. Milburn & Co.

DEAR SIRS,—I can honestly recommend Hagyard's Yellow Oil as the best reliever of rheumatic pains of all the many specifics offered for sale, and as a sufferer for years I have tried every known remedy. I remain, respectfully yours, JOHN TAYLOR,

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An Oddity Showing a Law in Optics.

Here is a very singular illustration of the optical delusion which a change of position will sometimes effect:

Take a row of ordinary capital letters and figures:

SSSSSSXXXXXX333333888888.

They are such as are made up of two parts of equal shapes. Look carefully at these and you will perceive that the upper halves of the chararters are a very little smaller than the lower halves—so little that an ordinary eye declares them to be of equal size. Now turn the paper upside down and, without any careful looking, you will see that this difference in size is very much exaggerated; that the real top half of the letter is very much smaller than the bottom half. It will be seen from this that there is a tendency in the eye ta enlarge the upper part of any object upon which it looks.

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A New York man went into a crowded car and asked if he could have the seat which was then occupied by a hat, whose owner was sitting in the next seat. The man angrily grasped his hat, and answered: 'Yes, take it, if you're a hog. I'm so near one that I guess I'll take it,' said the other.

A Long Time

Fifteen years of suffering from the tortures of Dyspepsia is indeed a long time. A Burns, blacksmith, of Cobourg was thus afflicted, but it only required four bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters to completely cure him. 2

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