

## HEADS AND TAILS.

In a house where disorder and folly prevail,  
Whose members by passion, not duty, are led;  
No wonder the night ours all echo the tale,  
That its sinking to ruin for want of a head.

What a paradox then does the Province display,  
Financially bankrupt, its credit high and;  
While the Brownites to save it, suggest Father way,  
And cure by recalling our family head.

But we think that this remedy's certain to fail,  
And all who support it are sally misled.  
For Head, to our sorrow, is now but the Tail,  
While John A. Macdonald's the governing Head.

## THE PROROGATION.

The following speech will be delivered by his Excellency at the Prorogation:

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN AND GENTLEMEN—

It is now some six months since I called you together in order that you might throw the affairs of the country into as backward a state as possible; that you might lower the tone of the Legislative proceedings, by introducing personal matter into your debates; that you might squander the money of the country; and, in point of fact, that you might exert yourselves, and strain every nerve to make this Session remarkable for the very small amount of real business transacted, and the exceedingly large space of time consumed in transacting it. And upon my soul and honour, gentlemen and honorable gentlemen you have accomplished your mission in a style that criticism could not cavil at.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—

I am sorry to say that I perceive a lurking disposition among you to make yourselves ridiculous by doing as much of the business of the country as falls to your share. Now, honorable gentlemen, such a disposition must draw down on you the indignation of every lover of his country, and it fills my soul with anguish to say that it places your honorable body in a very unenviable position. I hope that in future you will follow the example of your brethren in the Lower House, who cannot be reproached with the commission of a single good act since they met in February last.

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY—

I confess that when I called you together, I had great doubts that you would not disappoint the absurd expectations which had been formed of you. I hope you will pardon me for saying, gentlemen, that it was thought by some foolish people that most of you being, to use a common expression, green in regard to parliamentary duties, you would have lent all your assistance to transact the business of the country; that many of your body would have stooped to learn routine business before launching into those stunning orations which have made your house famous; that some of your clever lawyers would have learned how to make laws before they boldly attacked those that had been made for them by persons whose only claim to respect in this particular is, that they have had experience, and through a mistake are looked upon as clever. In a word, gentlemen, it was thought that it would have been a painful duty to come down in two months after the session opened and dismiss you with the whole business of the country transacted.

But, gentlemen, I need not tell you how proud I am that such an unusual task has not fallen upon me in my old age. I can congratulate you, gentlemen, and I do so from the points of my toes, with having achieved less in the space of six months, than any Parliament which ever sat in Canada before.—Gentlemen, language would fail me, were I to attempt to describe with what noble perseverance you fought for weeks and months about nothing at all, and with what untiring zeal you reversed the picture and fought for months and weeks to attain the same glorious object. There is one thing, however, which I cannot approve of: you have passed the supplies. I know it was not your fault, and that you labored with might and main that they should not be passed, but unfortunately you were not resolute enough.

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN AND GENTLEMEN—

You are now going to your homes. The world is before you, and you can recruit your exhausted energies by indulging in any recreation, from picking pockets to suicide. Go, gentlemen and honourable gentlemen, and may all good curses—I mean blessings—attend you, until we meet again.

## THE SPEAKERS.

We perfectly agree with our contemporary, the *Atlas*, that the Speaker of the Lower House is very badly dealt with. It is really monstrous that a man of his dimensions should be paid but £800 a-year, and \$6 a day, when everybody knows the dignities of his station cannot be kept up under £1250. When we reflect upon the fetes, the balls, and the white-bait dinners which his generous hospitality has vouchsafed the House; upon the invitations he has given to members on both sides of the House, to enter the sacred precincts of his room and take a rest, our blood boils at the contemptible policy which would fetter his generous tendencies. We are in a position to state, that the hon. gentleman's salary has been long since exhausted in these noble festivities, and that he is at this moment drawing upon his private revenues to give his last entertainment of the season. "Why," he justly argued with us, when we endeavored to restrain his lavish benevolence, "why is this salary given to me? It is not to save for future needs; it is to sustain the dignity of the chair by magnificent hospitality, and I will continue my levees though they should be my ruin." We could not but applaud Mr. Speaker's resolution, and we endorse the remarks of the *Atlas* cordially. The Speaker of the Upper House is in a similar position. We have heard that he has expended the whole of his salary in pipes and tobacco for the use of members, as Col. Prince would say, "*Ex fumo d're lucem.*" We trust no unnatural cry of economy will be allowed to stand in the way of these generous and self-denying gentlemen.

## Biting the Fences.

The latest accession to the House, Mr. A. P. E. McDonald is aspiring to Dr. Rolph's old title of "Dissolving views." He votes at four in the afternoon, but skulks away when his vote might be of services. A friend suggests that the hon. gentleman attends an evening school with Mr. Gould, and was engaged that night on Mavor's Spelling Book.

## A FRIENDLY HINT FOR JOHN SHAMPOO HOGAN.

John, though it asks no subtlety of brain  
To fill an office in this glorious land;  
Excuse the freedom if we dare maintain  
The place too high for thee to take in hand.

On Vanity's dread rock what thousands spill!  
Some sadder matter should thy labour share,  
Somewhat more on a level with thy wit,  
For instance—write a work on Dressing Hair.

## THE THEATRE.

The dog-days is about as good a time as could have been selected for the performance of those celebrated and versatile dogs, "Hector" and "Bruin." "Hector" is a very promising actor, and is quite a favorite with the audience, who on the occasion of his first appearance called him before the curtain—an honor which he seemed fully to appreciate. He usually takes the heavy villain.

"Bruin" seems cut out for the higher walks of the drama. He is also a bit of wag; and on more than one occasion showed very clearly that he understood the maxim, that "every dog shall have his day." At times he is rather indifferent as to the manner of rendering his part; but that is probably owing to the bad company he has been keeping of late.

Of the other performers, Mr. Blanchard claims precedence, as completing the trio. His acting is suited to the class of pieces which he and his canine companions have made their own; and which we sincerely hope will be interred with their bones. However, as we do not desire to see Mr. Blanchard immolate himself on our boards, we hope that he will use himself more tenderly in those struggles with his animals, which make up the sum and substance of the plot.

Miss Frost must forgive our want of gallantry in neglecting to mention her. But we were waiting to see her in a character which deserves mention, for we are prepossessed in her favor. We were pleased with Mrs. Marlowe during the past week. Mr. Marlowe has also acquitted creditably. Mr. Ponisi gave us a high opinion of what he can do in a line of character peculiar to himself.

## ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH CELEBRATION.

We understand that immediately on the receipt of the news of the completion of the connection of the two worlds by the electric cable, our city fathers, and most of our leading men with their accustomed alacrity on such occasions, held a meeting, at which it was unanimously resolved that the joyous event should be celebrated in a style of unprecedented grandeur, this day—twelve months. The greatest enthusiasm prevailed. After the meeting the members indulged in a swim.

## Arming Extravagance.

FOUND UNDER SPEAKER SMITH'S CHAIR LAST WEEK.

CASH ACCOUNT.

Dr. To Salary	\$2,200.00
Cr. By treated J. A. McDonald	12 1/2
By cigars for self and Col. Prince	25
By half plot waded for general distribution in the House	12 1/2
By cleaning 14 gloves 14 times	2.00
By silk stockings and pumps borrowed for one evening	1.50
By Balances	3,108.00
	\$3,200.00

Mem. To retract expeditious.