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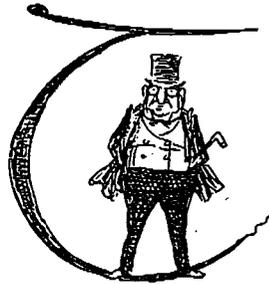
Comments on the Cartoons.



AT THE FEET OF THE GOV. GEN.—The Equal Rights deputation will on Friday wait upon the Governor-General with the big petition urging the disallowance of the Jesuit Bill, and the Governor will respond in the only language permitted him by the constitution—to wit, that he must be guided by the advice of his responsible ministers. Nothing more than this can be calculated upon as the result of the pilgrimage to Quebec, but it marks a new and important stage in the controversy. The responsibility will be squarely at the door of the Cabinet, and it will no doubt be clearer than ever before to the gentlemen composing that body that the 8th of August is to be a fateful day for them. The profound and all-important question before these patriotic statesmen is, What must we do to keep the loaves and fishes? Which means most votes to us, allowance or disallowance? On the one hand, if we disallow the Bill we lose the French vote to a dead certainty; if we allow it to become law on the other hand, we will probably lose a portion of the English vote. But how much? These French fellows, we know, always stick together on a question of this kind, and go as one man; but experience has taught us that there is no such unity in the other camp. The Orange-

men have been on their high horses before, but their threats have always proved empty bluster. They have voted straight, and that is the only thing which concerns us. What reason is there to suppose their present indignation will not vanish before election day? As for the mass of non Orange Protestants, they equally recognize the sacredness of party ties, and will in all likelihood stick to their respective leaders in this case—especially as those leaders are in precisely the same position. We think on the whole it is much safer to please the Frenchmen. "And so," says Mr. McCarthy, "there is mighty little chance of the Act being disallowed."

WE ALL AWAIT HIS REPLY.—Mr. Mercier has not passed an Act to incorporate the Fenians, nor has he introduced one to satisfy an alleged claim of that organization by handing over to its head-centre a half-million of dollars. We simply suppose the case, and would like to know, as a mere matter of theory, on what ground Mr. Blake (and those who voted with him on the Jesuit Bill) could advise the disallowance of either of the measures suggested? The position taken by the eminent constitutional lawyer just named is, if we understand it, that no Provincial Act whatever should be vetoed, though he admits that there is unquestionably a veto-power lodged with the central Government. What is it there for, if not to protect the interests of the Dominion at large? Let some eminent authority answer this question. No argument could be used against a Fenian bill which does not apply with equal force to the Jesuit Bill.



THE *Globe* is still after its hated—far too mild a word, this—rival, the *Mail*, with a rancorous vim which counting-house considerations alone could have engendered. The casual reader might jump to the conclusion that the *Mail* must be supplanting the old journal in the affections of Canadian Liberals, but of course this

would be a mistake. The latest charge brought against the tall-tower paper is that of using words "clearly tantamount to a forsaking of the long pretence that it considers itself Liberal." This is really very shocking, but the shock would be even greater if it were generally known that the *Mail* had ever made any pretences of the kind. What the *Mail* has apparently endeavored to be of late is liberal—with a little "l"—not Liberal with a capital. There is all the difference in the world between these two things.

GRIP extends a friendly claw to the new Archbishop of Toronto, and hopes to find in him a good and gentle neighbor, who will devote his entire attention to the souls of his people, and not allow the bad politicians of the Ontario Cabinet to lead him astray in any way. Archbishop Walsh comes to our city with a high reputation for learning and eloquence, which we hope he may long live to maintain.

OUR ambitious sister, Hamilton, is going to astonish creation this month with her Summer Carnival. For five days the mountain which keeps Hamilton from spreading all over the Western Peninsula is to echo the music of brass bands, the boom of cannon and musketry, the rattle of firecrackers, the shouts of baseballists, the tooting of steamboat whistles, the tramp of processions, and the cheers, laughter and applause of thousands and thousands of visitors from all over the continent. It's going to be a big time, and reflect glory not only on Hamilton, but the whole Province. Go it, sister! We're proud of you!