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## Poetry.

### The March of Death.

Step by step the world's millions,  
Down to dust repairs again,  
Some in gay and proud pavilions,  
Many from the couch of pain!

Tramp on tramp! the hollow echo,  
Still ringing on the ear,  
Goes for aye for whom no furlough,  
Ere permits them to appear!

Some are sunk in ocean's billows,  
Hid alike from earth and sky,  
Nesled in the coral pillows!  
That upon its bosom lie!

Some are resting, wet and gory,  
On the tented fields of war,  
Victims of the thing call'd glory,  
Offering for his bloody car!

Some from sorrow's bed departed,  
Others from the beams of noce,  
Blighted, blasted, broken hearted,  
Each and all I've seen them go!

Where the bridal mirth rang loudest,  
And fond lore locked hand in hand,  
Death but beckon'd and the proudest,  
Rose and join'd his ghastly hand!

At the very altar kneeling,  
Ere the final prayer was said,  
Some have heard Death's summons pealing,  
And said bow'd—so, dust the head!

Young and old alike have bled,  
To this Muster of the tomb;  
Kings and Peers, and poor have tasted,  
Of that cup—distill'd by doom!

O'er his sores the pauper scatters,  
Ragged rags, thin and bare;  
To his beak little matters,  
When death presses him,—or where!

Wrapt in robes the rich man slumber'd—  
Gaily robes of varied hue;  
Death declared his days were number'd,  
And his brow—aloud toward dew.

Dust to dust o'er Robt's was chauff'd,  
Yet, in tone which seem'd to say,  
Something to the grave is granted,  
Fier' fat than contain Olay!

Dust to dust o'er Robt's was chauff'd—  
Rags were left without a prayer,  
Robt's of Rags, by neither daunt'd,  
Slimy worms will claim their share!

On they go a ghastly legion,  
Hush their hollow footsteps ring,  
Trampling to that creamy region,  
Where doubt flaps its ebon wing!

HENRY KEMPTVILLE.  
Bell's Corners, Nepean, 1854.

## PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT.

### HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

#### DEBATE ON THE ADDRESS.

Dr. BOYER made some further remarks on the representation bill, but again, in such a tone as to render it impossible for the reporter to write them down.

Mr. HINCKES might not have considered it worth while to reply to the hon. member for Kingston, except for the remarks he had made personal to him (Mr. B.) in reference to his share in the purchase of some property at Point Levi. The gentleman said that he would himself state the facts, unless requested that the hon. member had not seen fit to pursue a

different course. The hon. and gallant knight from Hamilton had that day put a notice on the paper for a committee of enquiry into that transaction, and he (Mr. H.) requested that the hon. member for Kingston had seen fit to prejudge the case, and not waited for the investigations to be made by the committee.

Mr. MACDONALD said he had not judged the case. He had said nothing of its merits beyond what he had inferred from the uncontradicted charge of the postmaster general in his speech at Perth.

Mr. HINCKES would come to that immediately, he had in his hand an authentic report of what the postmaster general said at Perth. With respect to his share in the purchase of property at Point Levi he had first heard of that by being informed of an advertisement that such property was advertised for public sale and was asked if he would join in the purchase. He replied that he had no objection. At that time he had never even seen the property. Four gentlemen were to join in the purchase with him. The upset price of the property was a little over six hundred pounds. One of the gentlemen who joined with him, Mr. MILLS, being very anxious to leave for Upper Canada before the sale took place, pressed him (Mr. H.) to offer a thousand pounds for the property. But he (Mr. H.) replied that that could not be done on any pretence, that the property must be sold by public competition. Upon that Mr. MILLS left word to bid on the property which was some days afterwards sold for some five hundred pounds more than it was worth. But all the particulars might be investigated by the committee, and the valuation of the property taken by the most competent men in Quebec. That was the whole affair, and when he heard so much noise made about his buying a few hundred pounds worth of public property at Quebec, and heard the cheers of the hon. member for Toronto, (Mr. SHERWOOD) he could not forbear asking how much of the public lands his father had received from the Government? How much the oldest families in Toronto of the family compact had received? How much the Anglican Bishop of Toronto had received? and he believed he might add the family of the hon. member for Simcoe.

Mr. ROBINSON would take the opportunity to deny at once that his family had received any grants from the crown.

Mr. HINCKES said at any rate he spoke of the custom of the family compact to receive lands and he could not help doing so after the noise that had been made because he had purchased a public land at auction, and with reference to Mr. CAMERON'S speech at Perth, he had a copy of the same in his hand, and it did not contain the statements that the hon. member for Kent said it did. Mr. CAMERON only said, as he had the perfect right to do, that he did not approve of the principle of members of the Government buying crown lands, while at the same time he defended the Government from the charges that had been made against them.

Mr. CAMERON rose and spoke in a very excited manner, and in disconnected sentences, difficult to report. He reproached Mr. MacDonald for following in the wake of the slanderers of the press. The hon. member referred to the charge once brought against William Pitt for speculation in the funds, and said that his ministry were not like him and did not bring actions for slander. That statement was not true. Had not he (Mr. C.) recently, and at great expense brought an action for slander against him, and had travelled hundreds of miles to clear his character? His attack made upon Mr. CAMERON, coming to his ears at Perth, he denied that he had stated that which the hon. member for Kingston alleged he had. Here the hon. member said, that something of the statements alleged to be made by him at Perth, as the Reporter had stated, were as follows:—(In a very low order.) It was necessary to laugh

that hon. members could understand. The hon. member went on to give some details in relation to his suit against the *Sarria Shuld* contending that he could not take any other course to defend his character. He and his counsel had been anxious to have Mr. Price's evidence but the judge refused to admit it.

Several interruptions took place, the amount of which was that Col. Price and Mr. Morrison corroborated Mr. Cameron's statement, with reference to Mr. Price's evidence, while on the other hand Mr. Brown held that the trial amounted to nothing in the absence of Mr. Price's evidence, as it was on an alleged statement of his that the article against Mr. Cameron was written, and on which the whole case depended.

Mr. H. SHERWOOD said he could not allow the vile and wanton attack that the Inspector General had seen fit to make on the memory of his father to pass without reply? What reason the hon. member could have had to make such an attack to harry could imagine? Whether it arose from this ungovernable temper, or a wish to punish him (Mr. S.) for expressing approbation of certain portions of the speech of the hon. member for Kingston, or whether he thought he would mend his ways, or whether he thought that others had done wrong, he (Mr. S.) could not tell. But the charge that hon. member had made against his (Mr. SHERWOOD'S) father was as unfounded and untrue as it was vile and wanton. His father never received any land from the Government, except 100 acres as the son of a U. E. loyalist, which were of very paltry value at the time. The whole course of his father's life was of unquestioned and unquesytable honesty and uprightness? No charge had ever been made against him? Mr. S. proceeded to narrate some particulars of his connection with political life, and to say that he had ever received any grants of land from the Government.

Mr. HINCKES could assure the hon. member for Toronto, that he had no desire to attack his venerable father for whom he entertained feelings of the highest respect. He could also assure the hon. member for Simcoe that he entertained the same sentiments for his family. He spoke hastily, and when he might be irritated at the course the debate had taken. All that he wanted to convey was, that it was of popular repute that the party known as the family compact, had been in the habit of receiving lands from the Government, the committee however to be appointed might set the matter right by inquiry into the exact position of the case.

Mr. ROBINSON said so far to lose one's temper was not the sign of a good cause, and that the hon. member would not clear his own sins by imputing of discovering similar on his (Mr. R.'s) side of the House. He was willing that there should be investigation into the conduct of the family compact, and felt well assured that it would be found in the right.

Mr. BROWN would just remind the hon. member that if he had no better case than the sins of the family compact, he would have a very good defence. Their sins would not clear him. With respect to his assumption of the Point Levi property, he (Mr. B.) did not think the hon. member had told the whole case. There was an understanding that a railway station would be placed on the property at the time the hon. gentleman purchased.

Mr. HINCKES—No. Mr. BROWN'S said he had further understood that a portion of their property had been sold since a private sale.

Mr. HINCKES the hon. member is introducing new matter. It is better to let the committee investigate.

Mr. MACKENZIE said it was getting very late and he wanted to go to bed. The hon. member had been talking each other some whole day, and it was time to go to bed. (laughter) The House was dispersed.