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### Comments on the Cartoons.



**LEADING CARTOON.**—Manitoba and the North-West have received Sir John with characteristic heartiness and hospitality, and it will not be the fault of the splendid people up there if the Premier doesn't enjoy himself. And as there is no indication that the venerable Premier has lost any of his proverbial jolly-good-fellowship, it may safely be predicted that he will have a happy time. There is only one thing that might qualify his pleasure if he were a very conscientious man, and that is the reflection which would be constantly recurring to him in the midst of feasts and flattery, that he had done a good many things to injure the best interests of these, his generous entertainers. It is not likely that Sir John will allow any of these considerations to interfere with his holiday, and he can safely count on hearing nothing unpleasant from the people. It may be, however, that the kindness and courtesy shown him, notwithstanding all his misdeeds, will touch his heart and lead to a reform in the government of the North-West in several important points.

**AT THE "COLONIES."**—We alluded last week to the exhibition of presumption and cheek made by Sir Chas. Tupper in "prohibiting" the sale of the *War News* and the Rebellion pictures, sent to the Exhibition by the Grip Publishing Company. With rare moderation our agent refrained from cuffing the impertinent functionary's ears and telling him to mind his own business; but his bumptiousness certainly deserves some recognition. We have therefore decided to put "High Commissioner" in a glass case and exhibit him in the Canadian section as a peculiar specimen of petrified gall.

**THE G. O. M.**—The British elections are over and the Liberal party is well-nigh annihilated. So far as the Home Rule question is concerned, the Tory leader can command a majority in the House, but on other questions he could not be sure of a working majority. Gladstone will meantime lead a vigorous opposition, and the result will probably be another appeal to the country in a few months.

**A REBEL AGAINST LAW.**—The oft-asserted fact that the liquor traffic is essentially opposed to the well-being of society; that it is ready at all times to rebel against law, and to carry its rebellion to the length of murder, is well illustrated in recent events in this Province. From a single issue of the *Mail* we clip the following news items, which ought to be sufficient to arouse the law-abiding public to vigorous action:

**ARTHUR, July 13.**—Early this morning the house of James Morrison, in Garafraxa, was burned to the ground, supposed to be the work of an incendiary, as Mr. Morrison is an active worker on behalf of the Scott Act, and has received many threatening letters. Very small insurance.

**HASTINGS, July 13.**—Our usually quiet village is becoming most notorious since the passage of the Scott Act. On Saturday night glass was broken in the store windows of Mr. G. T. Jackson and Mr. J. W. Doxsee, and Constable Striker had two ploughs stolen as well as damage done to other property. Last night A. C. Hauke, J. P., before whom violators of the law have been tried, had his orchard of choice fruit trees totally destroyed by some persons, who stripped the bark from every tree. Excitement runs high, and efforts are being made to secure evidence against parties suspected of being implicated in these depredations.

**SMITH'S FALLS, July 13.**—The stable and outbuildings belonging to Wm. Graham, license commissioner, were burnt this morning. The fire started about one o'clock, and was evidently the work of an incendiary. The buildings were totally destroyed, together with a horse and other contents. The loss is about \$500. In endeavouring to save the horse, Mr. Graham was so seriously burnt that he now lies in a critical condition. There is as yet no clue to the incendiary. Mr. Graham is the party through whom information has been given to the License Inspector of breaches of the Scott Act. A large reward will be offered for information leading to the discovery of the perpetrators.

**A PROUD MOMENT.**—It was in a bank in a Nebraska town. A farmer slapped down \$80 on the counter and proudly remarked: "Ther's the last dollar I owe on my farm, and I am now entitled to a deed."

"You must feel good," observed a Boston man who was in the bank on business.

"I do."

"And you will now go ahead with a better spirit?"

"I will now take the deed and go over to the loan office and mortgage the durn land for what I can, and skip," was the feeling reply.—*Wall Street News.*



**THE Turner line of Island Ferries** is this year under the management of Mr. J. H. Boyle, surnamed **The Hustler**. At present these boats land at Hanlan's Point, but arrangements are being made for an extended 10 cent route around the Island, which we anticipate will prove a popular novelty.

The Templeton Star Opera Company concluded a successful week of "Mikado" performances on Saturday, and departed for the east to fill engagements at Montreal, Quebec, etc. The patrons of this very fine company will be glad to learn that they return to Toronto about the middle of August, when Mr. Bengough's successful piece, "Bunthorne Abroad," will be produced in first class style with a great cast.

**HANLAN'S POINT** has at length come under the management of caterers who have an intelligent appreciation of the public wants, and the financial means to supply them. The consequence is that the Point is now what it should have been long ago, a delightful spot well supplied with appliances for out-door exercise and free from every objectionable feature. Under Mr. Doty's management, "Improper persons not admitted," means what it says. Intoxicated or disreputable persons are promptly sent back to the city—greatly to their surprise. This week, in addition to the other attractions, a novel performance of "Pinafore" is being given on a veritable boat, with realistic adjuncts of every kind. The opera proves as attractive as ever, and well deserves a visit. Mr. Doty's efforts to give us a summer resort where decent people can thoroughly enjoy themselves deserves continued encouragement.